

Trustees back call to reduce media violence

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Halton public school trustees are throwing their support behind a Scarborough Board of Education request to the media to voluntarily reduce the amount of violence students are exposed to by the media.

The bid is based on indications that violence in the media has an influence on increasingly violent behaviours in schools.

The Scarborough board, through a letter to all Ontario boards, sought such support.

At Thursday's board meeting trustees backed Burlington trustee Noel Cooper's suggestion to support the request.

The Scarborough request was made at the urging of the board's elementary and secondary principals' and vice-principals' associations.

"It was noted there is increasing evidence that exposure to television violence has a negative influence on children, and the often excessively violent behaviour demonstrated by some students appears to be modelled on the types of behaviour presented by the media," said a letter from Scarborough education director Earl Campbell to Keith Spicer, chairman of the CRTC (Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission).

The Scarborough board's motion reads: "The Board of Education for the City of Scarborough join with Scarborough Elementary and Secondary Principals and vice-principals in calling upon the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and the producers and distributors of media to voluntarily take steps to reduce the amount of gratuitous violence in said media and further, to take action to reduce the access of young and adolescent viewers to such media."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING on a Proposed New Official Plan for the Halton Planning Area

(Under Sections 17(2) & 21(1) of The Planning Act)

The Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton will be considering, in the Fall of 1993, the adoption of a New Official Plan for the Halton Planning Area and the concurrent repeal of the current Official Plan. Regional Council, through its Planning and Public Works Committee, will be holding a Public Meeting for the purposes of providing information and receiving submissions from members of the public on the Proposed New Plan, as follows:

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 1993
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Council Chamber
Halton Regional Centre
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

Any person attending this meeting can make representation to the Committee regarding the Proposed New Plan. To assist the Regional Clerk in scheduling speakers at this Public Meeting, it will be appreciated if those wishing to address the Committee could advise the Clerk in advance.

Members of the public who wish to be advised of Regional Council's adoption of the New Official Plan must make such a request in writing to the Regional Clerk or the Commissioner of Planning and Development.

Copies of the Proposed Plan, "Draft New Regional Plan (February 1993)", and other relevant information are available from the Planning and Development Department. For further information, please call Kathy Kieft at Ext. 7200.

