

Environment

By Stewart Smith

Their most pressing statement was the announcement of a public meeting, called for Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Club 580 Clubhouse, Bancroft. There the Environmental Youth Corps will report to the community on their summer activities.

Angela Woodcock (Job Coach) and Keeley Forth (Coordinator) reported to the Bancroft Town Council, at its meeting on Monday, August 28. This year the program has concentrated on Hazardous Waste, alerting as many households as possible to the fact of hazardous wastes in the home.

They circulated a questionnaire of 9 questions, and are tabulating the results. Of special interest to Council was a question, "Would you support the use of tax dollars in the organization of a household hazardous waste disposal day?" Of the respondents, 61% said "yes"; and another 27% said "maybe."

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Chief Superintendent of Works, Barry Wannamaker, entered the discussion, usually confirming the worst fears.

* "We try not to take batteries at the [landfill site]," he agreed. That means any battery - from flashlight to car. Canadian Tire is accepting automotive batteries, as well as used anti-freeze and motor oil.

* "Paint is only a hazard when it is wet," Mr. Wannamaker added.

Keeley Forth told of a project near Stirling, where all paint is poured together, mixed well, and sold to area farmers as primer for their barns.

* There is no longer a market for used propane tanks - not even for the scrap metal, noted Barry Wannamaker.

trouble right off the bat," agreed Reeve Bill Howe.

He hopes that the municipalities "will not be dictated to," with laws good for Toronto imposed on to others, whether they are appropriate or not. Mr. Howe expects that municipalities will have "More power to exercise their own destiny."

He points to "Ten years of spend - spend - spend," observing, "we can't do that any more."

SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Township accepted Provincial guidelines for registering surplus municipal property, with a view to finally offering this for sale.

Councillors thought immediately of the old Bicroft Mine site,

an area of 40 acres, which is "Abandoned, and available for sale."

"It's part of the history of Haliburton County," Clerk Sandra McColl pleaded. She wishes that some group could take it over with that in mind, and preserve or celebrate that history.

WATERWORKS

Council also reviewed an agreement with Whitfield's Pro Hardware, and Burke Chamberlin, of Bancroft, regarding work on the Pumphouse, chlorination system, and water works building.

Work is scheduled for late August, September, and early October,

1995.

PLUGGED SEWER

Council was started to add up the costs for a plugged sewer and necessary excavations, on Monck Street. Immediate costs for this are \$800.

As Council negotiates with a citizen, the press is not allowed to follow.

Bicroft Township Council

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Monmouth Township Council

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The supply of knives and teaspoons has dropped to a level where there could be difficulty catering a large banquet. The supply of plates, etc. is up to 200, if sets borrowed by the Curling Club are included.

"I think we should build it up to 250 again," urged Councillor Ruth Strong.

Meanwhile the Renovation Committee is planning details about painting the hall. Yes, the Township will help financially.

ARENA

When should the ice go in, in the Wilberforce Arena? Is it financially feasible to put it in at the beginning of October? Council will investigate this.

Council praised Rick Huffman and Alan Ablett, of the Minor Hockey Association. The club has been able to pay off all of its debt. The Bingos [see "Mark Your Calendar"] are doing well,

and helping in this cause.

LOON LAKE

A letter was received from the Loon Lake Property Owners Association. At issue is Dudman Lake, in the north west corner of Monmouth, and partly in Dysart.

Here the Ministry of Natural Resources saw fit to sell off several lots for cottages - without road access. Cottagers have been using a make-shift road, which crosses private property, and is no longer available. The public road "comes to a sheer cliff," Council was told. "We don't want to get into building roads and bridges," Reeve Keith Tallman warned. Council is going to take up the plight of especially 5 cottagers with the Minister of Natural Resources: Hon. Chris Hodgson, M.P.P.

PROPERTY STANDARD

By-law Enforcement Officer, Ken Noble, reported on a property in Wilberforce which continues to cause concern. "He's

working on it - but awfully slow," Mr. Noble complained.

SCHOOL BUS

Mr. Noble also spoke of a school bus turn-around which can cause problems this winter. "I don't want a Junior Kindergarten [student] at the top of that hill," he pleaded.

Council realized that the situation must be looked after. The child will continue to attend school for many years into the future.

GARBAGE

"How many diapers can you use at the beach?" wondered Councillor Jim Deterling. He suspects that garbage is being brought to this and other containers (including some in Wilberforce) with the idea that the garbage owner has literally dumped [his] problems on to the municipality.

MEDICAL CENTRE

Council noted a request for a wheel chair ramp for the Medical Centre in Wilberforce. This could be accomplished rather easily.

Keith Tallman also reported interest from additional doctors in possibly taking their turn in the Medical Centre.

Bancroft Becomes A TOWN

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August 28.

At that point the Village of Bancroft faded into history, and the Town of Bancroft was born.

The major change to be noted will come at the next Municipal elections. The Ontario Municipal Board has directed: "That the composition of the Municipal Council for the term beginning December 1, 1997 be composed as follows: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and three Councillors Elected At Large."

Bancroft is officially a Town. The notice of approval from the Ontario Municipal Board is dated Wednesday, the 9th day of August, 1995.

This was completed by the first, second, and third reading of a By-Law (No. 649-95) at the Council meeting on Monday,

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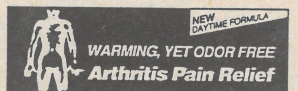
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