



Campaigning on Main Street

George Taylor, the Progressive Conservative candidate for Simcoe-Centre, was campaigning in Penetanguishene Monday morning. Here the candidate (right) presents some of his campaign literature to local

business man George Bryant. Taylor was in Penetanguishene until about noon, when he had to return to Barrie to tape some campaign commercials.

Staff photo

Commercial area criticized

'Devil's triangle' concept presented

A planning concept for the controversial triangle bounded by Burke, Lorne and Robert Streets was greeted with mixed reactions by about 20 members of the general public at the regular meeting of planning board held Monday night.

The plan calls for the extension of Le Caron through the triangle to Robert Street East, and the addition of a new street running

southwest from this extension, parallel to Robert and then curving south to meet Robert just east of Lorne. Burke would be curved just before Robert to eliminate the dangerous intersection which now exists, and replace it with a 90 degree intersection.

In the north half of the section between the Le Caron extension and the east end of the triangle, the proposed planning concept calls for a small commercial area, to contain a

small convenience store or even a small restaurant.

The plan allows for a small buffer and play area near the middle of the triangle, and provides for mostly single family housing. The only exceptions would be six to eight town housing units near the corner of Lorne and Robert, and possibly some semi-detached units along Burk Street between the property being used by Georgian College and Le Caron.

The major areas of concern for the rate payers seemed to be the commercial designation, and the relatively small children's play area.

With respect to the commercial area, planning board chairman Larry McDonald pointed out that it was intended strictly as a convenience for the residents of the immediate area. He said he did not think local people would have to get in their cars and go downtown just to pick up a loaf of bread on a Sunday.

In answer to the criticism about the size of the play area, board member Ross Spearn admitted "it's not going to be an Algonquin Park, that's for sure."

McDonald assured the ratepayers that even if the board adopts the concept, the general public would have further input at the stage when a developer asks for a zoning amendment to build. At that point, the public is allowed to make submissions and object, if necessary, to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Board member Gil Robillard pointed out to the ratepayers that the proposal in no way represented a set plan and would not result in any zoning changes at the moment. "The purpose is to know what will happen there when it does happen," he said.

The proposal will be referred back to committee where board members will consider the suggestions and complaints registered by the ratepayers. After they have come up with a proposal they feel is right for the area, they will adopt the plan in principle, but that does not mean anything will happen in the area either right away or even in the future.

McDonald and Spearn both emphasized that the plan would simply provide the board with terms of reference to be used if and when a developer approaches it with a proposal for the area.

Apartment approved in principle

Plans for an apartment complex to be built west of Church Street between Don and Yeo cleared the first hurdle at the meeting of the Penetanguishene Planning Board Monday night, as they received approval in principle from the board.

A report by the Development Committee of the board detailed the concerns and suggestions the committee had had about the project, which was proposed earlier this year by Toronto builder Natale Pin.

Board member Ross Spearn told the board the committee had had three meetings on the proposal, and had visited the proposed site to look at the lay of the land.

He said that the committee had been concerned about the fact that the proposal, if developed at the same time as the town developed its subdivision, would bring onto the market more apartment units than are allowed in the housing policy. He said the town had assured the committee it would gladly let private enterprise go first.

A second concern of the committee was that the two proposed buildings faced north and south, while they felt it would be better to give at least one side of the building a clear

view of the bay. After looking at the site, however, they decided it would be better to situate the buildings as originally proposed, because both sides of the building would get a partial view of the bay, and the end of the building would not obstruct the view of the residents of Church Street as much as the side would.

The other concerns of the committee were the appearance of the buildings themselves, the phasing of the construction of the two buildings, and the amount of park land which the developer would leave around the buildings.

The committee report then recommended that the building be placed perpendicular to the bay, that the building closest to Don Street be constructed first, that there be sufficient play area around the buildings, that the developer submit an architect's drawing, and that as soon as the board receives the drawings, it call a public meeting to present the plan to the general public.

The board voted unanimously to accept the report, and thereby gave its approval in principle to the project.

Board endorses joint planning - or does it?

Planning board Monday night endorsed the idea of a joint planning venture involving Penetanguishene, Tiny, Midland and Tay, but failed to endorse the area planning board's Urban Policy Statement, outlining possible methods of carrying out such a venture.

The endorsement came in response to a letter from the Township of Tiny to the Tiny Peninsula Planning Board, asking that it oversee the joint planning study of the area along Highway 27 between Highway 12 and the angels. The letter pointed out that development along that strip would affect not only Tiny, but the other three municipalities as well, and suggested that all four municipalities sit down together to discuss the area.

