

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

1. BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Township's Building Inspector is Lawrence Fillator, a man who has done an admirable job for many years due to his experience in the building trade, and his personal manner of being. People who wish to erect buildings of any kind, or make additions to existing structures, or effect renovations in excess of \$200 are required to see the Building Inspector, and make application for a Building Permit. A permit will be issued after certain conditions are met, such as land severance approval, and documented approval from the County Health Unit.

Mr. Fillator lives on Highway 511 near Calabogie. His phone number is 752-2499.

2. LAND SEVERANCE

The business of selling and buying land must usually go through a process of Land Severance administered by the County Land Severance Committee. This Committee acts in reference to a Land Severance Policy approved jointly by the County of Renfrew and the provincial Ministry of Housing. Land Severance application forms may be obtained from the County offices in Pembroke, from one's solicitor, or from the Township office.

3. PLANNING

At this point in time the Township does not have any ordered guidelines other than the County Land Severance Policy in respect to land and community development. However, the time has come when serious and orderly planning must be considered for the entire Township, and not just isolated subdivisions.

To meet the need the Planning Department of the County has been asked for assistance, and is now drafting a

Policy Statement and a comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Township. These documents are expected to be ready before the end of 1978. Residents and taxpayers will have an opportunity to study these documents and express opinions before all or any parts of them become law. What we should hope to attain in the end is a flexible measure of control for an ordered development of the community. Good planning policy will be of benefit to both the individual citizen and the tourist industry as well.

4. TOURISM AND INDUSTRY

The ongoing development of the ski facilities at Calabogie Peaks continues to have a profound effect on the area as a whole. The Peaks itself has an approved subdivision where a number of chalets have been built or are under construction; and two other developers have small subdivisions in process of approval.

The influx of winter ski buffs, and the increasing number of summer tourists have combined to affect other businesses. Dining establishments with licensed premises have opened for business during the past couple of years. Camping grounds are expanding their facilities.

And the advent of TIMBERTOWN a few miles away will also have an effect on this community which is difficult to even imagine at the moment.

In all likelihood a local crafts industry will grow in importance during the next few years, for already we have weavers, potters, quilt makers, painters and other craftspersons in our midst.

So, to preserve a heritage, an environment, a way of life, and build a community at the same time, means that planning is of paramount importance.