

\$5,000 plan criticized

Board rakes consultant

All-future large-scale development in Penetanguishene hinges on a document which is "not workable, cumbersome and ambiguous", it was revealed at planning board Monday night.

The document, Town Development Policy, was intended to be the third amendment to the official plan and would have avoided future red tape in dealings with the provincial government.

It was prepared by Windland Associates at a cost of \$5,000.

In a memorandum to planning board, secretary Paul Hodgins said a preliminary

analysis of the situation "would seem to indicate that both the Town of Penetanguishene and the Ministry of Housing have been somewhat misled by Windland Associates in regards to the scope and content of the development policy as originally proposed."

Hodgins said he phoned a senior planner, Shane Kennedy, in the ministry last week to discuss grants but the conversation turned quickly to the development policy.

"I am disturbed," Hodgins said, "with the somewhat devious manner in which Windland Associates fulfilled their contractual

obligations to the town for this particular project."

He added that he used the word "devious" because he found out from Kennedy that Windland had led the town to believe that the ministry required the document to be prepared a certain way "while indicating to Kennedy that Penetanguishene was quite satisfied with the format and convinced that its officials could decipher the contents of the policy."

As it stands now, the policy which is before the ministry for approval would force the town to go to the province for an official plan amendment each time a new development came up.

Planning board member Willard Duquette said he thought that Windland would work "hand in glove" with the ministry.

"It sounds like they haven't even talked to each other," he said, "It really burns me up."

Councillor Ron Bellisle, who sits on the board, asked, "What did we get for our money?"

Hodgins said the four maps contained in the policy "were not really beneficial". The policy also contained nine pages of actual official plan amendment plus eight pages of background material.

"It leaves a lot to be desired," Bellisle said. Hodgins told the board Monday night that "time is of the essence" and if the changes were not made soon the town would be "stuck with it" in its present form.

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"Unfair" Windland claims

A Windland Associates planning consultant yesterday called remarks made about the firm "really unfair" and said the memorandum circulated at Monday's planning board meeting was "based on ignorance".

Gerald Emchin, a consultant with Windland's Toronto office, expressed surprise that such comments would be made about the Town Development Policy after it had been

passed by council.

"For some unexplained reason they don't understand the document," he said, "but it is two months after the fact."

Emchin said the policy was presented to two meetings of planning board, twice at council and put before a public meeting.

"Consultants are merely advisors," he added, "It is up to the municipality to alter the document."

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\$36,000 below budget

PGH fights restraints

Despite "an ever-increasing level of financial stress" on the health-care field, the Penetanguishene General Hospital came in \$36,000 below budget for last year.

In his report to the annual meeting of the hospital board, Chairman Raymond L'Esperance said the savings was "the result of careful watchfulness on several levels."

He cited the work of the administrator and commended the hospital's department heads for keeping their departments within strict budget guidelines.

While aware of the constraints being placed upon the budgets of hospitals across the province, the chairman said many advances were made last year in spite of the financial problems.

"These savings have been realized in the face of increasing activity levels in almost all areas," he said.

Two major capital expenditures were the replacements for an outdated refrigeration system and an old boiler, he noted.

He made special mention of the work done by the hospital auxiliary which contributed \$2,300 toward capital purchases. One of their main projects was the conversion of one of the wards into a pastoral care office which will be used by clergy of all faiths in the community.

"We are now providing prepared meals for the meals on wheels program and the framework for emergency helicopter services to remote areas," L'Esperance added. One of the new facets at the hospital this past year has been a diabetic teaching

program conducted by the pharmacy and dietary supervisors for the education of both diabetics and their families.

The chairman expressed confidence that the accreditation given the hospital two years ago will be renewed for another three years when another survey is done this summer.

"I believe that every member of our hospital and medical staff would feel equally confident if we were suddenly told that the survey would be conducted tomorrow," he said.

The chief of medical staff at PGH, Dr. Douglas Patchell, presented his annual medical care report and said 1975 had been a year without major incident.

The average length of stay in the hospital has decreased from 9.03 days in December 1974 to 8.74 in December 1975.

L'Esperance was re-elected chairman of the hospital board for another year and John Lackie was chosen as vice-chairman.

Sister Rita Kennedy, apostolate co-ordinator for the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, was a special guest at the meeting.

She commented that the health care field is different than it has ever been before.

"I think we should be the instigators of action," she said, "not the victims of change."

Dallas Black, of A.F. MacLaren Chartered Accountants, presented the financial statement for 1975.

