



Patricia Lesperance

Patricia Lesperance is a happy lady, and rightly so considering since she's \$25 richer. Patricia, from Perkinsfield, won the money for placing third in the 1977 Simcoe County Historical Association Essay Contest. The topic of her essay was "L'Ecole de Lefaive's Corner" and it was about the history of an old school, now torn down. With Patricia is her history teacher, Genevieve Roy-Manshart of Lafontaine. **Staff photo**

Total cost \$3,555,800

Council adopts road program

Roads in Penetanguishene may be improved in the few years or thanks to a move by Penetanguishene council at their last meeting.

The public works committee submitted a report at the meeting, and council passed the report. The report, presented by chairman of the public works committee, Clarence Lomas, called for eight year road program. The public works committee has been carrying out an "extensive in house study" of the conditions of local roads over the past year or so.

The reason for the study was to establish a priority system for judging the roads. It was also necessary since the advent of the Neighborhood Improvement program. (NIP) "Let us admit, right from the start, that our roads in this municipality are in very bad condition. With the exception of the main arteries, there has been little work done in the past years on road reconstruction," the report stated.

The report also said that if "this municipality wants to continue to be a viable municipality, it must undertake an ambitious program to reconstruct the roads within the next 20 years."

Total costs of the eight year road program will be \$3,555,800, but NIP will pay a portion of the bill until 1981.

Part of the work of investigating the condition of local roads has already been done in conjunction with the NIP. After 1981, when the fate of the NIP is unknown (it may be discontinued by the government), the public works committee suggested that council carry on with the program.

"The public works committee suggests that the municipality carries on with the momentum originated by NIP and that we provide a budgetary allocation per year thereafter, and in particular that such a program be required to be paid on a cash basis, and not use our debenture debt," Mr. Lomas said in his report.

Mr. Lomas pointed out that council could budget for almost the same amount as in

recent years, and still provide enough for the study and the budget allocation.

Mayor Vince Moreau pointed out that future councils must be able to switch the emphasis from the eight year study if they see fit.

According to the public works department, the idea would be to keep those allocations in the budget for the next several years, depending on the situation with town council.

The 1978 projects, according to the report, should be the installation of storm sewers, curb and gutters, and paving of Robert Street West—Burke Street from Champlain Road—Burke Street from Church Street to Nelson Street, and Nelson Street from Burke Street to Main Street.

Also called for are the paving of Cambridge Street from Church Street, to Fuller Avenue, and the paving of West Street to the town boundary, the paving of Laurier Street from Centennial Drive to Fuller Avenue and the paving of Fuller Avenue just south of Cambridge Street to the Mental Health Centre.

Total costs for those projects, to be carried out this year, is \$542,043.

Future projects include more work on Burke Street, Peel Street, Chatham Street, Yeo Street, Robert Street West and East, Brock Street, Wolfe Street, Sheridan Avenue and Water Street.

The type of work and how thorough the reconstruction will vary, depending on the individual project, but each involves paving, and many include sewer construction, and curb and gutter installation. Erosion control measures will also be taken where they are called for due to serious eroding in winter and spring months.

In the opinion of the public works committee, the eight year program is easily justified, as it would provide "us with a fair amount of insight and be reasonable enough for use to expect that if the projects is on the list, it would be carried out."

The report also pointed out that it would be

up to council to modify the projects each year when the program is brought up to date.

The road program will work very closely with the NIP. Since council approved the NIP, which called for several road reconstruction projects, the public works committee felt that it was very important for

council and NIP organizers to work and in hand.

The public works committee also recommended that the treasury department approach the Ministry of Transportation and Communication to gain a commitment from them as to helping to pay for the program.

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More information on HAMR home needed

At a special meeting held Monday night, Midland's Planning Board agreed to visit an existing group home in Barrie or Collingwood

before deciding whether to allow a group home to locate in Midland at 438 Hugel Avenue.

He said these figures were fair for five to 10 residents.

Board member Richard Platt was the first to respond to Clute's suggestion.

"Planning for for flesh and blood people living in mortar houses," he said suggesting that planning for the group home was getting out of hand. He accused the board of stalling and told them they should decide whether or not to allow the HAMR to move a group home into 438 Hugel Avenue.

The home meets all but one of the criteria recommended by the board at their last meeting. The only criteria it cannot meet is

lot size.

Tom McCullough and Nancy Keefe both suggested that before any more steps were taken the board should endeavour to find out what problems have been encountered in other municipalities and why group homes have been rejected in some places.

"The decision we make must be the right decision," said Mr. McCullough.

The decision to look at other group homes was an unanimous one. Chairman Wayne DeWitt told the board that the visit "will make for a more honest evaluation of what we come up."

Downtown task force

30 attend public meeting

The second public meeting held by the downtown revitalization task force took place last Wednesday at the council chambers in Penetanguishene. About 30 people attended the meeting.

Much of the discussion was the same as what took place at the meeting the previous week. The main concern of many of the merchants was the parking situation. There were several suggestions towards building an off street parking lot, or a number of parking lots.

As well as merchants, a number of area residents attended the second meeting. One lady in the group explained that she does all her shopping in Midland, because Penetanguishene lacks the variety of stores Midland has.

"I like most of the stores here, but if you

can't get what you want in one store, you have to go to Midland anyway," the lady said.

Re-location of the Main Street business section was again given considerable discussion at the meeting. No consensus was reached amongst the people present.

Task force chairman John Gignac said after the meeting, that he was very pleased with the attendance at the second meeting. There were more people at the second meeting than the first.

Mr. Gignac was also pleased that there were a number of residents present, rather than just the merchants from the downtown area.

