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## One compromise sufficient: Deoni

By BRAD REAUME  
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Milton separate school Trustee Joe Deoni says one compromise is enough.

With parent councils at each school in Ontario beginning to take shape a local controversy regarding council eligibility has grown in intensity.

In Halton separate schools local councils are only allowed to have two non-Catholics serve. That has raised the ire of a vocal group who think anybody with children in the separate school system should be allowed to run for a position.

"We went a long way to come up with some accommodation," said Mr. Deoni. "It's not a financial issue, it's a matter of faith. I'm going to have more trouble defending the compromise to those who didn't want it than I am explaining it to those who did."

Mr. Deoni said his stance on the issue was reflected very accurately in the editorial position taken by *The Canadian Champion* in its Wednesday, Sept. 25 edition.

"It's my job to uphold the Catholic system. Many people have missed that point," he said. "The compromise was an attempt to protect non-Catholics. What we have done is discriminate against Catholics because we have reserved two spots for non-Catholics on each council."

Milton's urban member of the separate school board Mary Lou Loughlin echoed Mr.



Joe Deoni

Deoni's comments. She explained that in the first year of the councils some parameters needed to be set but in future years the councils are granted substantial autonomy to function as they see fit, within the rules set down by the government and the board.

"The board made a decision on policy and that decision is made, so we will have our elections by October 30," Ms. Loughlin said. "This is new to us, parents and the Ministry (of Education)."

Parents who claim the current policy on candidates is flawed will try to get the issue raised at the next board meeting, slated for early October.



## Child's play

Three year old Stephanie Mullin took advantage of a pleasant autumn afternoon to try out the play equipment in Rotary Park on Wednesday.

Photos by Graham Paine

## Pomeroy moves on after 'atrocities'

By BRAD REAUME  
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Life goes on, and for Peter Pomeroy, life is pretty good.

Despite his courtroom vindication, the former Halton regional chair still has trouble thinking about the gut-wrenching four years he and his family lived through, when he was the central figure in a munic-

ipal corruption investigation and subsequent trial.

Charges against Mr. Pomeroy were eventually thrown out as groundless and the investigators publicly chastised by a judge, but the specter of those tough times still weighs on his heart.

"The issues were so bizarre. It was an atrocity that we had to suffer through it. It made me mad as hell," said Mr. Pomeroy. "I should have been more forceful in my approach. I should have gotten professional (legal) help earlier. I thought it would go away."

Mr. Pomeroy is still unhappy with what he sees as the poor investigative process that led to the charges and the drawn out legal ordeal. However, he said he has put the unpleasantness behind him, claiming that life is too short. He said he is not pursuing any redress.

"The reason I didn't get legal help earlier was I was very confident I'd done nothing

wrong, probably too confident, so I didn't get legal support until I was well along. I didn't realize the magnitude of the investigation," he said. "It is an unfortunate part of Ontario history."

Mr. Pomeroy is a busy man, having set up a consulting business, and is getting as much work as he can handle. Appleking-Norval Incorporated is Mr. Pomeroy's second private business venture. He spent 12 years running a retail sporting goods firm. The new company name is a translation of his last name 'pomme' which is French for apple and 'roi' which means king: Appleking.

His new business focuses on public sector projects. Examples of his work include consultations, producing a request for proposals for a solid waste project, and organizing marketing plans for businesses.

"I'm enjoying it thoroughly," he said. "I'm on the board of directors for a retail

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### NEWSLINES

#### Library scarecrow workshop

Build a better scarecrow and bring a smile to friends and neighbours. Mag Brown is hosting a workshop on Thursday, Oct. 3 for those interested in creating a scarecrow for the autumn season.

The sessions are slated for 6:30 p.m. at the Milton Public Library. The fee is \$25, which includes a pattern for an easily sewn shirt and pants, a base and wire body, padding, and a burlap hat. Registrants should bring a fabric, autumn accents such as vegetables, a glue gun, scissors and some imagination. For more information call 875-2665.

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