

Fitzgerald will be the agent

Municipal land now available

Land in phase one of the town owned "Rolling Sands Estates" subdivision on Church Street is now for sale, and M. Fitzgerald Real Estate is to be the exclusive agent.

The decision to award the job to Fitzgerald was made at Monday night's meeting of Penetanguishene Town Council. The town received proposals for the job from three

local real estate agencies, including Georgian Bay Real Estate, Don Charlebois Real Estate, and the Fitzgerald firm.

Both Georgian Bay Real Estate and Don Charlebois offered to sell the land at a flat rate per lot, while Fitzgerald agreed to sell the lots with a five per cent commission, including multiple listing.

A lengthy discussion preceded the awarding of the job, in which a number of councillors stated they thought the work should be spread around, and some even argued that the town might be able to sell the lots itself, without an agent.

Councillor Ken Tannahill argued that the town had stayed within its boundaries in awarding the contract, and that the work would be spread around through the multiple listing system, although Ron Swick, of Georgian Bay Real Estate, stated at one point that he felt sure the original listing agency would get at least 90 per cent of the sales.

The mayor, Vince Moreau, told council the job of selling the land would be much too large for the town to undertake itself. He said the clerk's time was too valuable to have him taking people out to the subdivision to see the land, and answering questions about the property all day.

Council finally decided to accept the Fitzgerald proposal as being the least costly to the town.

Council also adopted a series of rules and procedures to regulate the sale of the land in the subdivision.

The rules and procedures include a letter to be sent to prospective buyers, a questionnaire, a building scheme for the first phase of the development, an agreement of purchase, including design control and building restrictions agreements, and a plan of subdivision setting out the lot prices.

The lots to be put on the market at this time are lots one to 30, and 47 to 75.

The plan of subdivision for phase one includes provisions for semi-detached housing, townhousing, apartments, senior citizens apartments, a convenience commercial zone, a school, a neighbourhood park, open space and buffer zones, as well as 54 single family lots.

Agricultural board may join recreation forum

The Tiny-Tay Agricultural Board has deferred a decision on whether or not to join a number of municipalities on a feasibility study for a major recreation complex in North Simcoe.

To date four municipalities, Tiny, Tay, Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbour have committed themselves to a study of the recreational needs of area residents, an investigation of what facilities now exist and what will be needed to accommodate future growth in the area.

Board members met with Ralph Gray, Victoria Harbour representative on the

recreation forum, Monday evening to discuss the municipalities' plans and commitment involved.

"It sounds interesting, but their plans are for the distant future," said Betty Rumney, Agricultural Board president after the meeting. She pointed out that the province only last year talked of cutting grants to smaller 'C' category fairs such as is Midland's, making a long term commitment for the board difficult.

Then too, the fair board has just signed a new 10 year lease with the Midland Parks' Board to lease the new arena and surrounding grounds for its annual fair. "We have this commitment to Midland," she emphasized.

Fair Board members will send two representatives to the recreation forum's next meeting in September. Further discussions among board members have been slated for the executive meeting after the September fair is over.

Members of the recreation forum will meet with Medonte, Elmvale, Coldwater, Georgina, Midland and Penetanguishene Councils before September 15 to explain what the committee envisages and to ask for each municipality's support in the study. They have already met with a receptive Flos Council.

The recreation forum has not and will not set building priorities for itself, says Hilda Sibthorpe, Tiny representative on the committee. "We feel an impartial consultant will best be able to tell us what we need, where to locate it, what time frame we should be working in..." said Mrs. Sibthorpe in an interview last week.

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For another month anyway

Skateboarding legal

Penetanguishene skateboarders got another reprieve Monday night, as council did not give third reading to a bylaw which would outlaw skateboarding on public streets and sidewalks.

Ray Baker, the chairman of the police committee which is responsible for the

legislation, said at the council meeting he had not had a chance to review the legislation, because he had been in hospital.

The bylaw was given two readings at last month's council meeting, but was returned to committee when councillor Lionel Dion questioned the severity of the penalties set out in the legislation.

