

Appeal still pending in case of fired teacher

A Malton public school teacher who was fired by the Peel Board of Education in May has not responded to a request for additional information required before an appeal is granted.

Robert Saunders of the Ministry of Education's

policy liaison and legislation branch says he has not heard from Hazel Barkley since her original request was made for a board of reference, an appeal by the Ministry which examines the dismissal and decides whether it was valid.

The Ministry technically had only 30 days to decide whether or not to grant the board of reference. In registered letters to the Peel Board of Education and Barkley, the Ministry asked for supporting information from each side before it

made its decision.

The board dismissed Barkley from her position at Ridgewood Public School.

Barkley, a teacher for 15 years in Peel, appealed.

Two weeks ago when contacted by The Times, Barkley said she had received no registered mail from the Ministry. An initial letter asked Barkley if she would agree to waive the requirement for a decision in 30 days by the Ministry. A second letter asked her to get in touch with officials.

The Peel board provided the requested information about a month ago.

If Saunders doesn't hear from Barkley, there will come a point in time where we have to go ahead and act without the information we've asked for," says Saunders.

If the Ministry does agree to grant a board of reference to hear an appeal, the Peel board may argue before the courts that the appeal should not be heard since the time limits in the Education Act have not been met.

Barkley could not be reached for comment this week.



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Hospital fund on the rise

Mississauga Hospital is \$1.2 million away from its fundraising goal of \$1.75 million. An increase of about \$70,000 in one week, has moved the total to \$487,000 development officer Lyle Doering announced Monday.

"The momentum is very encouraging," said Doering. "We've reached about 28 per cent of the total."

The bulk of last week's increase came from two sources. The hospital received \$30,000 from the liquidation of an estate and two banks donated \$17,500 each. The major banks have all pledged this amount.

Construction is about 30 per cent complete," Doering said. "There's a good deal of evidence where the money's going. It's starting to take shape."

The Mississauga Hospital renovation and expansion program will add 133 beds to the hospital.

Goal: 1.75 million

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Pharmacy break-in leads to charges

A 22-year-old private property following an attempted break-in at the Malton Drug Mart charged with mischief to

called to the scene Saturday evening and found a man bleeding from both arms in the vicinity of the broken front door of the Malton Drug Mart, 7080 Airport Rd.

After further investigation the accused was also charged with a July 25 break-in at the same store and the theft of a number of Percodan tablets.

Charged with one count of break, enter and theft under \$200 and one count of mischief to private property is John Reginald Milne, 22, of Derry Road.

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