

## A move to improve student nutrition

Some foods which taste pretty good but are bad for you are going to cost more than foods which taste pretty bad but are good for you in school cafeterias next year.

The changes result from the Peel Board of Education awarding this week the contract for operation of cafeterias in all schools to Beaver Foods Ltd. for the next two years.

Beaver Foods offers a menu which is much the same as that of Eastwood Food Services which held the contract last year, but price changes have been made to encourage students to eat foods which are more nutritional.

French fries have gone up five cents a serving as well as packaged pastries and carbonated soft drinks. On the other hand, the price of a salad plate has been reduced 20 cents, from 80 to 60, and an eight-ounce serving of milk will now cost 15 cents, five less than last year and five less than pop.

Prices of popular items like hamburgers and hotdogs remain the same.

The prices of fruit drinks and fresh fruit have also been reduced five cents.

As well as reducing prices on nutritional foods, Beaver Foods will introduce nutrition specials on a monthly basis and encourage students to take part in them by advertising throughout the school.

Ian Lagasse, director of marketing at Beaver Foods' told the board that this multifaceted nutritional approach has been carried out with success in over 130 schools.

"Students take the foods they want (hot dogs, hamburgers)," he said, "and surround them with supportive foods (yogurt, salads), to provide a balanced diet."

The board has banned the sale of "junk food" in the cafeterias—potato chips, cheesies and chocolate bars, for instance. Sunflower seeds and soya nuts are being offered as alternatives.

Potato chips and cheesies are still offered

by student-run operations and the board requested a report on these sales.

Beaver Foods expects sales of between \$1.3 million and \$1.6 million, of which 6.5 per cent or \$95,000, whichever is greater, will be paid to the board. The money will then be returned to the schools for their use.

At the board meeting, trustees also agreed to send a letter to the Ontario government requesting the minimum drinking age be raised from 18 to 20.

Trustee Pat Meany, who suggested the letter, said it would add Peel's voice to others asking that the age be raised.

"At least," he added, "if the age was raised to 20 it would take the problem of drinking out of the high schools, making it illegal for students under 20 to return to school after drinking."

John Fraser, director of education, said there have been no complaints made to his office over students who have been drinking.

## Everything was good except the bill

Francisco Bracamonte, 30, displayed a taste for the finer things in life when he ordered his dinner at the La Talento Restaurant in Sheridan Mall.

He called for rainbow trout, lobster, shrimp cocktail and wine, then asked that his leftovers be wrapped so he could take them with him.

Unfortunately, he also advised the management that he didn't have any money to pay his \$40 bill so he ended up behind bars.

Defense lawyer Bob Callahan advised court that the doggie bag was intended for Bracamonte's brother.

Callahan said the man was hitchhiking from the Salvation Army hostel in Hamilton to

the hostel in Toronto when he got hungry and dropped into La Talento.

"He has spent a night in custody and savored the fare at the jail," Callahan added.

Judge John Ord placed Bracamonte on 12 months probation and ordered him to make restitution to the restaurant for the \$40 bill within two months.

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## Processing to start on North-North Dixie plan

By JOHN STEWART

Developers in North-North Dixie will have their plans of subdivision processed after many months of waiting, but there are still many financial hurdles to be cleared before large-scale development takes place.

General committee this

week passed a recommendation from Planning Commissioner Russ Edmunds to allow processing of plans in North-North Dixie.

The community is bounded by Etobicoke Creek on the east, Burnhamthorpe Rd. on the south, Mavis Rd. on the

west and the hydro right-of-way on the north.

Edmunds also recommended that during processing of the plans, a development staging program be planned to accommodate all the concerns of city staff.

The controversial North-North Dixie plan, for which

an Official Plan Amendment was approved in 1973, has been held up because of massive transportation problems predicted by city staff.

The Rockwood Estates battle between developer John Prusac and council last year highlighted the debate over

whether development should proceed.

In reports this week, city departments reiterated their list of concerns.

Edmunds noted that the decision to improve Tomken Rd. and Eglinton Ave. this year has reduced the uncertainty about transportation

facilities. But City Engineer William Taylor reported that the ultimate development of Rockwood, Mississauga Valleys and Mississauga Meadows to 28,700 people would require the construction of Hwy. 403 as well as local road improvements worth \$13 million. This in-

cludes Eglinton (\$6.9 million), Tomken (\$1.3 million), Fieldgate (\$1.2 million), Rathburn Rd. (\$3.1 million) and improvements to the Little Etobicoke Creek (\$500,000).

Of the \$13 million, \$10 million should be paid for by developers, Taylor said.

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