Baker said the bylaw would probably be ready for third reading at September's regular council meeting.

He added Tuesday morning that he had received an offer from the Lions Club to provide whatever equipment would be necessary to construct a skateboarding facility, if the town provides the land. Baker said he thought this would help provide skateboarders with a safe place to practise their sport after the bylaw is passed.

Tenders called for Oak Ridge renovations

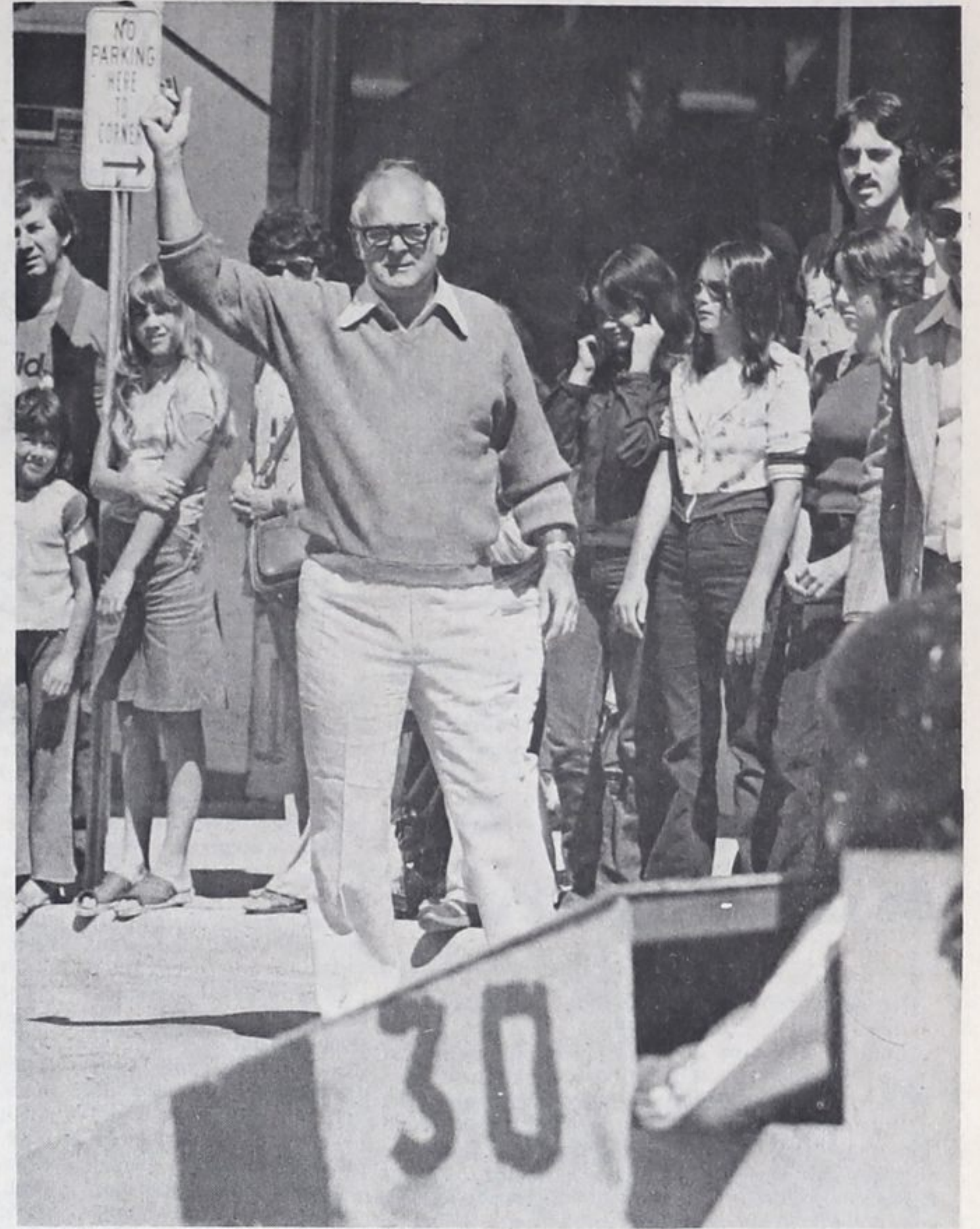
Tenders have now been called for extensive renovations to the maximum security Oak Ridge division of the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene.

