

School board wants crackdown on videos

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The director of Halton's Catholic school board thinks it's time someone cracked down on rock videos that send bad messages to children.

"I have viewed them and winced at times, I'm not sure what people see in them," said Cliff Byrnes.

Trustees from the school board agreed, passing a resolution which calls for an end to rock videos "that depict violence and stereotyping."

The idea stemmed from the Renfrew County Board of Education, near Ottawa, which is seeking support from other school boards.

Mr. Byrnes urged trustees at Tuesday's meeting to support the resolution, calling it a "positive" move.

They want pressure placed on the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) as well as local cable companies, to stop showing the rock videos — although no mention is made of which ones they deem offensive.

The Renfrew board has included a

letter which was sent to the McLean Hunter Cable TV outlet in Pembroke. In it education director Peter Hiscott called for removing violent video programs from what he termed the cable company's "network," and asked them to replace the videos "with other forms of music videos that portray much more positive attitudes and actions towards all members of society."

The main broadcast outlet offering rock videos is MuchMusic, based in Toronto but carried on cable television throughout the country, and it hasn't been contacted by any school boards about the situation.

James Wood, publicity and promotion co-ordinator for MuchMusic, said videos are rejected if they're deemed offensive, following screenings by a special committee made up of people with different beliefs and lifestyles.

"If they're problematic, with things like violence or gratuitous sex, (they) will be deemed unsuitable for airing. We'll review every video with the committee even if there's one single complaint."



Who says it's just for kids?

Not these people, that's for sure. They took the opportunity to dress for the occasion, just as many others throughout the town did to celebrate Halloween. At the top left, Watson Winfield glowers from behind his Arab garb. At lower left Eileen Jones shows that many hands make light work. They were both at Halton Centennial Manor. At bottom right an exercise enthusiast shows some cat-like moves at a Bishop Reding High School dance fitness class.

Photos by John Warren



Small spill costs plenty

Authorities were taking no chances when a resident of a townhouse complex at 371 Bronte Street reported the strong smell of gas Tuesday night.

The cast of characters in the all-night drama eventually grew to include staff from the Town of Milton, the Milton Fire Department, the Halton Region spills response team, the Ministry of Environment and a local waste management company.

While investigating the odour, environmental crews discovered paint had also been dumped down the storm sewer.

The owners of the complex were called and they retained a waste management company.

The municipal authorities installed a boom to prevent the gas and paint from seeping through the storm sewer and eventually into Sixteen

Mile Creek.

The Milton Fire Department checked the sewers to ensure the fumes were at a safe level, then used one of its water trucks to flush out the sewer system.

The contaminants were scooped out by the waste management company and hauled away for proper disposal.

Ahmed Hamis, a member of Halton Region's spills response team, said to the best of his knowledge there was about a gallon of paint and a small amount of gas involved.

"Once you find it's there you can't close your eyes," he said. "You have to look after it."

Added Jim Finn, a Town of Milton foreman, who was also on the scene: "Somebody dumped gas and paint down a storm sewer and ended up costing us a lot of money."

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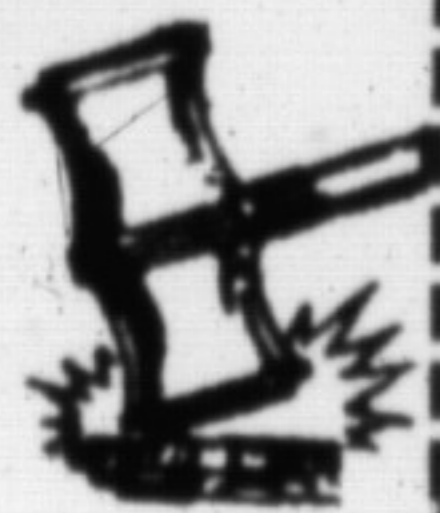
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