

Construction of schools delayed: Catholic board

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A number of new school openings and old school closures included in the Halton Catholic school board's capital plans are on the backburner.

Board staff have confirmed there will be delays in constructing the new elementary schools in west Milton and northwest and northeast Oakville that were originally projected to open by the next school year.

The opening of a new high school in Milton and a new replacement school for Holy Cross in Georgetown, both projected to open in 2011-12, have also been pushed back.

The Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) submitted all five projects to the Province's Ministry of Education for 'Growth Schools' funding in 2008. However, the Province has exhausted that funding envelope and hasn't announced if it will be put-

ting more money back in, said Stacey Zucker of the HCDSB's financial services division.

"(The board) already has a number of projects in the pipeline," Ministry of Education spokesperson Patricia MacNeil said, explaining why the HCDSB's future projects were rejected.

She said the board, which has growing enrollment, also has access to capital funding not available to others through the ministry's New Pupil Places funding grants.

The board had earlier received such Growth Schools funding from the Province to help pay for three schools that recently opened — Our Lady of Fatima and the new St. Peter elementary schools in Milton and Corpus Christi Secondary School in Burlington. It's also using such funding to help pay for two Oakville high school projects under construction. The 210-pupil place addition to St. Ignatius Loyola and a replacement school for St. Thomas Aquinas are both

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Torch bearer knocked down in Guelph

A Milton woman carrying the Olympic torch in Guelph yesterday morning was knocked down by a protester.

Police say it happened as the 28-year-old woman was carrying the flame and was approached by a group of protesters just before 8 a.m. She was treated by Olympic

Torch Relay medical staff at the scene.

The flame wasn't extinguished during the incident, which happened as about 1,000 people had gathered to watch the torch relay.

A Kitchener woman, 19, has been charged with assault and will appear in court in February.

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