

Students will study County's development

Simcoe County high school students have been asked to present a brief through their student federation to the Simcoe County Georgian Task Force concerning a development strategy for Simcoe County.

The Simcoe County Student Federation will be meeting at Barrie Eastview Secondary School on April 3rd to discuss putting together the brief. Five weeks later representatives of the student federation will be expected to present their brief during a two day conference at the Fern Resort on May 9 and 10.

The following is a message from Rick Leroux, a Penetanguishene Secondary School student, who is chairman of the Simcoe County Secondary Student Federation. Rick outlines the reasons for student participating in the study and calls upon students who are interested in expressing opinions to attend a meeting to be held at PSS this week.

Students and the Simcoe County Georgian Task Force by Rick Leroux
Simcoe County will grow

over the next thirty-five years. Right now the Simcoe-Georgian Task Force is deciding how and where this growth will take place. We are in the Toronto-centred region and the Midland area is designated for growth.

This is to provide an alternative to a rapidly growing Toronto. By decentralizing this growth we reduce congestion and pollution problems. Simcoe County may increase in population to about 500,000 people. The majority of growth will take place in four centres: Barrie, Orillia, Midland, and Collingwood-Wasaga Beach. The Midland area has a projected population of 70,000. We must be careful to protect our environment and agricultural land. Proper land use planning is essential.

The Simcoe-Georgian task force would like to hear more public opinion, especially from students. Since it is today's youth which will have to live with decisions made now, we should have a say in any decision making. Through the Simcoe County Secondary Student's

Federation, a county student brief is being prepared. This brief will be presented at the second Fern Resort conference on May 9th and 10th, where many final policy decisions will be made. We have been studying this subject in our Grade 13 Geography class and what

we would like now are the opinions of all students interested.

If you have any opinions you should present them, so that we can have real representation when our brief is prepared. Meetings will be held at the school after we go back next week,

and everybody is invited to attend. We will discuss, in some depth, the proposals for this area.

All members of the public are invited to attend the

public meeting for the Midland area on Monday, April 28th, at the Highland Motel. At this meeting you will also be able to discuss development strategies.



Sawing a log

Danny Robitaille and Jeff Bredin (right) push and pull the saw through a tough piece of wood during a log sawing contest at Lafontaine's recent "Fun Day". The potato

bag race, the three legged race, a billiards tournament, and a bean eating contest were just some of the other activities held during the fun filled day.

Staff photo

Planning board receives summer help

Approval has been granted for the hiring of two planning students this summer by the Tiny Tay Peninsula Planning Board.

John Faulkner, the director of the area planning board, received word of approval from provincial authorities last Friday.

Last summer the TTPPB was allowed to hire six summer students under the Involvement in Municipal Administration program, the same program under which students are being hired this year. Under the IMA program the Ontario government offers to reimburse municipalities or in this case an area planning board for up to 80 per cent of the students' salaries, up to a maximum subsidy of \$100 a week per student. Faulkner said the students would be paid \$125 per week in order for them to receive a maximum subsidy.

The reason the planning board has only been allowed to hire two students this year (compared to last year's six) is because that's all the board applied for. Faulkner explained that in past years each municipality wishing to participate in the program was eligible to hire two students. The TTPPB representing six member municipalities (Victoria Harbour, Penetanguishene, Port McNicoll, Tiny and Tay Townships, Midland), has in recent years done the hiring of students for these municipalities. The six municipalities would then, together with officials at the TTPPB, decide what projects in which municipalities the students would work on.

This year the TTPPB applied immediately for only two planning students, and then asked for a third if there were sufficient funds in the IMA program. The larger municipalities represented on the TTPPB; Midland, Penetanguishene and Tiny Township, were left to hire students of their own if they wished.

According to Faulkner the new procedure was followed because the old one (whereby the TTPPB hired all the students) was wasteful. He explained that if a student had some work to do on a project in Tiny Township, the student still

had to report to the TTPPB office in Penetanguishene at the beginning and the end of the working day. If the municipalities like Midland, Penetanguishene and Tiny Township did their own hiring the students would work right out of those municipal offices. However, if students hired by municipalities need help, the resources of the TTPPB are there for the students use at the board offices in Penetanguishene Faulkner said.

