



Monday was the first day of summer, . . . and it was hot

# Apartment proposed to planning board

The Penetanguishene planning board listened Monday night to a proposal for a 62-unit apartment building to be built on highway 27 at the entrance to town.

Toronto builder Natale Pin and his architect Aldo Riva made the proposal in a bid to get the site rezoned from a rural to a residential multiple family classification.

The plans call for a five floor building, containing 18 one-bedroom units and 34 two-bedroom units. The building would have an adjoining two level parking area and would be landscaped in such a way as to be as attractive as possible when seen from the approach to town.

Pin assured the board that the building could be erected in six months if he were

given the go-ahead.

Although the board agreed that there was a need for this type of housing in Penetanguishene, it had reservations about the location proposed by Pin. The plans call for the main access to be off Marie Street across from the arena. Board member Ray Baker expressed doubts that the street could handle the volume of traffic which this would cause.

The board also discussed the merits of having a building, such as the proposed one, as the first thing seen by visitors to town.

The plans will be discussed at a committee of the whole meeting in the near future with technical experts present to determine the feasibility of the proposed location.

## Money available for home improvement

# RRAP is ready to begin taking applications

The Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) is open for business in Penetanguishene.

A little over a week ago, the town received its RRAP agency agreement from the federal government, allowing it to begin processing applications for home im-

provement loans under the program.

RRAP co-ordinator Steve Fournier said last week that anyone living in the Neighbourhood Improvement Plan area in the west end of town can apply for the loans.

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income of the applicant in order to arrive at the terms of the loan.

If the adjusted income is less than \$11,000, the applicant is eligible for the preferred interest rate of eight per cent. The loan ceiling is \$10,000 and up to \$3,750 of this amount can be forgiven, depending on the adjusted income.

Forgiveness has to be earned under the program. Even if an applicant qualified for forgiveness, he must remain in the home one year for every \$750 he is forgiven. Fournier said this is to discourage people from making a profit on the plan by selling their property after it has been improved at government expense. If the homeowner decides to move before the allotted time is up, he must repay the full amount of the loan.

After the initial application has been made, a town building inspector visits the applicant's home to discover if the repairs are really needed and to see if there are any necessary repairs the homeowner has overlooked. Tenders are called for and the building inspector examines the bids from at least two different contractors to determine whether they are acceptable. After all this has been done, the final application is made and, if it is accepted, work begins.

After the job is completed, there is a final inspection to make sure it has been done properly.

Fournier said there are approximately 168 households in the RRAP area. As of last Friday one person had applied for the loans.

The preliminary interviews are being set up by Doreen Zoschke at the town hall and are being held at the NIP and RRAP center at 14 Robert Street.



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The first step towards receiving one of the loans is to fill out a preliminary application. This application serves to find out what repairs need to be made to the home and what the financial status of the applicant is. A formula is used to determine the adjusted

# Plans are unveiled for NIP play area

Plans for a new park in the west end of Penetanguishene were unveiled at a meeting of the Arena, Parks and Recreation Committee last Wednesday night.

The park, to be built in the area bounded by Robert Street, Robert Lane, Poyntz Street and Park Street, is being planned under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program. The total cost of the two to three acre park will be \$112,000 of which the town will pay 25 per cent, the province, 25 per cent and the federal government, 50 per cent.

NIP co-ordinator Steve Fournier told the committee members, "the lands will be acquired, hopefully, by the end of the summer and construction will commence in the fall." The park should be finished in the spring.

The plans call for a road to be built across the site, from Robert Street to Poyntz Street with a playground for small children on one

side of it and a playing field, suitable for activities such as soccer, on the other side.

In answer to a question about whether Penetanguishene needed any more parks, Fournier said, "it's the scale that's the important thing." The park will be small and will be intended for the use of the residents of the NIP area. Many parents in the area do not want their small children crossing Robert Street to play at the waterfront.

Recreation co-ordinator Ron Marchildon said he was in favour of the park and suggested that the town's share of the cost could be taken from the park reserve fund.

NIP has already purchased one piece of land and negotiations are in progress for the purchase of another eleven pieces. Fournier emphasized that the plans are by no means finalized. He said, "the negotiations will tell what size the park will be eventually."

## Meeting set for Thursday night

# PC's to choose candidate for next provincial election

Members of the Simcoe East Progressive Conservative party association will gather at Barrie Central Collegiate Thursday night to choose a candidate for the next provincial election.

Local Tories are seeking a candidate to replace incumbent MPP Arthur Evans who has announced he will retire his position in Queen's Park once the next election is called. Evans originally announced his impending retirement from politics immediately following the last provincial election in September.

Evans is the parliamentary assistant to

Transportation and Communications Minister Jim Snow.

Two local PC's have already stepped forward to fill the void left by Evans' retirement. Tories George Taylor and Bill Knowles are both campaigning furiously for the party nod.

Names of any other candidates considering running for the nomination must be received by local party president Ronald Stewart through returning officers Thomas Evans of Bradford or Charles H. Style of Barrie before 7 p.m. Thursday.

Delegates will be meeting at the school

beginning at 7 p.m. while the doors will be opened to the public and other party members beginning at 8 p.m.

Tory organizers are expecting about 1000 people to fill the auditorium of the Barrie high school.

Conservative Evans led a tight race in the last run for Queen's Park nudging out New Democrat Paul Wessinger by less than 200 votes with a total of 13,557. Liberal Margaret Kelly ranked third in the balloting with 9,169 votes.