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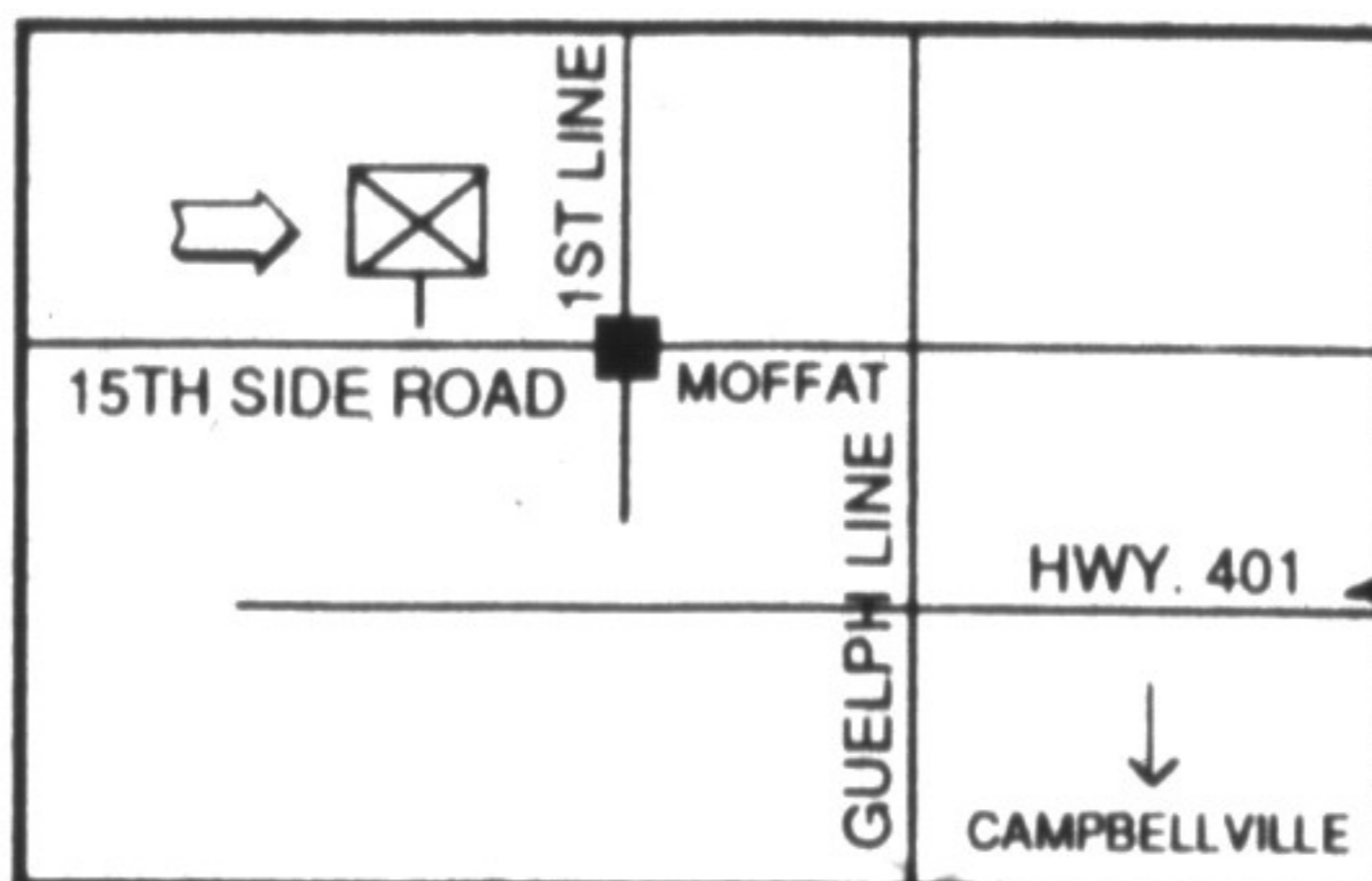
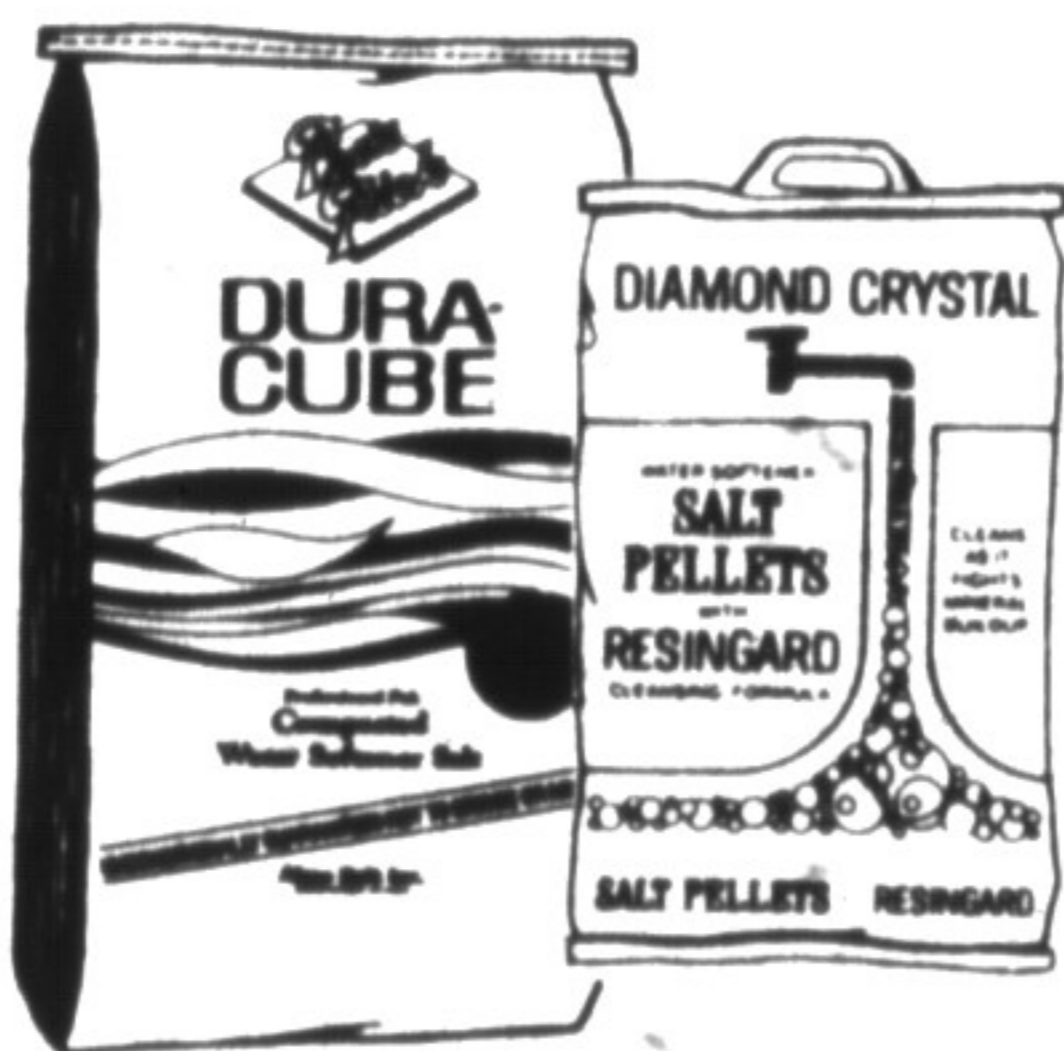
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