

School board hires new superintendent of business

The Halton District School Board has somebody new in charge of its finances.

The school board recently appointed Lucy Veerman as its new superintendent of business and treasure. She started yesterday.

She took over the superintendent role after Steven Parfeniuk resigned at the end of September to take a position at Sheridan College.

"Lucy's comprehensive knowledge of financial management combined with her

history as a collaborative leader will be an asset for this board," Director of Education David Euale said in a press release. "We look forward to welcoming Lucy to our administrative team."

Veerman has 21 years of financial management experience in an educational environment. She is certified as a chartered accountant and as a business supervisory officer. She was previously the manager of budget services for the Hamilton-

Wentworth District School Board.

"In her previous roles, Lucy was known for her strong financial accountability and transparency in this public role," school board Chair Gerry Ockenden said in the release. "Her commitment to student achievement, and her belief in fostering and inspiring teams will be a natural extension of Lucy's values, and will certainly benefit the Halton District School Board."

All about the kids, says board chair

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2009, LeMay takes over the chair's role from Burlington's Bob Van de Vrande, who lost his trustee seat to Morrison.

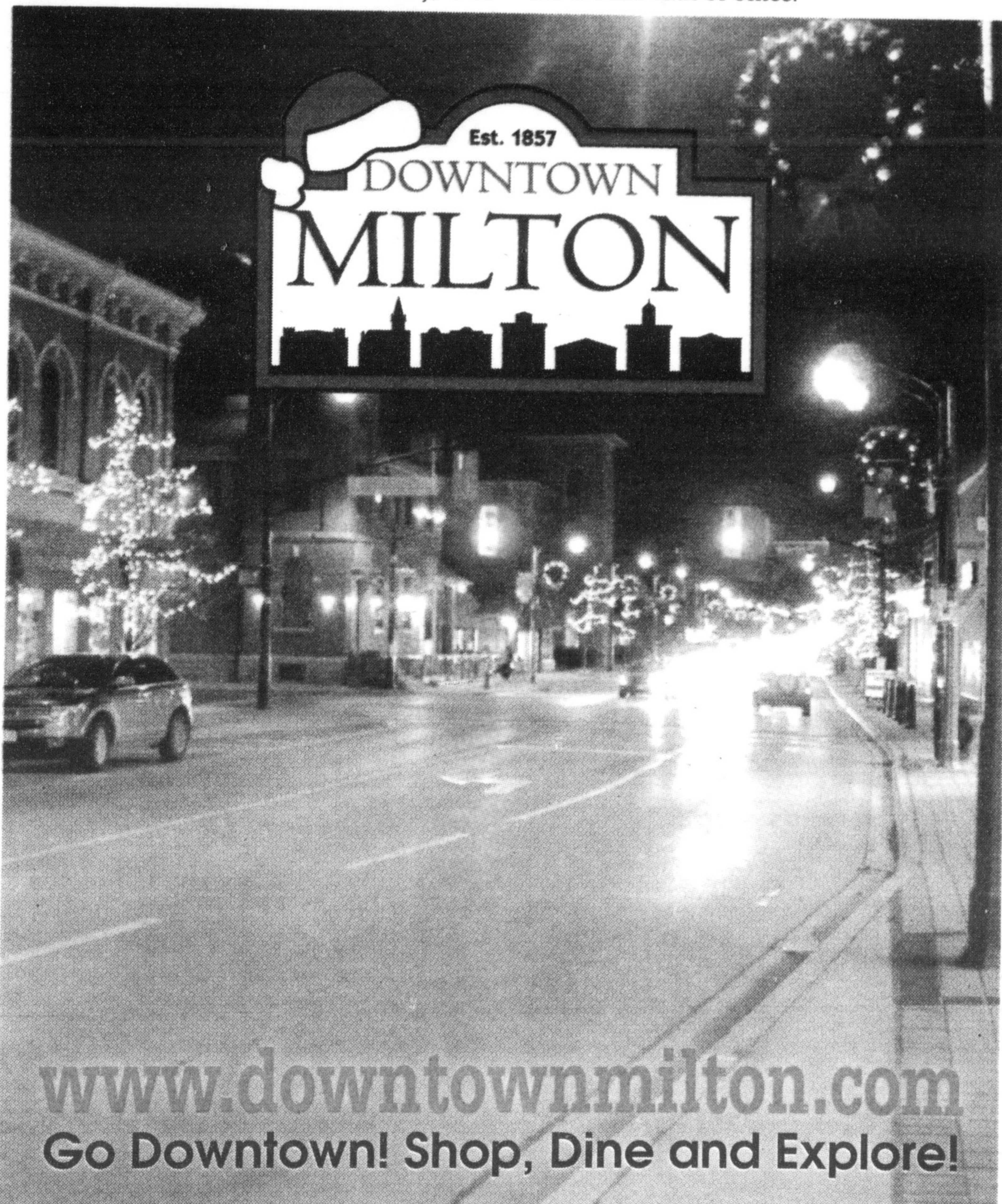
"It's all about the kids. We want to see that all children reach their full potential. Collectively, we (school board members) are the village to help raise the children," LeMay told fellow trustees and the packed audience of family members, friends and dignitaries who attended the inauguration.

Iantomasi, who became a trustee in November 2007 by winning a by-election to replace former board chair Al Bailey, who

resigned, was nominated by Oakville Trustee Anthony Danko and seconded by Burlington Trustee Jane Michael.

Iantomasi told her colleagues she hopes to accomplish certain goals in the new term as trustee, emphasizing the need to re-work some of the board's policies and also focus on improvements to the board's "flagship" (first) high school, Assumption in Burlington.

The swearing-in ceremony was presided over by Father Ray Modeski of St. Patrick's Church of Burlington and Justice Joseph Fragomeni; the latter led trustees through the official oath of office.



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