

- EVERYONE IS HEREBY ASKED TO DO HIS OR HER PART TO
HELP KEEP OUR SURROUNDINGS CLEAN AND PLEASANT.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

1. MEDICAL CENTRE

The community has a small first-class Medical Centre located on Highway 508 at the 11th Line, near Calabogie. This building was built with the cooperation of the Calabogie Booster Club at a cost of \$47,000. It was opened October 20, 1974. In 1979 the Township will make its final \$7,000 payment to the Booster Club, and will have complete ownership of the building in 1980.

It is in this building, in the basement, that the Township offices and Council Chamber are located.

In 1977 the parking lot at the Centre was paved to eliminate dust and mud from being tracked into the medical facility. The cost of this job was approximately \$2,000.

2. MEDICAL STAFF

The Medical Centre is capably staffed by Doctors Michael and Catherine Downing who took up residence and began practice in the area in mid-1974. Both the Doctors and the Centre have served their purpose very well, both on a regular and emergency basis. The community is most fortunate to have these medical services and facility in its midst.

3. VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES

The VON serves our community where doctors are not necessary, and in cases not attended by Public Health Nurses. The VON provides HOME CARE, which is care requested by a doctor after a patient has been discharged

from hospital. A limited amount of Home Care is covered by OHIP. However, the VON provides services for which it is not paid by OHIP, and needs financial assistance from public sources. In 1977 we paid \$400 to the VON.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

The community is serviced by a Public Health Nurse employed by the Renfrew County and District Health Unit. The nurse works regularly with children in the schools, co-operates with the local doctors, and visits other sick, elderly or troubled persons in the community. She conducts child immunization clinics, visits new mothers and their babies in hospital, and is equipped to help with almost every aspect of family health care.

Although the community does not pay a tax levy directly to the public health agency the Township does pay a tax levy to the County of Renfrew, which, in turn, provides a substantial proportion of the funds required to operate the County Health Unit, including the nursing services discussed above. In other words, indirectly a portion of the taxes paid by every rate-payer goes toward the cost of the public health service.

5. RENFREW VICTORIA HOSPITAL

This Township has a financial relationship with the Renfrew Victoria Hospital, through the Town of Renfrew. About fifteen years ago the Township assumed responsibility for paying off a block of debentures which raised money for hospital improvements at that time. Each year the Township has been paying the Town of Renfrew \$1,918 to retire its obligation.

6. WELFARE

In keeping with provincial legislation the Municipality undertakes to protect resident persons who for some reason find themselves in need of financial assistance.