

# Board predicts school's enrollment will drop

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In supporting Martin Street's existence, a series of parents spoke at last week's board meeting. Five separate delegations spoke passionately and rationally for keeping it open.

"In 2000, Martin Street looked like an old school in a neighbourhood not likely to ever rebound to its population peak," said Alan Wain.

"The truth is if you keep it open it could soon be ringed with portables thanks to new housing that will be built nearby."

Several residential subdivisions are

planned for Milton over the next five to 10 years. The 'big pipe', the conduit Halton Region and developments built to bring Lake Ontario water to Milton, is spurring the town's growth.

Mr. Wain, like many Martin Street parents, argued future population trends for Milton, particularly in the west end, will exceed the figures supplied by consultant C.N. Watson. Watson supplied the board with its Capital Strategic Plan, the thick document upon which school closure and construction decisions are based.

"If the (CSP) is implemented, by

2017 Milton has only 11 elementary schools serving a population of about 86,000. Halton Hills would by then have three more elementary schools than we would serving 20,000 fewer people. Milton has no surplus schools, no school clusters and no long-standing subdivisions demanding new schools. Penalizing Martin Street for having a rural catchment area and needing buses for its French Immersion students is unfair," said Mr. Wain.

Martin Street, constructed in 1920, has an official capacity of 278 full-time equivalent students. Its enroll-

ment on September 30 was 227.5 FTE, 82 per cent of capacity, which is three percentage points higher than the board expected it to be this year.

However, board projections have Martin Street's enrollment dropping steadily each year to 141 FTEs, barely half of capacity, by 2010.

Mr. Greyson said he doesn't agree with Martin Street supporters' belief that consultant Watson's numbers are faulty.

"They are a highly regarded organization. They know what they are doing in projections and enrollments.

They work with many boards."

#### Halton Region

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2002 Official Plan Review

This fall, Halton Region is seeking input from the public on its Official Plan. We will be hosting a series of open houses and workshops throughout the Region, and we look forward to hearing your ideas on the future of Halton.

#### What is the Official Plan?

Every municipality in Ontario is required to develop an Official Plan which outlines a community's vision for its future and guides decisions on development, transportation, environmental protection, and more.

Halton Region's Official Plan is now under review. This is an opportunity for residents and businesses to play an important part in ensuring Halton Region continues to be a great place to live, work and play.

What is important to you about Halton Region? How should we address the challenges our Region is facing?

Your participation is vital. Please register for a workshop or visit our website to learn more about the Official Plan Review.

www.region.halton.on.ca/officialplan
Try our new electronic comment form!

#### Official Plan Review Event Schedule

#### November

Monday, November 18,

General Workshop No.2

5:30pm to 9:00pm Halton Hills Cultural Centre 9 Church Street Georgetown Call us or visit our website at:

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to download a copy of the Directions Report: The Greening of Halton -Smart Growth, Smart Choices and other technical papers. These documents are a starting point for a public dialogue about the important issues in our community. For more information contact:

Isabel Telford at Ext. 7195 telfordi@region.halton.on.ca

## There's still time to get your flu shot

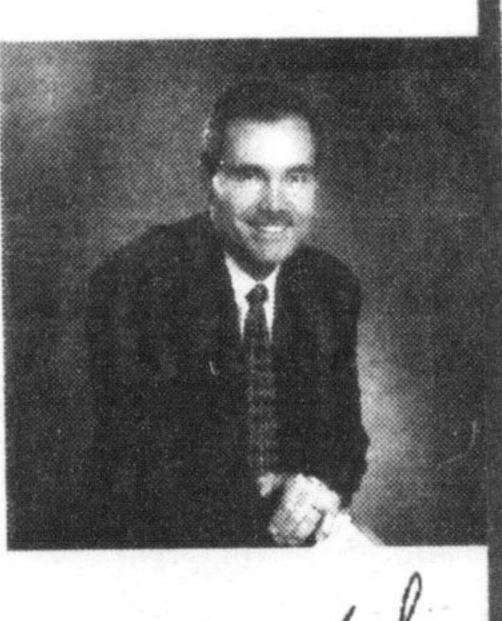
Flu season is around the corner and our public health nurses are busy providing free flu shots to anyone over six months of age. Health Department flu clinics continue into December, so there is lots of time left to get your flu shot. Dr. Bob



Nosal, Halton's Medical Officer of Health emphasizes the importance of flu shots for children and youth, stating that infection rates in children are much higher than in adults and flu immunization in children has been shown to prevent the spread of flu and to reduce school absences.

For more information about the times and locations of Health Department flu clinics visit

www.region.halton.on.ca/health or call the flu line at 905-825-6158 (Toll free: 1-866-442-5866)





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Documents will be available for pick up on and after Thursday, November 14, 2002. There is a non-refundable deposit of \$26.75 (includes GST). Bidders who request documents to be shipped from the Purchasing Department must include a handling fee of \$10.70 (includes GST) for this service. Bid Documents are also available to download from Halton's website at www.region.halton.on.ca/bids for a non-refundable deposit of \$10.70 (includes GST).

#### A Optional Site Meeting will be held as follows:

Location: Halton Regional Centre,

1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, ON.

Glen Lawson/Mansewood room, Wednesday November 27, 2002

Date: Wednesda Time: 10:00 AM

Under no circumstances will facsimile or late bids be accepted or considered.

Lowest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

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