The planning board voted to recommend to council that it endorse the formation of a

joint planning committee and that it make the appropriate appointments to the committee.

The board failed however, to endorse a report prepared by the Urban Policy Committee of the area board, and submitted to the Penetanguishene board for its information and comment. The report urged joint planning of trouble spots within the area board's jurisdiction, and outlined a possible method for the implementation of such joint planning studies.

Penetanguishene planning board member Ross Spearn called the report a motherhood and apple pie issue, but pointed out that such joint planning projects might well cost the town money.

No action is to be taken on the report until it is studied at the committee level.

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News briefs

Annual P.S.S. concert tonight

Tonight is the night of the annual Penetanguishene Secondary School Spring Concert.

Music lovers will get a chance to see and hear the Junior and Senior Concert Bands, and the Dance Orchestra. The concert is scheduled to start at 8:00, and tickets are \$1.50 apiece.

Friday night, the Dance Orchestra will be performing a dance at the Midland Community Centre. The program will feature

1940's music, and the proceeds will go towards the P.S.S. yearbook.

The P.S.S. bands are also preparing for a joint concert with the Midland Secondary School band to be held at M.S.S. on June 2. Each band will play a few selections, and the finale will be a massed band concert involving about 120 musicians from both schools.

The money will go towards the Midland Arena Fund, and organizers are hoping to get at least 700 people out for the event.

All Grew workers are back

All of the workers temporarily laid off by Grew Boats in Penetanguishene early in February are now back at work, according to general manager Jack Hurst.

He said the last of the laid off workers came back last week.

Approximately 38 employees were originally laid off because of a production cutback, which was to have been recalled by early or mid-March.

Hurst said last Friday the company now

has enough work for all the workers, but he said he did not know if the recall would be permanent. "The boat business isn't really moving yet," he added.

He said he did not think business would pick up much this year.

Another reason for the recall, according to Hurst, was that the company was faced with the prospect of paying severance pay to any employee still not recalled after 13 weeks.

Public NIP meeting tonight

The residents of the "West End" Neighbourhood Improvement Program area will take part tonight in a meeting to discuss possible changes to their area redevelopment plan.

The meeting will take place in the town

council chambers at 7:30.

The NIP steering committee was forced to come up with changes to the redevelopment plan last year, when one of the original projects, a large neighbourhood park, fell through.

Parks board has full agenda

The Penetanguishene Arena, Parks and Recreation Board will have a busy evening when it meets tonight at 7:30 in the Town Council chambers.

On the agenda are 10 reports, many of which deal with the arena and a number of the parks around town.

CHAY to go on air Friday

Two CHAY-FM directors have headed off on a vital mission to the United States to ensure that CHAY will beam out over Huronia beginning at 6 a.m., this Friday.

Ron Tyler and Wayne Noble left for Raymond, Maine on Monday to pick up brackets which will hold the CHAY antenna

to the CKVR tower.

The brackets have just been completed and Tyler and Noble are hoping to make the 1,400 mile round trip by this afternoon. If the good weather holds, the tower will be mounted by Friday morning and Huronia's first FM station, CHAY, will go on air as scheduled at 6 a.m. Friday, May 20.

Police say rabid fox sighted

The Ontario Provincial Police advise residents in the area to beware of a rabid fox apparently on the loose in the vicinity of Perkinsfield. The Midland Detachment of the OPP were informed of the fox shortly before noon on Monday. Officials say a man telephoned from Perkinsfield to say that he

had witnessed the rabid fox attack—get this—a highway grader.

The Huronia Animal Control has been advised to be on the lookout for the rabid animal and OPP advise that local residents be cautious. If anyone feels he has spotted the fox, please give the OPP a call.

Loans available from Tiny

Farmers in the Township of Tiny who wish to improve their tile drainage systems can now apply to the township for a loan.

At its meeting last Thursday, township council received a letter from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food, advising it that the

sum of \$19,000 would be available in Tiny for that purpose.

The money is loaned out on a first come first served basis, and is repayable at an interest rate below the regular bank rate. Those who take advantage of the loan pay it back when they pay their taxes.

Tiny buys new fire truck

That brand new red pumper truck, now barreling down Highway 401 with Tiny Township Clerk Guy Maurice at the wheel, isn't going to any fires; not right now anyway.