Another program in the past was finding suitable accommodations for six students who all worked out of the TTPPB office in Penetanguishene. Now with Midland and Tiny Township eligible to hire a student the problem becomes less acute. Instead of having to try and get accommodation in Penetanguishene as the first choice, students working in Midland or Tiny can look for places to stay there.

The area planning board has made an application for a third student primarily to serve as a floater between the smaller municipalities

represented by the TTPPB. The third student, if hired, would be available to work in Port McNicoll, Tay Township, or Victoria Harbour. The student would also be expected to assist any students who might be hired out of Midland, Penetanguishene, or Tiny Township in addition to helping the two students already hired by the TTPPB.

A check with officials at the Penetanguishene, Midland, and Tiny Township municipal offices revealed that Penetanguishene intends to apply for two students; one in planning the other for administration work. Tiny has applied for a student to assist with preliminary studies on secondary planned communities, and Midland has made no decision yet on whether or not to hire a student.

The two students already hired by the TTPPB are expected to start working by late April or early May. Their work period will end in late August or early September.

That's a rough crowd down there

Councillor Hubert Charlebois expressed a high opinion of the children's ability when it comes to destroying public property during Monday night's town council meeting.

Commenting on a new public washroom which is being built by the waterfront park Charlebois said "the idea that it's made out of wood surprised me." According to Charlebois the building shouldn't have a high life expectancy because (referring to the children) "that's a rough crowd down there." Charlebois told the council children can tear a picnic table apart in five minutes and in other town owned washrooms children have started fires. The building should have been made of cement he suggested.

"The building" will still look very nice but for how long" asked Charlebois?

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Peace and fun in Teen Town

Roy Ferguson signals the peace sign during the Teen Town dance at the Canadian Legion last Wednesday. Hundreds of teenagers turned out to dance to the music of Tommy Shields and the Stirlings.

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Notice
Public Meeting
Proposed Official Plan
of the
Elmvalle Planning Area

Pursuant to the provisions of The Planning Act, an Official Plan Amendment has been prepared for the Elmvalle Planning Board. Prior to submitting this document to the Ministry of Housing for approval, a public meeting will be held to present the Amendment and obtain the views of all persons interested in the future development of the Elmvalle Planning Area.

This meeting is to be held at Elmvalle Board of Trade Room on Thursday, April 3rd, 1975 at 7:00 p.m.

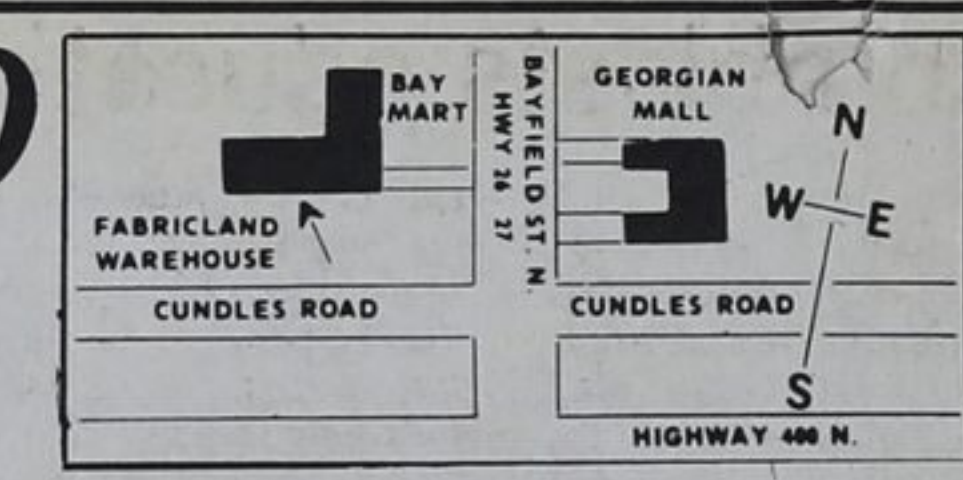
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