The work, to be undertaken for the Ministry of Health, will include renovations covering a total area of approximately 91,300 square feet, and modernization and upgrading of facilities at the centre. Also to be included in the project are the construction of a pre-fabricated storage building and two guard houses, the installation of new perimeter and interior fencing, minimum security window screens and additional lighting.

As well, minor alterations will be carried out at the main entrance of Oak Ridge for security purposes, and site development, such as sodding and paving, will be completed.

Tenders will be received until September 22, and the staff of the Ministry of Government Services estimates that the project will be completed by October of 1978.

Last month, tenders were called for work to be undertaken on the Regional section of the Mental Health Centre, but as of August 4, when the tenders were to have been opened, no one had put in a bid for the work.



They're off!

Mayor Vince Moreau fired the first shot to signal the start of the Soap Box Grand Prix. Twenty-four entries were on hand for the

first round of heat races in Penetanguishene, the winners of which will go on to compete in the final on September 3rd. Staff photo

News briefs

Ontario Fire Marshall called in

The Ontario Fire Marshall has been called in to determine the cause of a blaze which gutted a house on Church Street in the early hours of Monday morning.

Penetanguishene Fire Chief Bob Stewart said the blaze was reported at 6:30 a.m., and

the fire department battled it for about 1 1/2 hours before extinguishing it. He said the damage was extensive, and the interior was pretty well gutted.

The house, at 273 Church Street, belongs to Peter Baan.

Robert Lane parkette plans presented

Basketball hoops, a horseshoe pit and an asphalt play surface for ball hockey and winter ice rink will be among the features of the Robert Lane Parkette. Plans for the Neighbourhood Improvement Project were presented to the Arena, Parks and Recreation Board last Wednesday night.

"The park should be completed sometime this fall," said NIP Co-ordinator Ken Cousineau.

Originally planned to be a full size park, the town had to set its sights lower last year when unable to purchase adjacent land.

Also included in the parkette will be creative playground equipment and a sand playground.

"The west end is a neglected part of town," said Councillor Francis St. Amant in approving the plan.

Meetings to be held on secondary plans

Residents along Concessions 6 and 7, and Concessions 11 - 19 should keep October 1 open on their calendars. That is the day Tiny Township will be holding public meetings into proposed secondary plans for residents of those areas.

Tiny's consultants Ainley and Associates are currently in the process of drawing up secondary plans for Wymbolwood and Mountain View Beach (Concessions 6 and 7) and for Cawaja, Rowntree, Nottawaga, Tiny Beaches, the Georgian Sands, Sand Castle, Kingswood Acres and Georgian Highlands.

Secondary plans for these areas will

designate future land uses recognizing existing land uses. Development of the shoreline is a major concern with Tiny's planners because of the need to maintain control over seasonal or year-round use of remote areas which would have to be serviced in the winter time.

The secondary plans for these two major areas will include all land along the Nottawasaga Bay shoreline to approximately one mile inland from the bay.

Area residents will have the opportunity to discuss land use designations with both Tiny and Ainley planners, and to file objections.

Cold weather means cancellation of tests

The wintry weather of the past few weeks has thrown a monkey wrench into the Red Cross swimming program held at Bayfield Park in Penetanguishene.

Swimmers trying for their junior, intermediate and senior badges have only been in the water for six or seven days in the past three weeks, said Recreation Coordinator Ron Marchildon at last Wednesday's Arena, Parks and Recreation Board meeting. "They need at least 15 good lessons to have a chance

of passing," he added. "There's no use bringing an examiner up here because they're all going to flunk."

The board agreed there was no use disappointing the young swimmers if they were going to fail, and voted to cancel plans to bring up an instructor.

