

# Police checks mandatory

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Ms Nankivell went on to say that "Anyone who wished to harm a child (in a school) would not be deterred by this (police check) measure."

She also told school trustees that the Boy Scouts, soccer associations and Big Brothers obtain police checks for leaders, coaches and mentors respectively but don't require them for parents of children in the programs.

The president of the Burlington Youth Soccer Association, which oversees 6,000 players, said a formal screening process of all volunteers began about two years ago.

"We ask for police checks for all of our volunteers in the high-risk category," said Peter Summers.

High-risk is defined as the rep or all-star levels. Unlike in house league, where parents are often present for games and practices, rep or all-star teams travel to other towns and cities regularly with the possibility that young players will be alone with adults.

Mr. Summers said there are about 100 rep or all-star head and assistant coaches, managers and trainers who must get the \$15 police check, which the BYSC covers. Many of those getting a police check are parents with children playing on their team or within the BYSC.

Ms Nankivell noted there are many parents who assist a coach on the sidelines who aren't official volunteers and who aren't required to get a police check. She equates those parents with what she and others do for the Halton board.

"I don't want to have to have a police check to go into my child's school to feed their class pizza."

When asked if the new policy would convince her to stop helping out at a school, she wouldn't say yes or no but did say, "My willingness to volunteer will never be swayed."

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Canada, whose head office is located in Burlington, requires police background checks of any volunteer who has direct, unsupervised

contact with a Little Brother or Little Sister.

Regional executive-director Laurie LeBlanc said police checks aren't required for parents or individuals who work as office staff or help out with occasional events where a Big Brothers supervisor is present.

Whether the cost of the police check is covered by the volunteer or Big Brothers is a decision made by the local associations, he said.

The Halton Public School Board doesn't pay for the \$15 police check saying it can't afford to pay about \$150,000 for the approximately 10,000 volunteers with the board.

Even current volunteers and board employees, not just new volunteers beginning in September, must have a police check done. A check is only done once.

Ms Oxley said that if a principal is advised of a volunteer with an item on their police record check he or she will make the decision about its relevance to the school volunteer role.

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