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FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 1997

Registration for those children who are interested in the French Immersion Program in the Catholic schools in Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Georgetown will be held at all designated schools as listed below, on:

Wednesday, January 29, 1997
8:30am to 5:00pm

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- student must be entering grade 5 in September 1997 in a Halton Roman Catholic School;
- in person only - parent, guardian or other responsible adult with a letter indicating they are acting on parents' behalf;
- registration to take place at the designated French Immersion school you wish your child to attend;
- enrolment for the French Immersion Program is limited;
- registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

LOCATION OF DESIGNATED SCHOOLS

Area	Designated Schools
North Burlington	St. Gabriel
South Burlington	Ascension
Halton Hills	Holy Cross
Milton	Holy Rosary
Oakville	St. Matthew, St. Bernadette, St. Joseph

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The big chill

The weekend's frosty weather didn't have everyone shivering. Many, like jogger Jamie MacKay, went out for a regular run despite the minus 30 degrees Celsius wind chill.

Union worried over ambulance move to municipal umbrella

By KIM ARNOTT

Special to The Champion

Dumping responsibility for ambulance service onto local municipalities is a mistake, according to the head of the union representing ambulance attendants in Halton.

"We don't think this is a very smart move," said Gord Armes, president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), Local 207.

"We fear the service may suffer if it goes to the municipalities." Several days after the province announced that local government will take over complete responsibility for the critical care service, Mr. Armes was still searching for details on how the plan might work.

"Info is scarce," he said. "Everybody's got their own opinion on this, but it would be nice if we knew what was going to happen to us."

But Ron Liersch, manager of the Halton-Mississauga Ambulance Service, is holding off forming an opinion until he gets more information.

"It would be premature to get all excited or lambaste it or applaud it at this point," said Mr. Liersch.

Mr. Liersch and his two partners, who have operated the privately-owned ambulance service since 1974, will have to sit down with provincial officials to get some idea of how the change will happen, he said.

"I don't know any more than you do," he admitted. It isn't even yet clear whether ambulance service will be a responsibility of regional or local governments.

But Mr. Armes, one of 95 full-time attendants with the Oakville-based service, fears the province's new plan will create an inequitable, patchwork system of service throughout Ontario.

OPSEU members, working with private operators like Mr. Liersch, have struggled to create standardized practices, work environments and collective agreements over the years, Mr. Armes said.

"We could be going back 25 years on this," he noted.

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