

# Hunter puts heat on boards over taxes

By BRAD REAUME  
The Champion

After fighting to keep a freeze on property taxes, Milton town council will tell Halton school boards a recently approved 1.9 per cent increase in education taxes is not good enough.

Last week Councillor Wally Hunter suggested a letter to the school boards saying the town "is not in support of the increase." In addition, he asked current tax bills be sent out with the increase in education taxes highlighted. He was successful on both counts. He wanted it made clear what proportion of tax dollars go to education, and where increases come from. Both the Town of Milton and Region of Halton maintained tax freezes in 1996.

"It should go back to the trustees," said Councillor Colin Best. "We have looked at our budgets and set strategies to keep taxes

from rising, all they can do is talk about layoffs first and ask questions later."

Councillor Rick Day, usually an outspoken critic of education spending, deflected blame, saying present trustees have an impossible task because the education system is so large and directed to provide provincial programs and fulfill contracts.

He did say the \$272 million spent by the public school board to educate Halton children was "out of line, it's crazy."

Councillor Gerry Brooks led a charge against the measure, saying council did not "have an intimate knowledge of the boards' budget processes."

"We don't have the information avail-

able to tell the school boards how to set their budgets," he said.

When the vote was taken councillors Ron Furik and Marion Howard joined Mr. Brooks in voting against the measure.

Councillor John Challinor disagreed with Mr. Brooks. "It's a matter of principle. Either you believe they should balance their budget or you don't. They have failed to get to a zero per cent increase and that's why I'm disappointed. We have the responsibility to let people know."

Mr. Hunter quoted figures on education spending from Statistics Canada, saying it has increased 30 per cent above inflation since 1971, despite a decrease in the school-aged population.

"I'm very displeased with what I'm seeing from the school board," said Mr. Hunter. "Taxpayers say this is not acceptable. They have not generated enough savings. Why are there two payroll departments? Why are there two human resources departments? It's a matter of priorities."



Wally Hunter

# Lego champ shows his off stuff

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status over the March Break. He has since been showered with prizes, including a replica space-flight suit, \$300 cash and of course, several new Lego playsets.

"It's really cool," said the grade 7 Sam Sherratt Public School student, of being named a finalist. "I was amazed at the amount of Lego they sent me."

Alex's entry, self described as a "Galactic Explorer", was a completely original design using various different Lego sets to create. Chosen from a class of thousands of entries, his model comprised a detailed space ship that separates into four sectional vehicles for both "long-distance space journeys and lunar landings."

"I built it last summer and it took me just a few days to make," he added.

The prizes could likely continue for Alex, should he impress the judges once again at the national championships this weekend at Ontario Place in Toronto. The six contestants will have two hours to create their visions of futuristic space stations, satellites or other space-themed Lego inventions. The grand prize is a free trip for four to a VIP shuttle launch at Florida's Kennedy Space Centre, followed by a trip to Houston to meet and talk with astronauts.

"Winning the grand prize would be amazing. I'm not nervous about the build-off, two hours should be enough time. I figure I'll probably build some kind of space station with docking ports," explained Alex, who lists Star Trek and the Star Wars trilogy as his favorite TV show and movies.

While creativity is his greatest asset heading into this weekend's build-off, experience should play a key role in his efforts as well. "He's been building Legos since before he could talk, making space stations, castles, bridges, you name it. At times, we've had whole towns set up here," said mother Maggie Luyckx.

And while recent recognition and a shot at a family vacation have to be weighing on his mind, it seems Alex's main motivation for building and creating is still simply for the fun of it. "Legos are great because you can use them over and over again to build different things. They really bring out your creative nature," he said.

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## Correction

On page 7 in the Letters section of today's newspaper Bob Williams, director of the Halton Board of Education, states that he is not "a card carrying member of the teachers' union", as had been indicated in a column written by Pat Kelly and published in the May 3 issue of the Canadian Champion.

Mr. Williams' details his current position and record on that issue in the letter.

The newspaper accepts Mr. Williams' statements, retracts the assertions made in Pat Kelly's column of that date and apologizes for any embarrassment or inconvenience to Mr. Williams.

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## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Applications are now being accepted by the Town Clerk for appointment to the following Committees:

**Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee**  
(1 member required)

**Leisure Services Advisory Committee**  
(3 members required)

Interested in becoming involved in the direction of Leisure Services in Milton? Interested in sharing ideas and contributing to the development of leisure opportunities and services for all residents? Can you spare a couple of hours once per month from September to June...

Applications are being accepted for the Leisure Services Advisory Committee (LSAC - 3 members required). The LSAC is a committee of council that provides an advisory and consultative role to assist the Department of Leisure Services in recommending appropriate policies and plans, and assists in the development of programs and services available in the community. We need your valuable input - apply today!

For Committee appointments, the successful applicant must be a resident of Milton, or an owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of an owner or tenant, and be a minimum of eighteen years of age on the date of appointment.

Please apply in writing, stating your qualifications. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on May 24th, 1996. Further details may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 878-7211.

