

Students, teachers honoured for work

Two students and three Halton Catholic District School Board employees were honoured for their contributions to Catholic education last Tuesday night.

The five were presented with awards from the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) and the Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association (OECTA).

Milton resident Lauren MacDonald received the OCSTA Secondary School Student Award. Burlington resident Andrew Hourigan received the OCSTA Elementary School Student Award.

Carol Collins, a teacher at Holy Rosary in Burlington, received the 1999 OECTA Educator of the Year Award.

Ms Collins was recognized for her kind, caring attitude and the respect she shows each of her students. Once a week a student is chosen as the class 'super kid'. Her

up-to-date teaching methods, extra-curricular activities and environmental involvement contributed to her nomination.

Janet Carter-Wright, a teacher at St. John in Oakville, received the 1999 OECTA Life Member Award.

Ms Carter-Wright's involvement in Catholic education began in 1973. She has successfully taught all elementary school grades. She has sat on the chairs of many committees, contributed to community organizations and is dedicated to her family as well as teaching.

The first recipient of the 1999 OECTA Administrator of the Year Award was Gail Stelter, principal of St. Bernadette in Oakville.

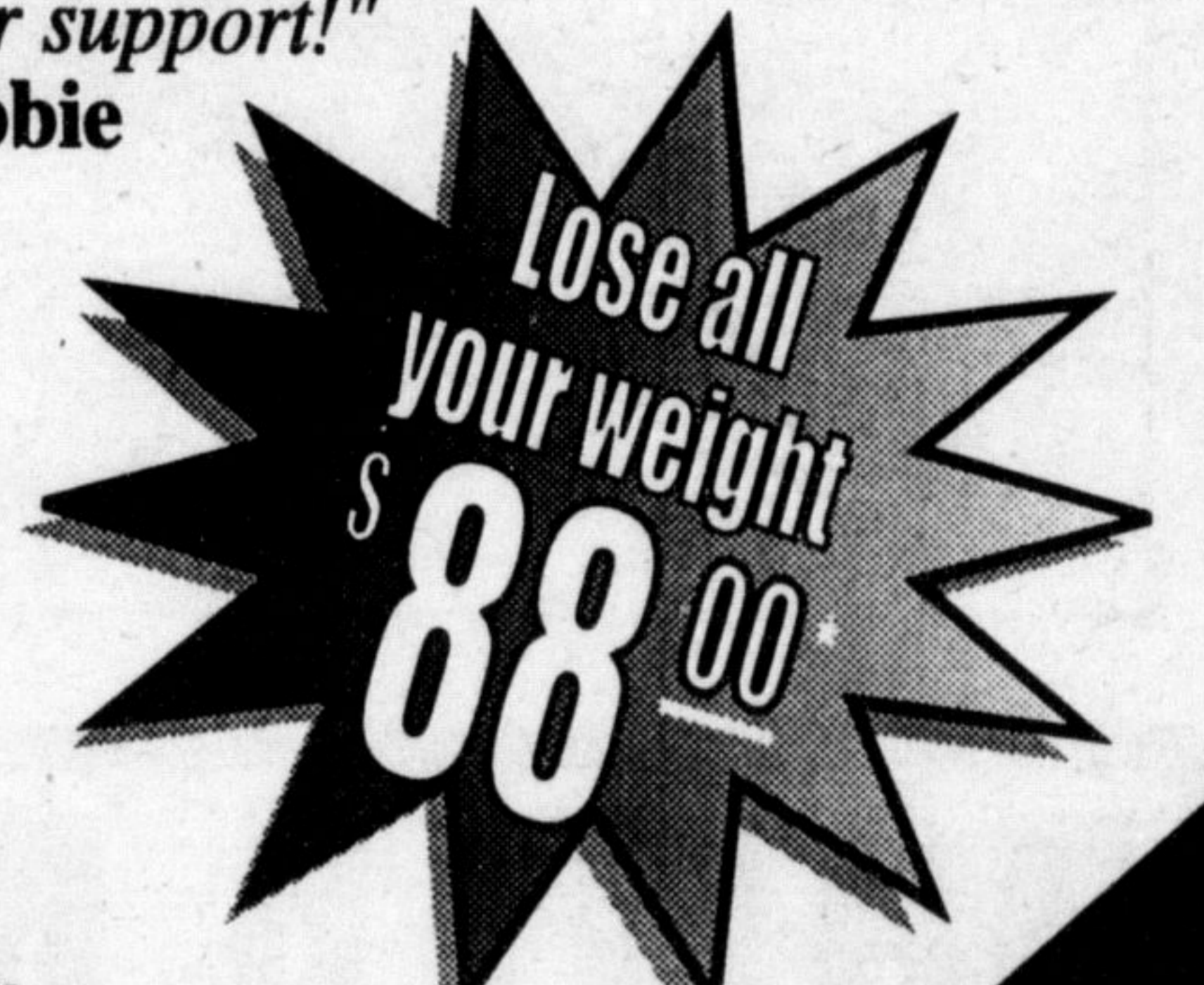
Ms Stelter was recognized as an outstanding role model of Catholic leadership who is widely known for her spiritual and emotional support.



