

would be relatively modest. At the same time there would be sufficient space to allow for public attendance at Council meetings. It is hoped that this facility will be available by mid-1978. (Note: Council began using the new Chambers in April, and construction was completed in June.)

## 5. PROPERTIES UNDER ADMINISTRATION

The following properties are owned and administered by the Municipality.

1. The Community Hall
2. The Fire Hall
3. The Township Garage
4. Centennial Park (on the 11th Line)
5. The Cenotaph Property
6. 1.58 acres at the east end of Calabogie Lake, including a heritage log building under construction.
7. Approximately 90 acres acquired from Ontario Hydro near Calabogie, being potential park land.
8. One acre more or less on the Norton Road, this being a public garbage disposal area.
9. 220 Acres in Lot 8, Con., 2, Blythfield.
10. And investigations are now underway to determine if the Municipality does in fact own other properties.

## 6. GEOGRAPHY

In addition to being a political and economic unit the Township is a geographical unit, and geography has a bearing on municipal affairs. A few geographical facts are as follows:

- The area of Bagot and Blythfield is 175.9 sq. miles.
- Bagot and Blythfield is bounded on the north by the Township of Admaston, and a portion of Horton; on the east by McNab Township; and on the west by Brougham Township.
- The Hamlet of Calabogie is the hub of the Township.

- Two Churches with their ministries, and two schools, contribute to serving the religious and educational needs of the community.
- Calabogie is approximately 16 miles from Renfrew, 25 miles from Arnprior, and 65 miles from Ottawa.
- The beautiful Madawaska River flows through the Township from west to east, and forms Calabogie Lake between two Ontario Hydro dams.
- The area fosters a rapidly developing tourist industry with facilities that include the increasingly popular Calabogie Peaks ski complex, and a combination of 15 resorts supplying various forms of accommodation.
- The Township is responsible for approximately 90 miles of roads, and three bridges, one of which spans the Madawaska River at Springtown. Many of the road miles are through rugged, sparsely populated terrain.
- The area abounds with potential for cross-country skiing in winter, and hiking in summer. Maintained snowmobile trails are also available.
- Topographically, this is Big Pine Country. The land is ruggedly beautiful, with mountainous hills and lovely valleys, running waters and lakes, high skies and pastoral plateaus, rocks and swamps. It's a place of hunting and fishing, naturalness and serenity, a good place to live in and appreciate!

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

### 1. GENERAL COMMENT

It may be well to point out immediately that the financial position of the Township has been improving over the past six years, and that the health of the Township is good and sound financially speaking.

Every effort has been made to use and employ our dollar resources wisely for the benefit of the community