

Dion challenges Moreau

Two to run for Mayor

The deadline for nominations for the election still over a month away, two men have announced their intention to run for the position of Mayor of Penetanguishene. Incumbent Mayor Vince Moreau has said he will seek re-election and Reeve Lionel Dion announced this week he will be going after the top job.

Dion said he notified the mayor after last week's council meeting that he intended to try for the job so Moreau would not be taken by surprise later on.

Dion said "I don't presume there will be much of a platform, since changes have got to take place through council."

"I've had 10 years at the county, and there comes a time when you have to make a move," he said. "I'd like to round off my

political career by being the mayor for a term or two."

Moreau said he's not going to let go of the position without a contest. "There were a few projects that I've started that I'd like to see completed." In response to the challenge from Dion, he said, "I don't think he has any real platform to go on. I think the municipality has progressed pretty far in the past few years."

Deputy Reeve Art Stewart has announced that he will try to move into the Reeve's job, being vacated by Dion. He said "I think it's normal for you to move up. If you're going to stick around, you should be moving up."

Stewart has not announced a platform yet, he's waiting to find out if anyone else is going to run for the position.

With Stewart looking for the Reeve's job, his position as Deputy Reeve will come open, and councillor Clarence Lomas has said he will be running for that job.

He said he's been on council for seven years, and now he's "going to move up or move out, one or the other."

He wants to get something done about the sewers in a number of areas in town, and he is hoping he will be able to get the county to do something about the surface of Robert Street West if he wins the position and therefore gets on County Council.

He said, "It's time consuming and I feel I can take the time for it."

Other councillors who have said they will seek re-election are Mary Rogers and Frances St. Amant. Rogers said she will not seek to move up the ladder. "I have been asked to run for mayor, and have said emphatically no!" she said. "I've been mayor." Rogers said she feels she can serve the people better as a councillor, and said she likes the "grass roots" level of politics.

St. Amant said she had discussed the matter with her family and has decided she can afford the time to serve on council again. She will run again, "unless something drastically changes." When asked if she might have her sights set on a higher position in municipal politics, she said "Not at this time anyway."

Councillors Hubert Charlebois and Ken Tannahill are both undecided on the matter of running for re-election. Tannahill said if he does run, it won't be for anything higher than councillor. "I don't have the time to go higher, even if I had the inclination," he said.

He said he'll wait to see what happens before he commits himself. "Maybe if I did run, the people wouldn't want me, so what's the difference," he said.

Charlebois said he too would wait to see what happens before he commits himself.

The Citizen could not reach the only other incumbent councillor, Ron Bellisle, to find out whether or not he would seek re-election.

So far only a couple of outsiders have confirmed their intentions to seek election to the town council.

Ray Baker has said he will seek election for the second time this year. In the last election he missed out on a councillor's seat by 29 votes.

Baker said he'll be running on his track record. He has been active in the Neighbourhood Improvement and Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Programs, and sits on the town and area planning boards.

Another hopeful running for the first time this year is Bryan Byng. He has served as zoning administrator and building inspector for the town, and now sits on the committee of adjustment. He said "My main points is that there should be a little more dialogue between council and the public." He said he feels the bylaws are there to be passed with very little discussion at the council meetings, having been discussed before hand in caucus meetings. He will try to set up a regular dialogue between himself and the people of Penetanguishene if he is elected.

The deadline for nominations for positions on council is November 15 at 5:00 p.m., and a minimum of 10 signatures must accompany any nomination.

The election will be held December 6th.

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Housing policy to be presented next week

Penetanguishene Town Council caucus will receive a report next Tuesday evening from Ross Raymond, Ken Cousineau and Paul Hodgins, on the town's housing policy.

The meeting, which will also be attended by members of the town planning board, will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The policy, which has been prepared by Raymond and Cousineau, will be discussed,

but not adopted at the meeting. It will include such things as what type of housing will be needed in the future, and where in the town it should go.

Council caucus meetings are usually held on Monday nights, but this one is being held on Tuesday because of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Yoga classes in St. Joseph's library

The community schools program got underway this week with classes in the elementary schools in town. Here

Elaine Kraftstick teaches yoga to a group of enthusiastic beginners. Everything from Metric conversion

through rug hooking to badminton can be learned through the program.

Staff photo



They went that way

No, the Penetanguishene Fire Department hasn't taken to answering calls in full dress uniform. These members of the volunteer

force were delivering pamphlets on fire safety to all the households in town Monday and Tuesday evenings for Fire Prevention

Week. On the truck are Gerard Duval and Larry Merkley, while Ted Light stands on the right.

Coroner's jury recommends tighter security on MHC excursions

A coroner's jury investigating the death of a 26-year-old patient of Oak Ridge hospital made the recommendations yesterday that tighter security be maintained on outings from the hospital. The jury also recommended that the Miss Midland be followed by a lifeboat with a trained lifeguard on board.