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wondered if billing procedures would change under the new ownership.

Mr. Lopez de Fuentes appeared amused at the question.

"It would cost more for the postage than we would be asking from you," he said. "We hope to behave commercially. A public company doesn't necessarily have to behave that way."

Oakville Councillor Kevin Flynn questioned the company's assertion that toll fees could rise if the traffic volume is significantly hiked on the road.

"In any other business I've been

involved with, if the unit quantity goes up, the unit price goes down," he noted. "But if you increase your volume, your fees will go up."

Chief financial officer of SNC-Lavalin Ken Walker responded that the 407-ETR firm would be penalized by the government if tolls were raised without a corresponding increase in volume.

The rationale is that increased traffic on Hwy. 407 would lessen gridlock on the Queen Elizabeth Way.

Though major approvals for Hwy. 407 expansion are in place, some details have to be established, said Mr. Sweetnam.

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DEVELOPMENT CHARGE PUBLIC MEETINGS

On March 1, 1998, the new *Development Charges Act, 1997* ("Act") came into force. All municipalities are required to update their development charge by-laws and policies under the Act.

Development Charges Study Process

The Region is undertaking a development charge study process, which has included the following:

1. Released 1998/99 Development Charge Background Study and draft by-law to the public on May 17, 1999;
2. Held Public Meeting on June 1, 1999 to present the development charges background study, proposals and by-law pursuant to section 12 of the Act; and
3. Presented Report CS-79-99 (Final Consideration of 1989/99 Region-Wide Development Charge Proposals and By-Law) to Administration and Finance Committee on June 16, 1999.

Public Meetings

The following further public meetings will be held:

Date	Time	Meeting	Purpose
Wednesday, July 7, 1999	1:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance Committee	To further consider the development charge proposals.
Wednesday, July 14, 1999	9:30 a.m.	Council	To consider the proposals and whether to enact the proposed development charges by-law.

All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario L6M 3L1.

All interested persons are invited to attend these public meetings and to make representations. Interested persons should note that the development charge proposals may change as a result of the meetings and any further staff reports.

For Further Information

Any questions or requests for further information and reports should be directed to Mark Scinocca (ext. 7043) at 825-6000, 853-0501 (Acton), 878-8113 (Georgetown), 639-4540 (Aldershot), 823-6720 (Streetsville), the Regional Municipality of Halton, Corporate Services Department, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, L6M 3L1.

If you wish to appear as a delegation at any of the Public Meetings, please call Ms. Pat Crimmins, Deputy Clerk, Ext. 7256, at the same numbers.

Joan A. Eaglesham
Regional Clerk