His firm was retained by the board for another year.



Good financial report

Penetanguishene General Hospital board chairman Gerald L'Esperance looks over the financial report for 1975 with hospital ad-

ministrators Sister Joan Whelan and Sister Rita Kennedy, apostolate co-ordinator for the Grey Sisters.



Paul Hodgins

Passing out ends in court

Passing out at a party last June cost a Coldwater man his driver's licence for 18 months in Penetanguishene provincial court last week.

William Henderson, 22, testified that he went to a party in Waubausene on June 6 and "drank till I couldn't drink no more."

He said he passed out and didn't wake up till he was in the Ontario Provincial Police office.

Other witnesses confirmed the story and said Henderson was on the floor in the way of people at the party so they took him outside and put him in his car.

When police found him three hours later, he had a breathalyzer reading of 240 milligrams.

Henderson was convicted of having the care and control of a motor vehicle while impaired.

Provincial Court Judge Robert J. Graham fined him \$150 or 14 days.

Noting a previous conviction for impaired driving, the judge said, "The public must be protected so I'm going to take you off the road for 18 months."

Red Cross to blitz area

Between 100 and 150 volunteers will be canvassing Georgian Bay area homes for the Red Cross March 22 to 26.

The Huronia Red Cross is hoping to raise \$7500 in the door to door blitz, says Red Cross volunteer David Tournour. Money raised in the blitz will provide the year old Huronia association with a stronger financial base to continue projects such as blood donor clinics, home care and youth services.

Canvassers will be covering Elmvale, Penetanguishene, Midland, Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbour.

The Huronia Red Cross Association has been directly supported by the Canadian Red Cross in their first year of operation.

