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Principals lay down the law on protesting

School principals in Halton are telling teachers not to encourage "political action" by students protesting cuts in education funding.

Principals are being told to inform their teachers during staff meetings about what they should and shouldn't accept, in both teacher and student behavior.

In a memo received by Halton school trustees, Barry Finlay, president of the principals association, said it's a conflict of interest for teachers to initiate or encourage political action by students affecting teachers.

Mr. Finlay said he's discussed the issue with both high school and elementary school principals working for the Halton board.

The memo said they will "continue to use their best judgment" when dealing with student political action, and ensure students don't "impede the learning of others or attempt to force others" into political action.

The issue became controversial when the union representing high school teachers across Ontario called for its members to use the classroom to discuss proposed education cuts.

Halton police look for some new talent

Halton Regional Police will be hiring.

Police announced Tuesday that the force is accepting applications for future openings for police constables.

Applications will be available Thursday, Feb. 27 and Friday, Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Halton Regional Centre auditorium.

A charge of \$10.70 per application will be charged.

Applications may be com-

pleted and submitted on site. Those picked up on any of the three days must be submitted no later than March 13.

Applicants invited to written testing will be subject to a \$53.50 fee.

The Halton Regional Centre is located at 1151 Bronte Rd. in Oakville.

Only applications distributed at that location over the three days will be accepted.

For further information, call the force's police recruiting line at 825-4747, ext. 5116.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Bruce Magee, chair of the Campbellville Area Business Association, knows his group is at a crossroads. The question on his mind is, will it survive?

These two competing visions leave Campbellville leaderless

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

THE FUTURE OF CAMPBELLVILLE'S long-running business association is up in the air following numerous difficulties.

Campbellville Area Business Association (CABA) executives voted to suspend the troubled group's operations for a year after numerous merchants and residents signed a petition opposing their bid to form a Business Improvement Area (BIA), said CABA head Bruce Magee.

Mr. Magee, CABA chairman, said the executive believed forming a BIA would increase revenue and solve the group's problems in getting volunteers to help run village promotional activities.

"We had a very small group of volunteers doing a lot of work," he said. But opposition to a BIA was greater

than 33 per cent — killing the move under a Town of Milton bylaw.

The bylaw for BIAs requires that 66 per cent of businesses in the tax roll support the move before it can be passed.

The petition, circulated by Countrywide Campbellville Realty operator Sylvia Bursey, includes opposition from 26 of 52 Campbellville businesses that were eligible to join the proposed BIA, Mr. Magee said.

He said the remaining 18 signatures represent residents, as well as businesses ineligible because they are either property owners, not on the tax roll or situated north of Hwy. 401.

"While the petition cites several reasons for the opposition, Ms Bursey said the main one centre's around Campbellville's lack of a commercially-zoned business area.

She said the village's main core includes a mix of residences and

businesses, so a community organization, not a BIA, would be more suitable.

"A BIA isn't the answer," she said. "There's more than businesses in the village of Campbellville that need representation."

Ms Bursey said many Campbellville business owners stopped supporting CABA due to dissatisfaction with the way it operated.

She said the executive was too dominant and unresponsive to members' ideas.

"They want to control everything and do everything their way," she said. "Everyone is willing to do things if they're not put down."

She added that meetings were unproductive. "All they did was argue with each other and nothing was accomplished."

Mr. Magee countered that he can't

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