

Report recommends hiring more police officers

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Special to The Champion

While a review released this week of the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) calls for only a fine-tuning of the force, it is recommending the hiring of 37 additional officers.

"Bringing Into Focus," a document prepared by the consulting firm of Perivale and Taylor, was formally presented to the HRPS Board Thursday morning. In it, the findings address changing the police service's rank structure and seeking supplementary funding for vital pro-

grams, but the document states clearly that large-scale changes are not required.

"The suggested refinements in this report are simply that, refinements, proposed to improve structures and processes," states the text. "There are no strategic changes or wholesale re-alignments required. The community of Halton Region is policed well by dedicated officers and civilian staff."

According to the report, "all the principal elements of an effective and efficient policing service exist within the HRPS."

The report offers suggestions for enhancing service — in short, to make the best use of available resources and determine where additional staffing is needed and how it should be re-organized.

The report does state, however, that "important functions within the service are short of staff." To that end it calls for the hiring of 37 new officers, 13 more than the 24 new constables already approved.

The report also recommends the creation of new positions including: four new staff

sergeants, two additional inspectors, one Scenes of Crime Officer (a pilot project) and three officers for a Milton Police Reporting Centre.

The annualized cost of these staffing additions (excluding percentage increases in salary and benefits) is \$1.8 million.

In 1998, the HRPS budget was \$43,500,000, with salaries and benefits accounting for approximately 84 per cent of that. The HRPS board recently approved a \$45,921,000 1999 budget forecast, or 5.6 per cent over last year.

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DATELINE DRURY AT E.C. DRURY HIGH SCHOOL ADVERTISEMENT

Dateline Drury - May 21st, 1999
by Jessica Wellstead and Katie Murzin

Hello and welcome back everyone! We hope that everyone had a wonderful long weekend, despite Mother Nature's rather poor showing! As usual, Drury students returned Tuesday morning bright eyed and ready to take on another action-packed week here at E.C. Drury!

First of all, the Student Council would like to extend a big thank you to all the students and staff who emptied out their pockets and donated their pennies to the Penny Drive to raise money for the Rose Cherry Home last week. After careful measurement, it was decided the Mrs. Morrison's first period cosmetology class collected the most pennies to win themselves a free breakfast! The grand total amount of money raised is not known yet, and won't be until all the pennies are rolled, but sources say that enough pennies to fill four garbage cans was donated! Great work Drury, once again you've made us proud!

Drury students were also in fine form at "The Dance to End All Dances" this past Thursday night. There was a great turnout for this event and a fun time was had by all at this, the last dance of the 98/99 school year. Thanks again to the Student Council for all their hard-work in organizing this, and many other events enjoyed at Drury this year!

Calling all inventors! Think you can come up with the "ultimate mix"? Well, then get your entry ready for the Ultimate Drink Mix Contest! Anyone can enter this event, in teams of up to three people, which challenges contestants to come up with the best non-alcoholic beverage concoction. The drinks will be showcased and judged next Thursday, June 3rd for there's not much time left! This contest and its non-alcoholic element, come in the middle of Road Safety Week, which runs from May 31st to June 4th. Students at Drury will also get the chance to see a re-enactment of an extraction from a damaged vehicle on Tuesday, June 1st. So, in the spirit of the week, and just as general common sense at all times, please drive carefully.

Finally, make sure to keep your calendars clear for the evening of Wednesday, June 2nd. Yes, it's that time of year again: the annual E.C. Drury Literary Coffee House and Arts Cabaret. The evening will run from 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm so make sure that you make your way over to Drury and check it out: you never know, we could have the next William Shakespeare or Michelangelo on our hands!

That's a wrap for this week readers! Don't forget to keep cheering on those Maple Leafs, and if that doesn't get you excited enough, here's a reminder that there's only 16 more days of school left! See you next week!



Jacqueline Bass

GRADE "A" NEWS AT MILTON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ADVERTISEMENT

Grade "A" News at MDHS
By Jacqueline Bass and Marissa Cheskey

Welcome back readers to another weekly dose of M.D.H.S. news. We would like to give all of the Rugby players a big pat on the back for their efforts this season. Although the season was indeed pretty brutal for them, they still but forth their best effort and never gave up.

Secondly, we would like to say thank you to all of the girls who came out on Tuesday night. For what? For the cheerleading tryouts! If you are skilled enough to have made the team, the results were posted this week. Looks like we have a lot of new talent for next year's team.

Next, we would like to remind the students about an announcement that was heard on the morning announcements earlier this week. This announcement was regarding the use of school computers. Please make sure that any information being downloaded is appropriate for school use and if you have any thing inappropriate already saved under your password, please delete it promptly. Also if you have files that are empty or not being used anymore, please delete there as well to free up memory. There have been a few problems with the computer systems lately so please be patient and understanding. Thank you!

Grade 8 tours were held last week and this week. This event was coordinated by the teachers and also the Prefects who answered questions and showed the soon-to-be niners the ropes of M.D. A special thanks goes out to everyone who helped.

On Tuesday, Boardtopia invaded Milton District High School with a fashion show that blew everyone away. The clothing was pretty nice not to mention that it got you out of period five. We would like to say thank you to DZ One for doing the model's hair, to all the models and to Boardtopia. If you enjoyed the fashion show and would like to see more then come to Boardtopia, located on Steeles Ave., for bands, fashion shows, a BBQ and more, on Saturday, May 30th.

The All-Canada Debate was held at M.D.H.S. yesterday. Students from E.C. Drury and Bishop Redding also attended this debate. This gave students a chance to see politics first hand and to ponder their choices if they are old enough to vote.

Speaking of politics, we would just like to remind everyone that Student Council Elections are being held quite soon. Speeches will be on Tuesday, June 1st during period one, so if you lie to sleep in, this could be a day to actually set you alarm since things could get pretty intense.

Thank you very much for reading again. Have a terrific weekend!



Marissa Cheskey

PUBLIC NOTICE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT DERRY ROAD (REGIONAL ROAD NO. 7) AND BRONTE STREET/FIRST LINE TOWN OF MILTON PR-1594A

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 297 and 300 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on Wednesday, June 23, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. to pass a by-law for the intersection improvements at Derry Road (Regional Road 7) and Bronte Street/First Line, Town of Milton.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Planning & Public Works Department, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville.

On Wednesday, June 16, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in the Halton Room at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, Council through its Planning and Public Works Committee will hear in person, or by his/her Counsel, any person who claims that his/her lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to the Regional Clerk no later than Tuesday, June 15, 1999 to be heard.

For further information, please contact Mr. Joseph Choi, P.Eng., Manager of Design Services at extension 7610.

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