

Parents oppose new kindergarten attendance scheme

By KATHY YANCHUS
Special to The Champion

Opposition to a new kindergarten schedule proposed by the Halton Board of Education as a cost-cutting measure is building, says parent Nancy Batchelor.

Ms Batchelor, along with dozens of other parents, has jumped on the board's proposal to offer kindergarten as a full day, alternate day program, something unacceptable to the

parents who have deluged her with concerned calls. With this cut, the board would save \$67,400 in 1994 and \$231,750 on an annual basis.

"This is a decision strictly based on money and a quick bandaid fix," said Ms Batchelor.

Ms Batchelor said the board is basing its decision on an American report — Gullo and Clements, 1984 — which "found no significant differences between children in half-way, every day and full day every-

other-day alternate day programs when academic achievement, classroom social behaviour and time spent in school were compared."

Ms Batchelor is critical of the study, and believes it should not be used as a comparison for Canadian schools.

Ms Batchelor is also concerned about the availability of sufficient numbers of teaching assistants, and the lack of a curriculum for parents to peruse.

If board members wish to cut costs, they should scrutinize their own administrative expenses and salaries, added Ms Batchelor.

"If you took two superintendents

and put them back into teaching positions, you could pay for the entire kindergarten program," she said.

Ms Batchelor urges concerned parents to sign petitions currently

circulating throughout nursery schools, to call their trustees and attend the finance committee meeting next Monday (Feb. 14) to show their support.

Child specialist favours alternate-day plan

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In favouring full day, alternate day kindergarten, Dianne Salter may be a lone voice opposing the parental

chrous against it.

Ms Salter studies children, how they think, how they learn, their development. She has earned her Masters degree in educational psychology and is currently working toward her PhD in Cognitive Psychology at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, as well as teaching psychology at Sheridan College. On top of those academic qualifications, Ms. Salter is a concerned mother.

"My slant is . . . these kids are quite capable of handling a full day at school," said Ms. Salter, whose oldest daughter was involved in such a program. "A lot of these kids have the benefit of a daycare setting and that's a much longer day."

Ms Salter said if a coalition of educators and parents feel that five-year-olds can't cope with a full day, perhaps they should not be part of the system at all and the whole concept of kindergarten should be wiped out.

"I know it's an outrageous thing to say, but if we're looking at cost cuttings . . ."

Even if preschoolers aren't in day care, most mothers have established some kind of a socialization program for their kids by the age of three and four, said Ms Salter.

A full-day program gives the children consistency, and as for being tired or unable to concentrate for a full day, she believes very few four and five-year-olds still have afternoon naps.

"And the school day is much shorter," she said. "As any teacher or educator will tell you, kindergarten is for socialization, to get the kids used to the whole school routine . . . kids have the energy to cope with a full day."

Ms Salter feels it's only a matter of altering parental mindsets that kindergarten must be a half-day.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RECONSTRUCTION OF GUELPH LINE
(REGIONAL ROAD #1)
DERRY ROAD TO 1.1 KM NORTHERLY
TOWN OF MILTON
PR-1248B

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 297 and 300 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on Wednesday, March 2, 1994 to pass a by-law for the reconstruction of Guelph Line (Regional Road #1), Derry Road to 1.1 km northerly, Town of Milton.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Public Works Department office, Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario or at the North District Operations Centre, 1600 Steeles Avenue, Milton during normal business hours.

On Wednesday, February 23, 1994 at 9:30 a.m. in the Halton Room at the Halton Regional Centre, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, Council through its Planning and Public Works Committee will hear in person, or by his/her Counsel, any person who claims that his/her lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to the Regional Clerk no later than Friday, February 18, 1994 to be heard.

For further information, please contact Jr. J. Choi, P. Eng., Manager of Design, extension 7610 at the following numbers:

From Milton 825-6030
From Burlington 825-6030
From Aldershot 639-4540

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REGIONAL CLERK



WARD 9 PUBLIC DISPLAY

RECONSTRUCTION OF NINTH LINE,
FROM DERRY ROAD TO 1900
METRES SOUTHERLY

The City of Mississauga is undertaking the functional planning for the Phase I reconstruction of Ninth Line, from Derry Road to 1900 metres southerly. The purpose of the rehabilitation is to replace/upgrade this facility from a two lane rural roadway to a two lane semi-urban cross-section with intersection improvements and resolve the low structural adequacy of the existing pavement. The project will also include storm drainage works, curb and gutter along the west boulevard, illumination at intersections and capability to expand to four through traffic lanes in the future (i.e. Phase II).

Preliminary plans for the proposed works have been prepared by the Transportation and Works Department. You are cordially invited to visit our drop-in-centre to view a static display and to have your questions, if any, answered by City of Mississauga staff members.

Display information as follows:

Location: Trelawny Public School
3420 Trelawny Circle
Mississauga, Ontario
Date: Monday, February 21, 1994
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

KNOLL REMOVAL ON REGIONAL ROAD 9
(NO. 5 SIDEROAD)
FROM 150m WEST OF
4TH LINE TO 400m EASTERLY TOWNS OF
HALTON HILLS AND MILTON
PR-1324

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 297 and 300 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton at its meeting on March 30, 1994 intends to pass a by-law for the reconstruction of Regional Road 9 (No. 5 Sideroad) from 150m west of 4th Line to 400m easterly, Towns of Halton Hills and Milton.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Public Works Department, Halton Regional Center, 1151 Bronte Road, Oakville, Ontario, or at the North District Operations Center, 1600 Steeles Avenue, Milton, Ontario during normal business hours.

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For further information, please contact Mr. S.R. Piper, P. Eng., Design Engineer at extension 7611 at 825-6030, from Georgetown 878-8113 and from Aldershot 639-4540.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF
TRAFALGAR ROAD (REGIONAL ROAD #3)
FROM HIGHWAY 401 TO CPR TRACKS
INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF STRUCTURE
NO. 03310 TOWN OF MILTON
PR-1434

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Sections 297 and 300 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45 as amended, that the Council for the Regional Municipality of Halton proposes at its meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 1994 to pass a by-law for the reconstruction and widening of Trafalgar Road (Regional Road #3) from Highway 401 to the CPR Tracks including the replacement of Structure No. 03310 in the Town of Milton.

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OPEN HOUSES THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY 2-4 PM
332 Mountainview Drive
\$159,900
Joyce Hagevik in attendance
ROYAL LEPAGE
REAL ESTATE SERVICES
878-8101

SUNDAY 2-4 PM
R.R. #2 Rockwood
(5th Line - Guelph Line, N to 15
S.R., East to 5th Line then North
Isabell Hoskins in attendance
COUNTRYWIDE
CAMPBELLVILLE REALTY INC.
854-2294

SUNDAY 1-4 PM
266 Martin St.
\$239,000
Moe Miljour in attendance
RE/MAX MILTOWNE
REALTY INC.