

OPINION

Follow the rules

Rules are rules. That's one of the first lessons children learn in life — at home and in the classroom.

And we expect the Halton Catholic District School Board to follow the rules as well.

That's why we're pleased to hear a legal challenge of the controversial school uniform pilot project is in the works. The trial would see students of Guardian Angels elementary school wear uniforms this fall.

As reported elsewhere in this newspaper, news of the challenge came early Friday when the board issued a notice postponing parent information nights related to the pilot project.

The bone of contention is whether or not trustees followed proper procedure in voting for the uniform

pilot project February 6. Board Chair Al Bailey argues the process trustees used in passing the project violated board policy.

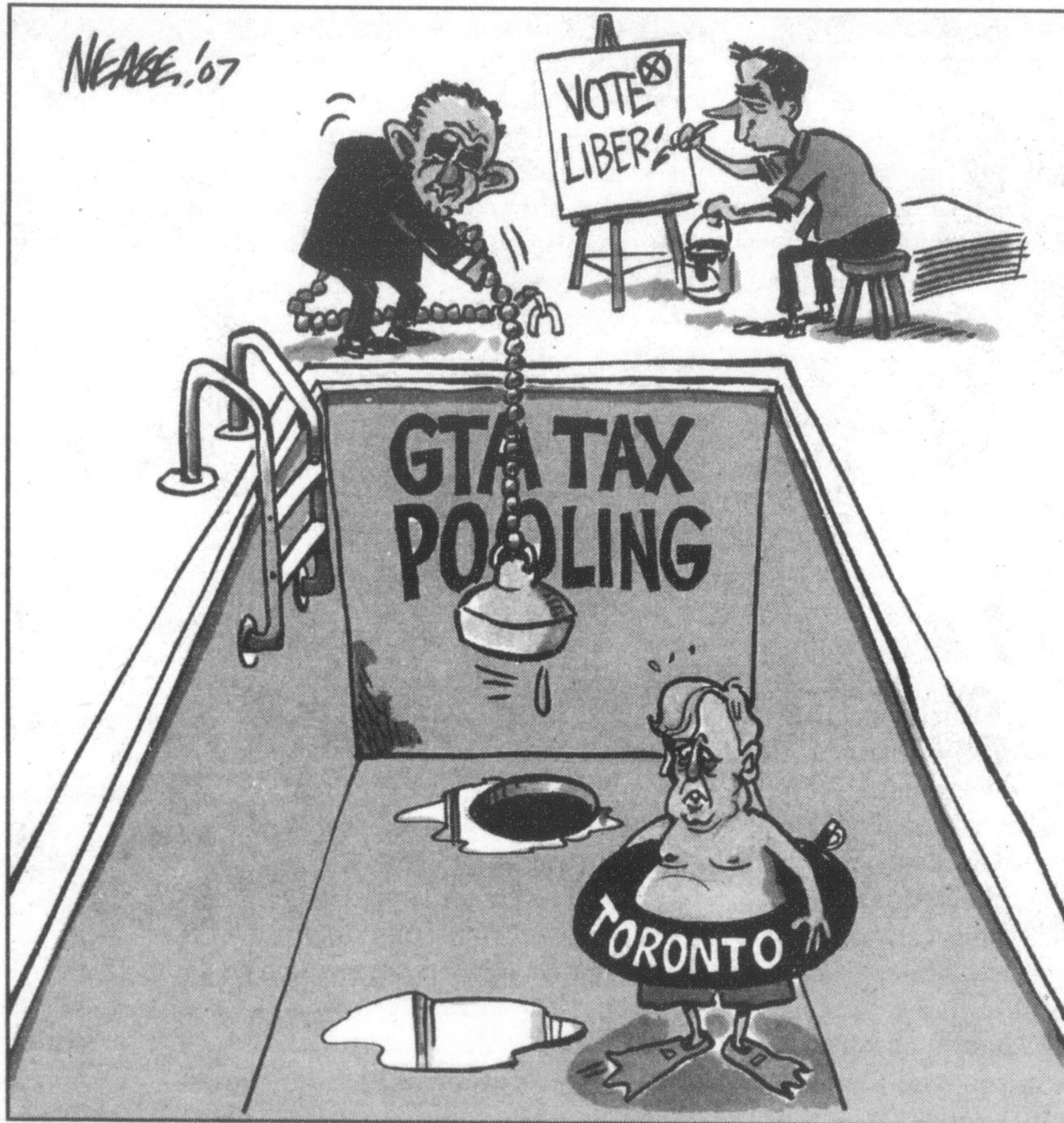
But others, like Burlington Trustee Bob Van de Vrande, disagree.

