



What a year!

Lincoln MPP Tim Hudak was surrounded by many constituents and members of the Vineland Women's Institute during New Year's Levee 2000 held at the Vineland Women's Institute on Jan. 9. Surrounding MPP Hudak are from left, Cathy Dennahower, Neil and Joyce McClelland, Gerri Ras, Lee Moore and Barb Boyer.

Drainage pond to be fenced

The stormwater management facility of the Highland Park Estates subdivision should soon see some much needed improvements that will satisfy residents concerned about safety.

Lee Ripenburg, Lincoln engineering technician, updated the Public Works Committee Jan. 10 on the current status of the stormwater management facility.

Staff has recommended that the fence be placed on the property line and not encroach into the pond area.

Mr. Ripenburg said the original fencing proposal has been revised. Staff have proposed a 1.5 m black vinyl chain-like fence to be constructed along

the property line and that trees will be planted around the perimeter of the fence in the boulevard area.

"The fence is to resolve a safety issue," said Mr. Ripenburg.

Staff have also developed a Storm Detention Facility Inspection and Operation Sheet which includes grass cutting.

Mr. Ripenburg said residents felt that if the fence were to be placed on the property line, the area behind the fence in the pond area would become an eyesore and look untidy.

"Both sides of the fence will be manicured in keeping with the residents concerns," added Mr. Ripenburg.

He added that the pond will be inspected every spring and fall and the inspection sheet will be completed and that grass in the boulevard and pond upper areas will be cut every two weeks.

Mayor Ray Konkle asked if instead of inspections being made twice a year, if it could be changed to every three months to assure the upkeep of the facility.

"I have heard many complaints about the appearance of the facility," said Ald. Geoffrey Barlow. "I am very pleased to see a maintenance procedure."

The total cost of the project will be about \$12,300 for fencing around the perimeter and for 11 trees in various locations.

Province commits \$229,569 to sewer funding in Campden

□ Residents say it still leaves them with a \$13,000 bill per household to fix the sewage problem

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Erie-Lincoln MPP Tim Hudak was at Campden School Tuesday morning to present a cheque for \$229,569 to the Town of Lincoln to go towards the \$1.8-million Campden sewage project.

But residents were not impressed, since that amount would only drop the cost per household from \$16,000 to \$13,000. Residents have said repeatedly that they can afford to pay no more than \$8,000 per household.

Wilf and Joyce Smith expressed the feelings of many Campden residents after the presentation.

"We're not impressed," Mrs. Smith said. "Residents don't have that much money."

"Sure, it helps, but it's not much money," Mr. Smith added. "It's pocket change for the province."

"This hasn't helped us," said Campden resident Denise Updon. "We're in just as big a hole as we were. It's unacceptable. The provincial share for that (project) is a slap in the face."

Regional Chairman Debbie Zimmerman pointed out that Niagara Region has committed \$850,000 for the pumping station, and Mrs. Updon said that residents are pleased about the Region's commitment to the project.

Chairman Zimmerman stressed that the Region will continue working with the Town of Lincoln to ensure the project goes ahead, and hopes to find a way to drop the cost to \$10,000 per resident.

"We have made a commitment to the Town of Lincoln to correct the problem," she said. "We're not going to let the project fall because there's no further commitment from the provincial government. That's

why we've committed the \$850,000."

Resident Gail Tanton was not pleased with the \$10,000 figure.

"That \$10,000 could be put towards another house in another area, if we had it - but we don't have it," she said.

The Town of Lincoln had applied earlier for a grant for the same amount of money from the province for this project, but was turned down. Joint talks amongst Chairman Zimmerman, Mayor Ray Konkle, Mr. Hudak and Environment Minister Tony Clement resulted in the grant to help solve Campden's 30-year-old sewage problems.

"This is the kind of teamwork we encourage in Niagara," Chairman Zimmerman said.

Mayor Konkle said the Town might kick in some money, although usually projects of this type are funded within the community they benefit. He said the Town also intends to apply for another provincial grant, and will be talking to the private sector to see if funding can be obtained from corporations in the area. Already, the consortium of Proctor and Redfern and Walker Brothers Quarries is involved in the lagoon portion of the project. However, he had hoped the province would be more generous.

"I'm pleased that there was money allocated for the work," he said. "I'd hoped it would be more, but at least I've got a cheque to cash."

The Mayor said the work should start soon and will take about a year to complete.

"We're hopeful that we can put everything in place to start construction in the fall," he said. "The engineering shouldn't take long. We have boxes of information and studies."

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VIOLENT NATURE



High winds whipped up the waters of Lake Ontario on Tuesday, driving waves into the pier and spraying the outer lighthouse in Port Dalhousie.

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