

Board keeping MVA issue at arm's length

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The Halton Board of Education doesn't want anything to do with market value assessment (MVA) until Halton regional council has its house in order.

Last week public school trustees

deferred voting on a four-year phase-in grant aimed at cushioning the financial impact of MVA until after December 2. Opponents of MVA are trying to get regional council to reconsider its initial approval of MVA on that date.

If MVA is approved, the board wants it based on 1992 property

values, and not on 1988 assessments. Currently the latter year is being touted for the calculation. Property values peaked at the top of the last business cycle around 1988.

Oakville Chamber of Commerce president John Hogg asked school trustees to delay their decision on phasing-in until after the expected showdown at regional council in December.

"At this point no one knows what the Region is going to do until Dec. 2. They're asking you to sanction a system that isn't cast in stone. They're putting you between a rock and a hard place," Mr. Hogg told

trustees. "You're not mandated to put a rubber stamp of approval on something that should be dealt with at the Region. You're not mandated to say 'this is a good tax system', but that's how it's going to be perceived if you pass this tonight."

The Oakville Chamber of Commerce is one of the lead organizations in the fight against MVA. The new tax system means a shift of about \$4 million in property taxes from Oakville to Burlington. Milton and Burlington support MVA, while Halton Hills joins Oakville in opposing it.

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Trustee says he's sorry for criticizing staff report

Burlington public school board trustee Don Cassidy has apologized for criticizing a staff report presented to the board three weeks ago.

"I wish to apologize to whoever my bad manners may have offended," said Mr. Cassidy at last week's Halton Board of Education meeting.

The trustee apologized for being "inexcusably rude."

On Oct. 22, Mr. Cassidy said he was "horrified" that the person who wrote an update report on the board's technological education plan last Thursday might be teaching stu-

dents. He labeled the report "gob-bledyhook."

The report had been presented by instructional services superintendent Graeme Barrett.

Cassidy suggested rejecting the report and returning it "to the word processor from whence it came."

Mr. Barrett had attempted to explain the passage with which Mr. Cassidy was having a particular problem — one which was a Ministry of Education definition.

Mr. Cassidy formally apologized at the end of Thursday's board meeting to Mr. Barrett and anyone else who may have been offended.

Night deposit money stolen

An assistant manager at McDonald's has told police he was robbed in the parking lot of the restaurant while on his way to make a night deposit at the bank.

The 28-year-old Ingersoll man reported he was getting into his car shortly after 6 p.m. when he felt a "jolt" in the back of his neck like an electric shock, said Halton police Detective Sergeant Mike Eacrett.

The shock caused him to black out momentarily, he told police. When he regained consciousness, he said, the bags of money from the restaurant were gone.

The employee's description of the weapon sounds like the work of a stun gun, said Det. Sgt. Eacrett.

The amount of money stolen has not been released.

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Letters of application, including a description as to how the applicant's background and skills qualify him/her for a position on the Committee, will be received until Friday, November 27, 1992 at 4:00 p.m.

Interviews will be conducted in early December and appointments will be from January, 1993 to December, 1994, inclusive.

For further information, please contact Mr. Cliff Chan, extension 8222 at the following numbers:

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