"The chair's interpretation is that we're not following the rules," Van de Vrande said at the February 6 meeting.

"It's the committee's and the majority of the trustees' opinions that we are not going outside of our policy whatsoever."

So let's get to the bottom of it. As parent Howard Parker commented, the integrity of the school board is in question.

"This goes way beyond a school uniform issue. It has become an issue of the functionality of the board," he said.



Readers Write

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Nothing wrong with help for Holly

DEAR EDITOR:

We all have it in us to help others and organize support when we have a cause we believe in — and the baby Holly situation is just one of many examples of the fine, caring, supportive nature of this community.

Going back 12 years to when I moved up here, over and over I have been moved by the caring side of the people, and even found myself actively involved in some of the events. Entertainers like Jason Blanchard, Alysha Brooke, Apollosdown, Steven Demetrios and many others give of their time and talent at fundraiser events from helping

baby Holly to supporting Special Friends Day, MS Walkathon, breast cancer, Michael Papaioannou, etc.

The Holly event did not take away from any other cause, did not force anyone to contribute and support the cause and did not cost the community or government a penny. It was just the hard, dedicated work of many ordinary people believing in helping one of our community's little people in need.

Any one of the people writing in with negative comments about baby Holly fundraising efforts have it in them to take their cause to a new level, get people together, organize a fundraiser and raise the needed

support they feel is due.

That's what they should do, stop wasting time objecting to a wonderful event and take the bull by the horns and do something for their cause.

To letter writer G. Munnings, I will applaud and support you when you organize a group of people to host a fundraiser to start to raise money for the MRI machine. And to Maitlyn's mom, Karen Fyffe, I will applaud you also when you organize a fundraiser for ErinOaks, a very fine establishment that I also already personally support.

S. KOBOW
MILTON

More pressing issues than Town Hall expansion

DEAR EDITOR:

The Champion recently announced that the addition to Town Hall will soon begin.

I wondered if such issues as clean water, sewers, encroachment on wildlife and the environment including the air we breathe — to name just a few — would take precedent over a building that has no bearing whatsoever on the pressing problems at hand, which multiply daily.

Much like Scarlett O'Hara, the attitude of the

purse holders of our tax dollars seems to be "Fiddle-de-dee — we'll think about that tomorrow." Well, tomorrow is here.

So far as the building addition is concerned, if they follow Forestry Management 101 and get rid of the dead wood, they might be surprised at how much space they already have.

ELIZABETH HARRISON
MACARTHUR DRIVE

Multi Menu not associated with pet food recall

DEAR EDITOR:

Quebec-based pet food distributor franchisor Multi Menu would like the public to

know its products aren't affected by the recent Menu Foods recall and the company isn't associated in any way with

Menu Foods.

JOCELYN G. PRECLARO,
MULTI MENU FRANCHISEE
MILTON

Céad Bua's support much appreciated

DEAR EDITOR:

We'd like to thank Céad Bua Fighting Arts Centre for all its support and the great performance of its Lion Dance troupe enjoyed by all at the Lion Dance event at Milton Mall February 10.

Our thanks to Glen Doyle and to Elvis Stojko for all their work, and for the fun they generated in the mall. We appreciate the time and effort of the many people involved in the troupe.

In addition to celebrating the advent of the Chinese New Year, Céad Bua raised some funds for the Salvation Army and awareness for Independent Living Halton. It was a dramatic way to kick off our fundraising year.

Keep your eye out for our next event, which is Céad Bua Fighting Arts Centre's annual spring tournament, set for April 21. Proceeds of the benefit tournament will support Independent Living Halton, whose purpose is to provide accessible housing and attendant services to adults with physical disabilities. We look forward to it.

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