

Yvon Gagne—a man with responsibility

Our goal is to make Penetanguishene a better place to live—not necessarily a bigger place to live

Those were the words of Penetanguishene town clerk, Yvon Gagne. The title that he bears is somewhat misleading since the job of the clerk entails much more than clerical work.

Basically, the town clerk is the chief administrator of the municipality. He must keep records of all municipal business, documents, bylaws, and he is the secretary of all committees. And he must attend every council meeting.

Misleading or not, Yvon Gagne is the town clerk, and he feels that his title is irrelevant.

"It's the job I do that's important," he explained, "there has to be someone to reconcile all the department heads, and staff members, and that's my job."

Yvon Gagne was born in Ontario's true north country, in a town called Hearst. He joined the Bank of Nova Scotia in 1955, and spent a number of years at various different posts with the bank. One of those posts was Toronto.

Municipal politics in Penetanguishene seem to suit Mr. Gagne—and he feels that Penetanguishene is a good political situation to work in.

"We have a very progressive Council here. They feel it's good for the municipality, it's good for council. They have faith in the municipality," Mr. Gagne said.

Mr. Gagne describes the attitudes towards politics in this municipality as "low-key".

"There are no pressure groups in a town like this—as there are in Toronto. The attitude of the people running for office seems to be...if you want me to serve you, I'm here...the individual

almost always stands on his/her own," he said.

That low-key attitude is not always good, according to the town clerk.

"I guess you could say that we're somewhat complacent about politics here—the Mayor's office hasn't been contested since 1960. I think we've gotten much less complacent in the last few years," Mr. Gagne said.

He feels that the political complacency that is understandable, since there aren't many controversial issues that come up in Penetanguishene.

Mr. Gagne was quick to point out that council doesn't always agree on political matters, but if something is in the interest of Penetanguishene, council will always work together towards that end. He cited the NIP program and the downtown revitalization task force as examples.

"The municipality has been lucky. We've had strong mayors for many years. It helps when you've got strong leadership at the top," he said.

One thing that does bother Mr. Gagne, is the problem of French services in Penetanguishene—or lack of French services.

"It's a bit shameful that none of our services are in French. For example, we don't have a bilingual letterhead," he said.

The town clerk feels that the French identity of the town, is something that will have to deal with a political level. He mentioned that in the next election, it is likely that forms and ballots will be available in French and English.

"The big problem is that to translate documents such as minutes of council meetings into French would require a

professional translator—so that the information would be translated exactly. That would cost extra money," Mr. Gagne said.

What does the future hold for Penetanguishene?

According to Mr. Gagne, the town will grow, but it will grow at a gradual pace.

"We have geared ourselves to a gradual growth. Our housing policies, and zoning policies are all set so that growth will be gradual and controlled. We will never be another Mississauga," he said.

Penetanguishene will always be a separate entity, according to the clerk. It is possible that sometime in the future, the six area municipalities might choose to form a regional government—but the town itself will remain fairly independent, Mr. Gagne said.

He also sees a closer cooperation between Midland and Penetanguishene in the future.

"What affects one affects the other," he said, "we've found in the past that our two labour forces are mixed. People from here work in Midland, and people from Midland work here, so there has to be more cooperation between the two towns."

He was quick to add however, that there is no possibility of merger between Midland and

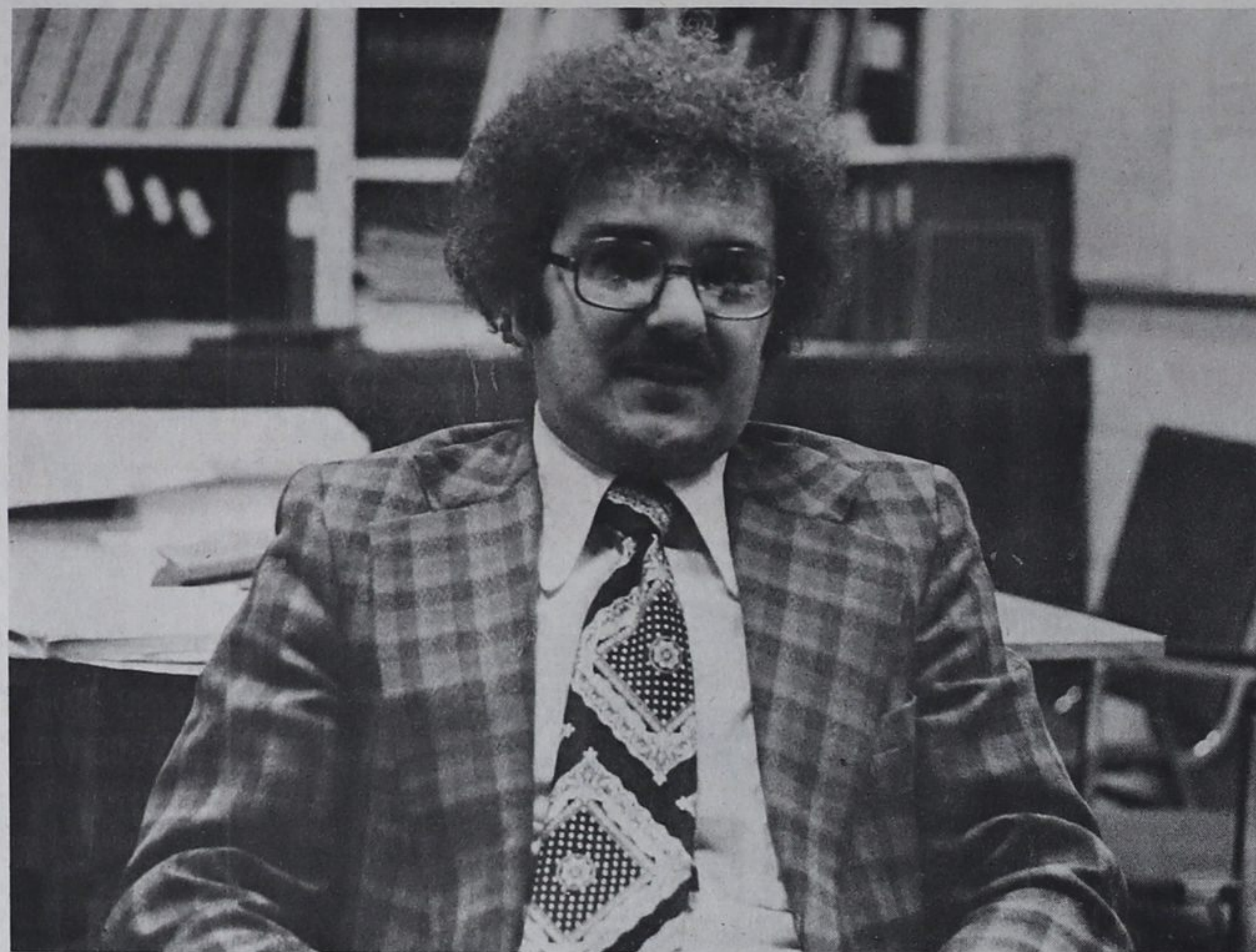
Penetanguishene. The job that Yvon Gagne has, holds a great deal of responsibility.