The five person jury heard the evidence given by the witnesses and came to the conclusion that Garry Donald Keehn died at 5:25 p.m. on June 23, 1976. The cause of death was drowning. The death occurred midway between Beausoleil and Present Islands near the Honey Harbour area.

On June 23, 92 patients from Oak Ridge took part in a cruise on the Miss Midland, an annual affair which has been going on for the past 12 years.

The patients were accompanied by 20 attendants and 10 professional staff members.

The cruise took the patients to Beausoleil Island where they had a picnic and swim and then prepared for the cruise home. The boat left the island at 5:10 p.m. and ten minutes later cries of "man overboard" were heard by the captain who stopped the engines of the Miss Midland.

Apparently, one of the staffers saw the man go over the back end of the boat and she screamed for help. One of the other patients who was seated next to Keehn heard the splash of the man entering the water and called for help. No staff members were near Keehn at the time of the incident.

The boat was turned around and headed back to the spot where Keehn was seen waving his arms in the air and a lifeguard was thrown out. By the time the boat reached the spot the man was out of sight. John Frame, son of the owner of the Miss Midland, made several attempts to dive and find the man but was unsuccessful in recovering the body.

When it became obvious the body would not be found, the crew motored the boat back to Midland as quickly as possible.

The boat was met by Ontario Provincial Police Constable G.B. MacKay who took charge of the investigation.

The body of Keehn was found the following day at 6 p.m. in the area in which he was last seen alive.

A post mortem reported the man had died by drowning.

According to Oak Ridge Doctor Garry Maier, Keehn suffered from schizophrenia

a state which produces an imbalance in thoughts and actions. The man had been sent to the centre in 1973 after he had purchased a gun with the intent to kill his doctor in Thunder Bay.

According to Dr. Maier, Keehn had made some improvements since his arrival at Oak Ridge. "At the time before the cruise, he was in the best frame of mind we had ever seen him in," he said.

"If Keehn had any thoughts of committing suicide, he changed his mind once he hit the water," said the doctor who said he saw the man waving his arms and floundering in the water.

At the time of his death, Keehn was on two different types of tranquilizer drugs.

The witnesses said they heard no sounds from Keehn when he was in the water.

Frame, who attempted the rescue of the drowning man, was commended by the jury for his bravery.

The Miss Midland, at the time of the incident, fulfilled all regulations pertaining to safety equipment.

Institute seeks support from Midland council

Before the Living Institute makes any further plans concerning the St. Andrew's Hospital building it intends to get the support of Midland town council, said Betty Stockley, executive director of the Institute.

Stockley announced recently that the organization would be taking over the old St. Andrew's Hospital building for use as a rehabilitation centre.

In her press conference last month, Stockley mentioned The Living Institute would be renting the building from Par Ben Holdings, a company that purchased the building in the spring.

She added the lease would include an option to buy at the end of the five year term. In a telephone conversation last week, Stockley said she hoped to meet with Midland council this week to try and get their support for the project.

Clerk Bill Haek said Monday he had heard nothing from Stockley and knew nothing of the planned meeting.

The purpose for the meeting would be to speed up grant approval said Stockley. She said the institute has had verbal agreement from Wintario for a \$3 million grant but has received nothing on paper as yet.

"They are asking we be linked to a specific council area," said Stockley.

The Living Institute is a charitable organization registered under the federal government, according to Stockley. Stockley said she hopes the institute will be

able to move into St. Andrew's by the beginning of the new year.

Motorola lays off 150

A total of 150 plant workers were temporarily laid off Friday as Midland's Motorola plant shut down its manufacturing operations.

Officials at the Midland plant made the announcement last week when the strike by 170,000 members of the United Auto Workers Union against the Ford Motor Company began to affect supplying manufacturers.

Production activities at Motorola will be shut down for a minimum of two weeks. The resumption of operation will depend on the timing of the contract settlement.

Should the layoff extend beyond the two week minimum, employees will be contacted by Motorola as to the new start date.

Only office and technical staff will remain at the plant during the shut down.

A full 65 per cent of the products manufactured at the Midland plant are produced for the Ford Motor Company.

Closed for Thanksgiving

It's October already, and Monday is Thanksgiving Day.

The advertising, circulation and business offices of this newspaper will be closed on Monday, but will reopen for business Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. Only the editorial staff will be working on Monday.

Advertising deadlines will be moved forward to Friday at 5:00 p.m. Deadline for editorial copy will remain 5:00 p.m. on Monday.

Have a nice turkey!

Open meeting on West end NIP project

The Neighbourhood Improvement Program (NIP) steering committee will hold a meeting tonight in the town council chambers to discuss revisions to the "West End" Area Re-development Plan.

The meeting will be public, and NIP coordinator Steve Fournier is hoping people who live in the west end area will come out to make their wishes known.

Because of the problems which arose with the proposed children's park in the area, a certain amount of revision must be done to the plan in order that the money which was to be spent on the park can be put towards another project or projects.