William Roberts, Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Milton  
Victoria Park Square P.O. Box 1005  
Milton, Ontario L9T 4B6

## ROAD CLOSING, NINTH LINE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 300 and Section 297 of The Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter M.45, as amended, that the Council of the Town of Milton, at its meeting to be held in the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3rd, 1996, will consider the passing of a by-law for the reconstruction and temporary closing to vehicular traffic on:

**NINTH LINE BETWEEN HIGHWAY 401 AND DERRY ROAD FROM JUNE 15TH, 1996 TO DECEMBER 31, 1997.**

The proposed by-law is available for viewing during normal business hours at the Clerk's Department office. Any inquiries should be directed to Mr. J. Matthews, Director of Public Works at 878-7211, Extension 160.

The Council will hear, in person or by their counsel, any person who claims that their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard. Persons wishing to be heard should notify the Clerk's Department no later than 12:00 noon, Wednesday, May 29th, 1996.

Dated at Milton this 1st day of May, 1996.

William Roberts, Town Clerk  
Victoria Park Square P.O. Box 1005  
Milton, Ontario L9T 4B6

## CO-ORDINATOR, TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The Town of Milton is located on the western edge of the Greater Toronto Area. It has a population of 31,000 and has potential to be a growth area. An organizational review has been completed and a new position of Co-ordinator, Technology Services has been established as part of changes to the Town's human resources complement.

This new position will lead technology services for the Town in a new direction. A new networked PC-based system is planned for 1996. New software for most functions of the Town will be acquired over the next 3 years.

The job reports to the Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer. The key responsibilities include; management of staff and computer hardware and software resources, network administration, technology development and the co-ordination of computer related training. The position will be interactive with staff at all levels of the Town as a responsive service provider and coach.

The successful candidate must have a university degree in Computer Science or a related field or an equivalent combination of education and experience. A minimum of five years of progressive management experience in the information technology field is required. Experience in current telecommunications technology, Windows NT and Unix operating systems, INFORMIX AND ORACLE data base management, SQL and network development is preferred. The candidate must have exceptional organizational, interpersonal, communications and negotiating skills. Previous exposure to the acquisition of hardware and software products would be beneficial.

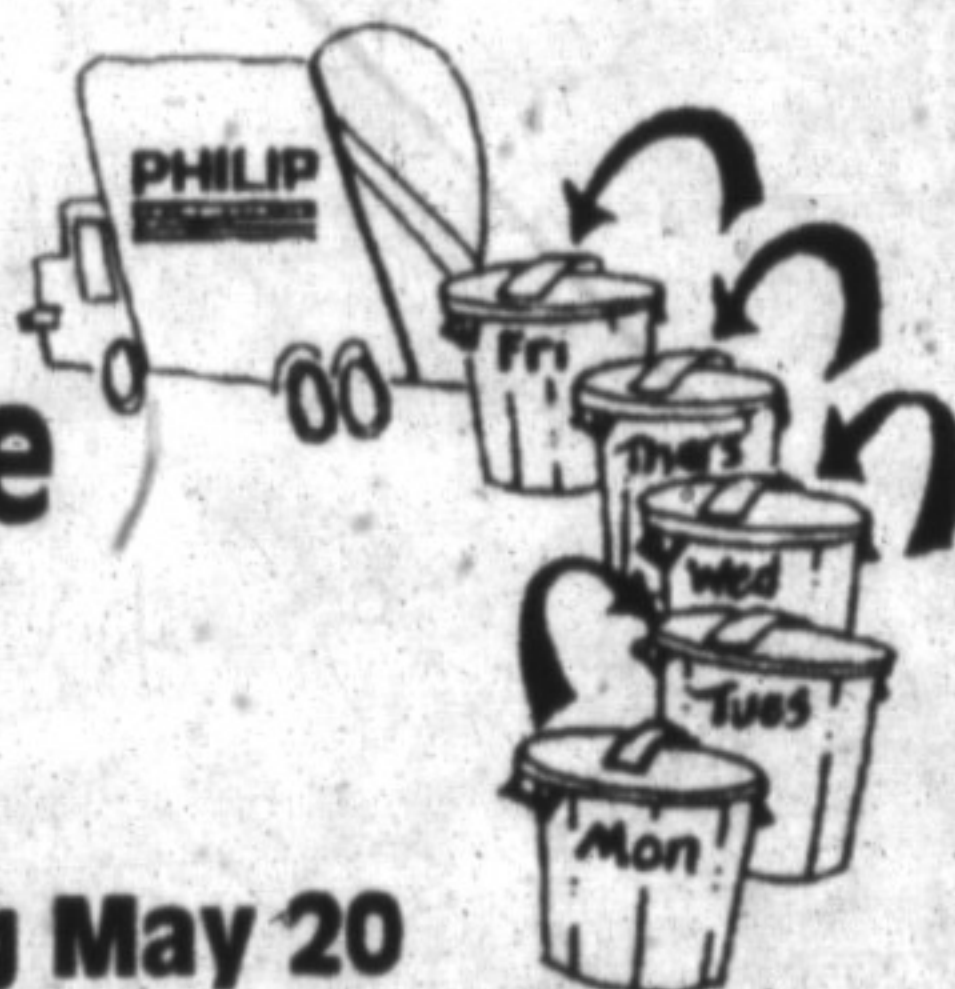
This is a challenging opportunity to join a changing organization. The position offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package. Interested candidates should forward their resume by May 24/96 to:

Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer  
Town of Milton P.O. Box 1005  
Milton, Ontario L9T 4B6 TEL (905) 878-7211 FAX (905) 878-6995

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