The next step for the task force is to analyse the results of the questionnaires, and

study what they have learned from the public meetings.

The group has also planned to visit two other towns to see the results of revitalization first hand. One of the places the task force will visit is Tillsonburg, and the other is Sarnia. Both those trips are planned for sometime in April.

Also, the task force will have at least one other public meeting, where the results of the questionnaires and the public meetings will be discussed and presented to the merchants and residents of the area.

Finally, the task force will present its findings to town council sometime in May. Council will then review the findings and decide what the next step in the revitalization investigation will be.

PC's elect local lawyer

A local lawyer, Fred Hacker, was elected president of the Midland and District Progressive Conservative Association at a meeting of the association held last Thursday evening.

John McCullough, a member of the local association, read the nominations which were agreed upon with no further discussion.

The treasurer for the 1978 term will be Dean Nichols. The secretary elected is Barb Hacker.

Dave Walker will perform the duties of Director of Membership and Terry Butler will be the director of special events.

The representative for the men's association is Cam Parker. The representative for the ladies association is Robina Fair.

Greg Rice was elected director of Public Relations.

After being elected Fred Hacker announced a policy meeting for interested PC members on April 12 in the YMCA at 8 p.m.

Paved at last!

One of the roughest roads in the Penetanguishene area will be paved in the summer of 1978, according to Penetanguishene council and the public works department.

At their last regular meeting, council passed a by-law authorizing the paving of Fuller Avenue from south of Cambridge Street to the grounds of the Mental Health Centre.

According to many members of council, the paving was long overdue. Fuller Avenue marks the boundary between Penetanguishene and Tay

Township, and though it has been marked with potholes for months, the approval of both municipalities was required before the work could be undertaken.

Total cost of the project will be \$43,000, and Penetanguishene will have to pay about half of that sum, \$21,500.

Presently, preparations are being made for the drawing up of plans for the project, and specifications for the work. It is not known when the work will go out to tender at this time.

News briefs

Stokes appointed medical director

Dr. Ronald E. Stokes has been appointed the medical director of the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene. His duties will commence on June 1.

Dr. Stokes is the president of the Ontario Psychiatric Association. He has an extensive background in forensic psychiatry and was at one time associated with the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital. At the present time he serves on the Central Ontario Board of Review and has made monthly visits to the

Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre in that capacity.

Dr. Stokes also served with Dr. Barry Boyd on the committee regarding confidentiality of health records for the Ontario Psychiatric Association. At the present time, Dr. Stokes supervises mental health clinic in the Muskoka and Parry Sound area.

Dr. Barry Boyd retires this year after 18 years as Medical Director of the Penetanguishene Facility.

Stoneleigh Motors to keep Hwy 27 access

The provincial Ministry of Transport has written the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board, stating that it will stand firm in its intention to issue a permit allowing Stoneleigh Motors Ltd. entrance access off Highway 27, despite a request on the part of the TTPPB that the ministry reverse its initial decision allowing the access.

At a meeting of the TTPPB, March 2, a motion was passed asking the ministry to reverse the Stoneleigh decision on the grounds that the ministry had previously approved a TTPPB request not to allow access from Highway 27.

The board felt that since two established businesses had already been denied access from the highway, it would be inappropriate to allow a yet to be constructed business

entrance permission.

The TTPPB's objection to access off Highway 27 stemmed from a suspicion that single entrance accesses such as the one proposed by Stoneleigh Motors "aren't as effective as they might be", explained TTPPB planning co-ordinator Mike Ufford.

Mr. Ufford went on to explain that the most recent communication received from the ministry stated that it didn't feel the entrance access "would jeopardize the capacity or safety of Highway 27."

He said that he personally still feels the ministry's granting of the access way is inappropriate, but noted that it is up to the board to take further action. He said that the correspondence will be discussed at Thursday's board meeting.



Top patrollers

Penetanguishene Police recently announced the winners of the monthly Safety Patrollers. Contest. The winners of this popular contest receive a free lunch from Dock Lunch, and a

pass to the Pen Theatre. This month, the winners were (from right to left) Kay Cameron, a grade seven student at Burkevale School, Christopher Fournier,

grade eight student at St. Joseph's school and Maurice Duval, grade seven student at Corpus Christi school. With the contest

winners is friendly policeman Arthur Lizotte, of the Penetanguishene Police Department. **Staff photo**

Operating without license

Garrison Aviation president fined \$200

Peter Crampton, president of Garrison Aviation, which operates Huronia Airport, was fined \$200 in Provincial Court on Monday morning for two counts of operating a commercial air service without a licence.

Crampton pleaded guilty to both charges. According to the federal prosecutor, George Clegg from Orillia, Crampton was charged that on May 28, 1977 and June 16,

1977 he took people for rides and charged them. Neither Garrison Aviation or Peter Crampton are licenced to take commercial flights.

Mr. Clegg told the court that planes used for commercial flights are subject to more tests than privately used planes.

Ted Symons, represented Mr. Crampton. He told the court that Crampton is a well

experienced commercial pilot. He explained that there has been a dispute going on "between the previous operator, the Huronia Airport Commission and the present operators at the airport." Symons told the court that because of this the transfer of the commercial licence from the previous operator has not yet been made.

Symons also told the court that Mr.

Crampton took the people on the flights and charged them out of "economic necessity."

Mr. Clegg suggested the minimum fine be imposed. However, Judge Nadeau said, "my own view is different as to the seriousness of the charge." He said that economic necessity is no excuse or reason for operating a commercial air service without a licence.

He fined Mr. Crampton \$100 on each count.