Wessinger, a Barrie lawyer and city

alderman since 1972, was re-acclaimed NDP candidate for the next provincial election at a meeting May 19.

Liberals have yet to choose their candidate.

## Mayor plays in golf tournament

Penetanguishene mayor Vince Moreau finished well down the list in Arenas Association of Ontario golf tournament held in Cambridge last Friday.

He said, "It was most enjoyable and I had a good time, but my score wasn't too good." Mrs. Moreau fared somewhat better in the tournament. She won the trophy in the ladies section with a score of 96.

The weather for the tournament was hot and muggy, "perfect golfing weather" according to Moreau.

## \$600 damage caused

# Police investigate hit and run

Police are still investigating a hit and run which occurred on Main Street in Penetanguishene at 8 p.m. Friday evening.

A vehicle, driven by Patrick Beaudoin of Concession 17, Tiny Township, was struck by another vehicle which kept on going. There was about \$600 damage to Beaudoin's car.

### Failing to report

David Dorion of 4 Robert Street West was charged with failing to report an accident in connection with an incident last Friday night. He is alleged to have hit a parked car on Water Street belonging to Ken Mackie of Penetanguishene. Damage to Mackie's car, estimated at \$200 while Dorion's car sustained approximately \$100 damage.

### Charged with impaired

Nineteen-year-old Richard Leaux of 106 Poyntz Street was charged Friday night with impaired driving, excess alcohol and operating an unsafe vehicle. He was observed driving erratically along Poyntz Street by Constable Monroe.

### No charges laid

Three children playing in a parked car owned by Glenn Gauthier of Penetanguishene disengaged the gears causing it to roll across Scott Street into another parked car belonging to Basil Secord, also of Penetanguishene. Secord's vehicle sustained \$150 damage and the

damages to Gauthier's car came to \$65. No one was hurt in the incident and no charges were laid.

### Investigating a theft

Penetanguishene police are investigating

the theft of a tape deck from a car parked at Stoneleigh Motors last Friday. The owner of the vehicle, Terry Yule, reported that the tape deck was stolen some time between Thursday and Friday.

# CRTC gives approval to Maclean Hunter

The Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) last week approved an application from Maclean Hunter Cable TV for microwave transmission to this area.

When the equipment is installed, Channel 2 (WGR Buffalo) and Channel 4 (WBEA Buffalo) will be pulled in for cable subscribers in the Midland and Penetanguishene areas.

According to local Maclean Hunter manager Mel Spence, the project will not be completed until the spring of next year "at the earliest".

The signal is picked up near Toronto and then relayed by microwave through repeater stations and fed into the equipment in Midland.

The local cable TV outlet is now applying to the federal Department of Communications for specifications and technical data for the project.

The microwave application was also approved for the Collingwood and Owen Sound areas, also served by Maclean Hunter.

Maclean Hunter is also applying for microwave transmission of Channel 11 (CHCH Hamilton) due to reception problems in this area. A repeater station near Huntsville is interfering seriously with the CHCH signal from Hamilton. Maclean Hunter is doing some work locally to improve reception, but must await the CRTC's verdict on its second microwave application.

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## Numerous complaints from users

# Hurononia airport ends LemAir contract

by Sue de Stein

The Huronia airport commission has terminated its management-lease agreement with LemAir Ltd. for breach of contract.

The decision to break the contract effective June 30 came at a special meeting of the commission on Thursday night.

According to a commission spokesman, notice was sent to LemAir in letter form on Friday informing the company of the commission's decision.

The airport, owned jointly by the towns of Midland and Penetanguishene and the township of Tiny, was operated under a five-year management lease agreement by LemAir. The contract was in its third year.

Problems at the airport have been mounting since the departure of former airport manager Peter Crampton over a month ago.

At a meeting of the commission early this month, commissioners cited numerous complaints about service received from users of the facility and pointed out areas where LemAir was failing to meet its obligations as defined in the contract. Most complaints revolved around the unavailability of new airport manager Nick Parmegiani and the fact that there is not always someone to man the gas pumps.

Following Crampton's resignation in May, LemAir president Tom Lembo had assured commissioners that problems at the airport would be ironed out and that his company would continue to abide by the terms of the contract.

According to the agreement, the operator must provide maintenance facilities, offer flying instruction, employ two certified instructor / pilots, and maintain a minimum of three aircraft.

At last Thursday's meeting, LemAir was found to be in violation of the contract in several areas—including the number of staff

employed at the airport, the aircraft used, and the hours of operation of the facility.

The commission is now inviting applications from interested parties willing to take over the operation at the Tiny Airfield. According to Midland representative Reeve Moreland Lynn, the commission would prefer a local person as operator.

LemAir's only recourse at this time would be to reapply to the commission by coming up with a better proposal, or if it felt the breach of contract was not a major one, it could contest the commission's action through the courts.

## Chainsaw attack leads to jail term

A chainsaw attack on an OPP constable last month has resulted in a 13 month jail sentence for 21-year-old Greg Monague.

Monague pleaded guilty in Penetanguishene court last Thursday, to charges of possession of a dangerous weapon and assault on a police officer.

The charges arose out of an incident on Christian Island on May 29. Monague was involved in a dispute with his parents when he began cutting down the door to their home with a chainsaw. His parents called the police and when OPP Special Constable Terry Assance arrived on the scene Monague came at him with the saw. Assance took off his belt and used it to fend off the attack. After a short period of time Monague dropped the saw and surrendered.

He had been drinking heavily at the time of the incident.



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