

Bill Vidler elected new hospital board chairman

The Board of Directors of Huronia District Hospital tabled their annual financial statement on Monday night and elected new officers for 1977.

While the hospital had a net operating deficit of \$223,204, outgoing chairman John Cooper explained that before

depreciation factors were taken into account, HDH net funds of slightly more than \$200,000. Cooper also indicated that the hospital's largest capital liability is a bank loan and overdraft totalling \$3.3 million for construction costs of the new hospital.

Net building project

costs totalled \$11,170,383, with the largest expenditure being for the construction of the hospital building itself at approximately \$8.2 million. Major equipment purchases were next in line at an additional \$2.1

million. This is the first time that precise building expenses have been made public for the construction of the new hospital.

Cooper praised
Board member Rina

Bell paid high praise to outgoing chairman John Cooper, stating that area residents owe the acquisition of the new building mainly to his efforts. Mr. Cooper has been a member of the board for 12 years, nine of

which he presided as chairman.

Vidler elected
William Vidler was elected new chairman for the board in closed session later on Monday night. Vidler's vice

chairman is Mrs. Elaine Nichols and Doug Swales was elected treasurer.

Other new directors elected at the Monday night session were Paul Quilty, Mr. Swales and Rod Ferguson.



Chairmen

New chairman of the Board of Directors of Huronia District Hospital Bill Vidler (left) accepts congratulations from outgoing chairman John Cooper after Monday night's board meeting. Mr. Cooper was chairman of the board for nine of the last 12 years.

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School Board unhappy with Midland decision to charge for use of public halls

A bylaw passed by Midland Council at a March 14th meeting has caused a bit of a stir with trustees of the Simcoe County Board of Education.

At a meeting of the board last Wednesday night in Barrie trustees were informed the town of Midland has set guidelines for the

licensing and regulating of public halls. With five schools in Midland, the board has the largest number of facilities which are frequently used for public activities and would come under the act.

The new legislation calls for capacity ratings of public halls and sets out a pay scale that the board must adhere to. For a hall having a licence capacity of between 60 and 600 persons the fee is \$50; between 601 and 1000 the fee is \$75; and over 1000 capacity the fee is \$100.

Midland trustee John McCullough not only took issue with the idea of the board paying fees, but also the manner in which the board was presented with the bylaw.

"This is deplorable," McCullough told trustees. "Without seeking input on this new legislation from the board, or discussing it in any way, this bylaw was simply plunked on the desks of our principals."

McCullough said that only two other county municipalities, Barrie and Orillia, have enacted similar legislation and both times trustees were contacted for input well in advance. He added that Barrie has suggested a token fee of \$1.

Original fears that Education Week activities would be curtailed because of the bylaw were set to rest at the meeting. McCullough said Deputy Fire Chief Jim Lemieux had informed him starting date for bylaw enforcement

Lawnbowling Club receives \$5,000 Wintario grant

The Midland Lawn Bowling Club has received a \$5,575 grant from the federal government's "New Horizons" program.

The grant will be used to complete improvements of clubhouse facilities and grounds, enabling the club to offer better services to its senior citizen members. The award was part of \$1,858,199 given to 263

groups of retired people across Canada. Since the introduction of the program, the federal government has funded 7,246 projects for a total of \$42,900,951.

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