Whatever happens in the municipal politics of the town, he must be aware of, since he is the chief

administrator. As he said himself, if something should go wrong, the clerk cannot say 'It's not

my department', because everything that transpires is his department. Fortunately for

residents of Penetanguishene, Yvon Gagne wears his responsibility very well.



Yvon Gagne is less known than many local politicians

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Ontario Municipal Board

In the matter of Section 35 of the Planning Act (R.S.O. 1970, c. 349),

and in the matter of an application by the Corporation of the Township of Tiny for approval of its Restricted Area By-law 30-77.

APPOINTMENT FOR HEARING

The Ontario Municipal Board hereby appoints Monday the 6th day of March, 1978 at the hour of two o'clock (local time) in the afternoon at the Country Mill, County Road No. 25, Township of Tiny, for the hearing of all parties interested in supporting or opposing this application.

If you do not attend and are not represented at this hearing, the Board may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings.

In the event the decision is reserved, persons taking part in the hearing may request a copy of the decision from the presiding Board Member. Such decision will be mailed to you when available.

Dated at Toronto, this 14th day of December, 1977.
Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE OF RESTRICTED BY-LAW 30-77

The following is a summary and explanation of By-Law 30-77 which is a comprehensive Restricted Area By-Law affecting land in the Township of Tiny.

The Council of the Township of Tiny deems it desirable to update and revise the existing Restricted Area By-Law 1530 as amended and to have said By-Law conform to the Official Plan of the Municipality.

Due to the many amendments existing to By-Law 1530 it is the wish of Council to consolidate all amendments into one document and combining all procedures together, updating and revising the present by-law to conform to the Official Plan, replace by-law 1530 and consolidate all amendments therefore Council deems it desirable to adopt By-Law 30-77.

By-Law 30-77 is a comprehensive land use by-law for the Township of Tiny, regulating and restricting land uses within the Municipality. Its object is to zone property as it is basically and presently used provided it is in conformity with the Official Plan for the Township of Tiny Planning Area.

The general intent and purpose of the by-law is to give protection to the Residents and land owners of the Township of Tiny so that their present value would be protected from damages which might result from unrestricted and uncontrolled development.

The above is a brief explanation of the provisions of By-Law 30-77. For more accurate references the By-Law can be reviewed at the Township of Tiny Offices during regular business hours.

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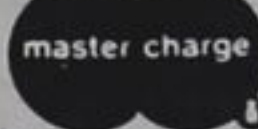
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Minister: Rev. Sydney McDonald BA
Phones: The Church 322-1411, The Manse, 322-2453
Elmvale Church: Christian Education, 10 a.m.
Christian Worship, 11 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

St. John's - Elmvale Minister: Rev. B. Gazzard
Worship: 11:00 a.m. (Nursery during Service)

Phones: Church 322-1472, Manse 322-1522
Wyevale United Church: 11:30 a.m.
Waverley United Church: 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Allan J. McLaughlin, Minister
Hillsdale United Church
Services 9:00 a.m. each week

Minister: Reverend Arnie Chamberlain
Sunday School 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

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251 Second St., Midland
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11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 1st and 3rd
Morning Prayer, 2nd, 4th and 5th
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
St. John's Waverley
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 2nd and 4th
Morning Prayer, 1st, 3rd and 5th
Good Shepherd, Wyebride
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