Next year the course will likely be extended to four weeks to compensate for August's unsettled weather.

Internal evaluation team taking shape

The internal evaluation team, being formed by the Simcoe County Board of Education to conduct a study into education in the Penetanguishene family of schools, is beginning to take shape.

The Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board named two of its trustees to the team at its last meeting on August 17. Lloyd LaPlume and Donald D'Aoust were appointed by the chairman of the board to sit on the committee, which will undertake the first phase of the Cooperative evaluation being undertaken by the public school board and the Ministry of Education.

After the internal evaluation is completed, an external evaluation will get underway, and then a report incorporating the findings of both groups will be presented to the board.

The public school board's Director of Education, Jack Ramsay, said Monday many of the members of the internal evaluation team will be school staff members, who are now on vacation, so the final composition of the team will not be known until about the second week in September.

The study will probably be started in October, and the complete evaluation should be completed by next June.

Replaces Mary Rogers

Art Stewart appointed deputy mayor

Penetanguishene reeve Art Stewart was officially confirmed by council Monday night, as deputy mayor of the town.

The position of deputy mayor has been vacant since the resignation in June of councillor Mary Rogers, who was deputy mayor and chairman of the finance committee.

Councillor Ron Bellisle was named the new

chairman of the finance committee at last month's council meeting, but the official confirmation of Stewart as deputy mayor did not come until Monday.

The deputy mayor's duties include chairing council meetings in the absence of the mayor, and attending official functions which the mayor may be unable to attend. Councillor Lionel Dion, who was appointed

last month to fill Rogers' council seat, raised the question Monday night of who should be given the responsibility of signing cheques when the mayor is out of town. Before Rogers resigned, she held both the deputy mayor's position and the position of finance chairman, and she had the cheque signing privileges. Before that, when Dion was the Reeve of Penetanguishene, he also held the two positions, and had the signing privileges.

Since the deputy mayor and the finance chairman are now two different people, Dion suggested that the signing privileges should go to the deputy mayor.

Mayor Vince Moreau admitted he had not thought about the problem, but promised he would give the matter consideration, and come up with a solution.

Town asked to join in on joint recreation study

A recreation centre to serve the needs of the people of four local municipalities was the topic of a presentation made to Penetanguishene Town Council Monday night by Tiny Township deputy reeve Hilda Sibthorpe.

Sibthorpe told the council representatives of the villages of Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbour, and the townships of Tay and Tiny had got together to form a committee to look into the possibility of having a study done on the recreational needs of the area, and of constructing an arena in a central location.

She told the councillors the committee was empowered by the four municipalities to get quotes from consulting firms, and was now interested in making the municipalities of Penetanguishene and Midland aware of the steps it has taken. Sibthorpe said she was

hoping the councils of Penetanguishene and Midland would endorse the concept of the joint study, and possibly contribute towards the cost of the study.

"We aren't anticipating a costly study," she said.

She said the four municipalities had no idea what the study would show. "They may come back and tell us we're crazy. We don't know," she said.

Councillor Frances St. Amant said the town now had its hands full raising money for the floor of the arena it already has, and voiced concern that money might be a little hard to come by for such a study.

Mayor Vince Moreau, however, said council would look over the proposal and make a decision soon.



Working up an appetite

The things you have to do for a meal sometimes. Cathy Townes and Carolyn Griffen squirm their way through the rope

obstacle at last Sunday's CBO picnic and Field day. Although they were not the first to the finish line they were not turned away

when they asked for "more" at dinner. Staff photo



Composite drawing

Wanted for indecent assault

Ontario Provincial Police have released a composite drawing of one man wanted in the August 5 indecent assault of a 17 year old Toronto girl. The victim was picked up in a yellow vehicle in Wasaga Beach by two men and driven to Tiny Township in the area of the third concession where she was assaulted. The sketch is of the driver of the car. He is described as being 17 to 18 years old, 5'6" to 5'8", thin build, blonde shoulder length hair, wavy at rear and sides. The second suspect is 19 or 20 years old and has long, dark, straight hair below the shoulder.