Maurice, who is also the fire chief for Tiny, is bringing it down from Quebec, to be pressed into service for the township's fire department at the North West Basin.

The truck brings the total number in Tiny to 10.

And that's not the only improvement for the township's fire department recently. It was announced at Township Council last Thursday that two of the township's volunteer fire fighters have just completed a course with the Ontario Fire College.

Larry Crawford and Raymond Laurin received their certificates from the college, after attending classes on Saturdays over the past couple of months in Barrie.



William Davis

by Bill Schiller

Premier William Davis announced Monday that Midland will receive financial assistance from his provincial government in creating an industrial park to attract new industry to the Midland area.

The announcement came before a partisan audience of about 150 people who jammed the Panorama Restaurant to have breakfast with the Premier and listen to him talk on Midland's economic prospects.

The Progressive Conservative leader said that provincial funds will be made available as soon as Midland completes its study of sewage treatment requirements for the town. The industrial park itself is to be located on approximately 100 acres of land which the town plans to purchase in an area recently annexed from Tay Township.

Davis' aircraft touched down at Huronia Airport at approximately 8:15 a.m. and one of two official buses sped him away to the Panorama where he arrived about 8:30—45 minutes late for his Midland appointment.

The PC leader's tardiness had no effect on party faithful however, and after a quick breakfast he spoke with controlled confidence on the attributes of Simcoe East incumbent Gordon Smith, the inadequacies of the New Democratic Party and future plans for Midland's Motorola plant.

"I believe there are potential solutions," Davis said referring to the Motorola closure. "We're meeting on it and we will continue to work hard at it."

Davis lamented the fact that the government was only informed of the pending shutdown as recently as April 28, but added that the ministry of Industry and Tourism has been busy meeting with both Motorola and potential buyers since that time.

The Premier also revealed that his government has approached two industries regarding a possible joint venture which could maintain employment for all or at least a good portion of Motorola's present employees. He did not, however, elaborate on the plan.

Davis said his government has contacted representatives from the "Big Three": Ford, General Motors and Chrysler, and that they would meet with Motorola officials sometime in the future.

"The Motorola plant is a modern facility," the Premier said, "and we believe that its skilled work force has the right to a bright future."

Speaks at Panorama restaurant

Davis announces financial help for Midland industrial park

No overwhelming promises

The Premier did not make any overwhelming promises throughout the speech. His commitment for financial assistance to Midland's industrial park was firm, but outlandish campaign promises were not the order of the day.

"We are not promising any miracles," he said at one point.

The PC leader spoke strongly against New Democratic leader Stephen Lewis and referred often to the NDP leader's visit here on May 4th.

Davis accused Lewis of "misleading" Midlanders and suggested that Lewis' visit—within one week of the announcement of Motorola's future closing—was one of "political exploitation."

Lewis' demands for the abandonment of wage and price controls, and for the elimination of tax incentives for industry were the object of scorn throughout the Davis speech.

"Philosophically, we're all against controls," the Premier said, "but while the New Democrats talk about beating inflation they also suggest the elimination of one of its first controls."

"Stephen Lewis also talks about taking away tax incentives for both big and small businesses," Davis continued, "Mr. Lewis cannot understand that you cannot take away tax incentives and expect businesses to expand and provide more jobs—it just does not happen."

Noticing the number of senior citizens in the audience, the Premier took time to emphasize the effects of price control removals on elder citizens with fixed incomes.

"Who is really going to suffer if we get rid of controls?" he asked. "And then ask Gordon Smith, 'Who is really the most concerned with your problems?'"

Liberals? What Liberals? Davis showed little concern with Liberal opposition in the upcoming election. He jovially referred to Liberal leader Stuart

Smith as Gord Smith's "Namesake" and then registered confusion regarding the Liberal campaign.

"I'm still trying to sort it out," he said, "they're still trying to sort it out and the public is still trying to sort it out."

Davis closed his brief speech by referring to the PC slogan of "Your future—Your growth" and encouraged his enthusiastic

supporters to "get out and canvas."

"The decision on June 9th is going to be very fundamental to the future health of this province," he said.

Accompanying the Premier during his morning visit to Midland were Gord Smith, Conservative MPP for Simcoe East and George Taylor, Conservative candidate for Simcoe Centre.



They sure don't make 'em like they used to

Antique car buffs received a real treat on Sunday as the Penetanguishene Curling Club hosted a display and flea market. There were

for sale signs on all the chromed beauties but most spectators had to be content just looking.

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