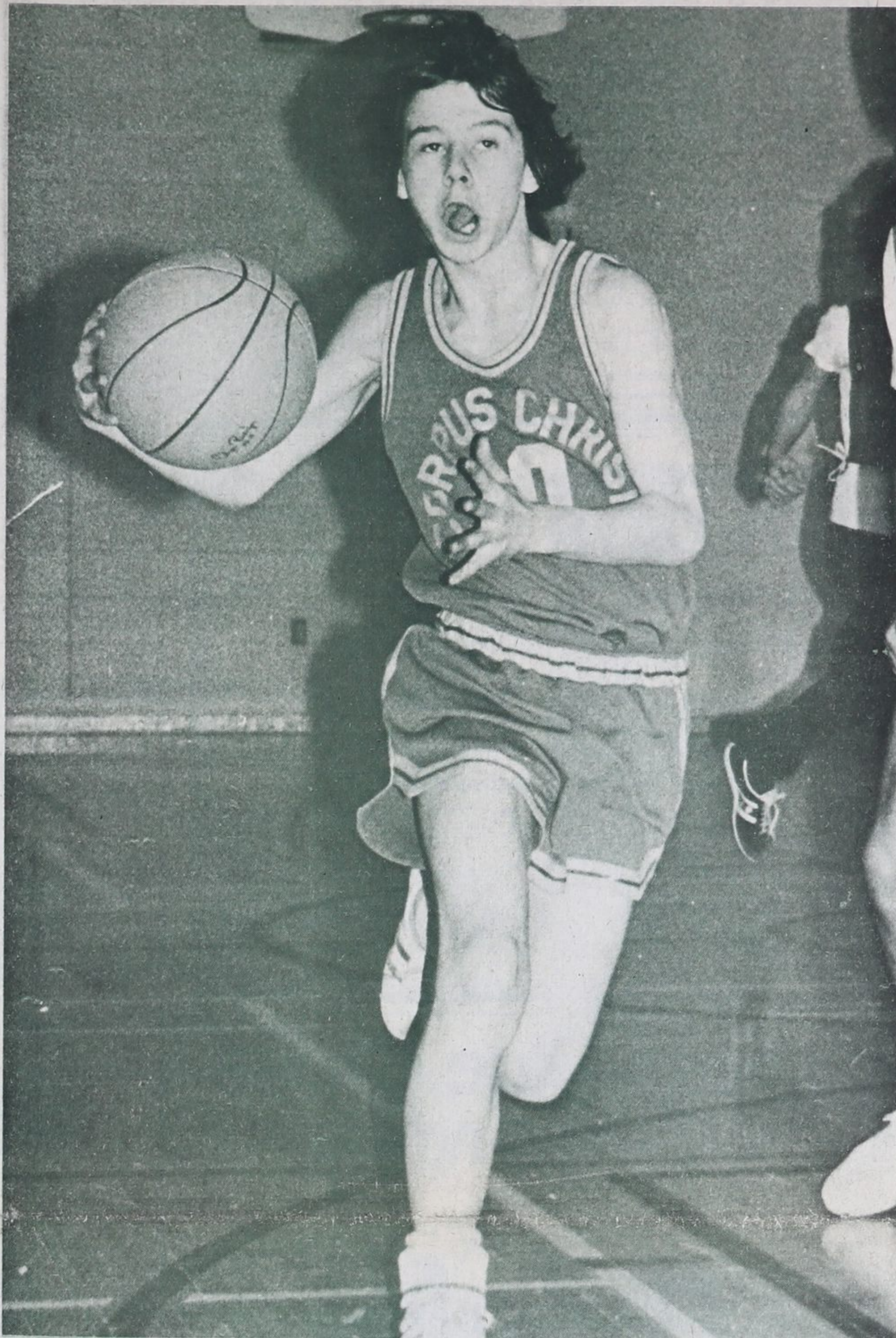
1400 petition for French TV

Almost 1,400 people in the Penetanguishene area have rallied to support an application by Radio Canada for permission to build a relay transmitting tower for French radio and television here.

The hearing before the Canadian Radio-Television Commission will be held in Montreal on March 30.

Copies of letters from various members of the community and a lengthy petition were submitted to the CRTC on Friday by Rejeanne Guay-Galbraith, ACFO animator. She said she would attend the hearing at the end of the month to answer any questions CRTC members may have which have not been covered in the letters.

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In full flight

Fourteen-year-old Brian Cusson of Corpus Christi School was in full flight in this rush up the court during his team's 40-8 victory over the St. Joseph's team in Penetanguishene Elementary School Basketball play at St.

Joseph's last week. Corpus Christi moves into playoff action tonight against Burkevale. Other teams were not quite as lucky on the sports scene as both the Penetanguishene juveniles and the Penetang Legion bantams

took their playoff series into final games and both teams lost. (Story and more pictures on Page 13)

Staff photo

Minimum square footage queried

An application for permission to build a house under the town's 1,100-square-foot limit was rejected by the committee of adjustment last week.

Ves-Bar Developments Limited had applied for a minor variance which would have allowed construction of a 950-square-foot

house on the north side of Gignac Drive near John Street.

Ron Kunce, of Barrie, a representative of Ves-Bar, said he had misread the original bylaw concerning the square-footage of residential buildings in Penetanguishene.

"I want to keep housing within limits

people can afford," he said, "and there are other houses nearby which are smaller than 1,100 square feet."

The proposed house would have been a slip-entry three-bedroom bungalow.

Kunce also pointed out that planning board may soon realize that they have set a minimum square-footage requirement which people can't afford.

Paul Hodgins, secretary of the committee of adjustment, said the writing is on the wall for what he described as "oversized requirements" but that the issue would have to come up before council as a zoning bylaw amendment.

Highway 27 work stalls

There will be no massive reconstruction program for Highway 27.

Stew Kell, a spokesman for the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, indicated Highway 27 between Midhurst and Penetanguishene is an ongoing project. The Ministry, he said, hopes to complete at least one project on the highway per year.

In a telephone interview late last week, Kell indicated, due to the provincial constraint program, he was unable to say what or where any work on Highway 27 would take place.

"We realize the pavement condition is less than perfect," he said, but added any

massive reconstruction program would be too much of an upset for the high volume summer tourist traffic.

Charge dropped

A 26-year-old Penetanguishene man had a charge of impaired driving dismissed in Penetanguishene provincial court last week.

David Desroches, of 5 Fox Street, was arrested December 8 by Ontario Provincial Police Constable Bruce Tabobandung near Balm Beach.

The constable testified he went to the beach area at 1:50 a.m. and a car met him. He then turned around and followed it.

When the car turned into a sideroad, he said, it hit a mailbox then stopped and the people inside got out.

"I called the accused to the cruiser and detected a smell of alcohol on his breath," Tabobandung said.

Desroches jumped out-of-the cruiser when it began to move and the officer arrested him.

At the station, Desroches performed the alcohol influence tests with scores ranging from fair to good.

OPP Constable Eric Weise who conducted the tests said there was an odor of alcohol and Desroches was "cocky".

"I considered him to be impaired," Weise said.

Provincial Court Judge Robert J. Graham dismissed the case saying, "There is not enough evidence here to put on a defense."

