

Council adopts 1978 budget

Penetanguishene town council officially adopted the revised 1978 budget and tax rate for the municipality at a special council meeting on Monday night.

Ron Bellisle, chairman of the finance committee—the body responsible for formulating the budget each year—presented the "Current Budget" to council. Residents of Penetanguishene will be pleased to hear that the municipal mill rate will not go up in 1978, although an increase in the Simcoe County Board of Education budget will raise the mill rate.

"I am very happy to announce tonight that the document presented to council does not call for any increases in municipal mill rates—thus leaving a net increase of 5.73 mills,

which is entirely for school purposes," councillor Bellisle said in his report.

The public school rate has increased substantially since last year, but a decrease in the county mill rate requirement has offset the 8.30 school increase. The county assessment will decrease by 2.54 mills, thus bringing the total school increase to 5.73 mills.

Thanks to what councillor Ray Baker called "cutting to the bone" on committee budgets for the municipality, the municipal mill rate will actually be reduced. The local mill rate will decrease by 0.03 mill, which as Mr. Bellisle said is "hardly anything to brag about, but never the less a decrease."

Total spending for the municipality has actually increased by almost \$100,000, but

\$72,457 of that increase went to schools.

Due to the higher mill rate, an average home—one assessed at \$3,000—will be taxed more heavily this year.

Taxation on an average three bedroom bungalow will increase by \$17.10 in 1978. The public school tax payment on that type of home will increase by \$16.02, from \$84.93 in 1977 to \$100.95 in 1978. Secondary school taxes will increase from \$78.15 to \$87.03, making the total increase \$8.88. Town taxes will show a slight reduction, from \$231.96 to \$231.87, and county taxes will show a larger decrease on an average home, from \$27.36 in 1977 to \$19.74 in 1978.

The total taxation on that type of home in 1977 was \$422.40 and that figure will increase to \$439.59 in 1978, amounting to the total assessed increase.

Town council was generally happy with the 1978 budget, and they passed unanimously when the vote was called. Among other things, the budget will allow the town to "pay our way in cash for the paving of Fuller (Avenue) and cutting the cost of the project (Fuller Av.) in half".

Councillor Ray Baker expressed the sentiments of council when he praised the finance committee, the mayor and the other committees for honestly trying to hold down spending.

"In view of today's inflation and local unemployment, it's an excellent budget," councillor Baker said.

Following the passing of the budget, council went into caucus, and the special public meeting was adjourned.

Lemaire-Garrison reach settlement

by Dave Wilson

An out of court settlement has been reached in the \$140,000 lawsuit launched in May 1977 by Lemaire Air Services against Garrison Aviation Limited and Garrison co-owner Peter Crampton, it was learned this week.

The settlement, signed a week ago today,

releases Garrison and Mr. Crampton from all legal litigations launched against both parties by Lemaire, in return for a cash time payment by Garrison of \$60,000 to Lemaire.

The \$240,000 lawsuit initiated by Lemaire against the Huronia Airport Commission for an alleged breach of contract is not affected by the settlement, and according to Lemaire

operator Tom Lembo, Lemaire solicitors have been instructed to "press on as quickly as possible" with litigations.

Lemaire launched simultaneous lawsuits against Garrison, Crampton, and the airport commission in 1977 after the commission informed Lemaire in June of 1976 that the air service would no longer be permitted to

manage Huronia Airport. The commission contended that Lemaire had not fulfilled certain terms of the initial airport operating agreement, signed in April 1973. The commission subsequently turned over management and operating rights to Garrison Aviation in October 1976.

The six-point agreement signed last Wednesday states Garrison Aviation will pay Lemaire \$200 per week for the next five years. It goes on to say that Lemaire will surrender its instruction and charter licenses to the Air Transport Committee. This clause of the agreement opens the way for Garrison to apply for instruction and charter licenses, permits which the air service has been after for some time.

The agreement also stipulates that Garrison will pay Lemaire's solicitor an \$8,000 retainer to be held in trust until the Air Transport Committee receives information pertinent to the agreement and Lemaire's licenses are cancelled.

Under the terms of the agreement, Lemaire will also "provide Garrison with encouragement and co-operation in Garrison's continued development of Huronia Airport."

Speaking to The Times Monday, Lemaire operator Lembo said he feels the signing of the agreement underlines what he saw to be Lemaire's case against Garrison and Mr. Crampton.

"The agreement essentially establishes that we had a right to be there (i.e. managing Huronia Airport), and mitigates against some of the losses we've incurred since we were evicted," Mr. Lembo said.

He also said that the agreement represents a growing co-operation between the two often antagonistic air services. Mr. Lembo said that "Garrison's attitude has changed drastically in the last two months."

Mr. Lembo emphasized that the agreement does not mean that Lemaire has been bought by Garrison. He said his company "fully intends" to continue operations, and it is partly for this reason that it is pursuing the lawsuit against the airport commission.

"We feel satisfied that we'll never be able to operate out of the airport as long as the Huronia Airport Commission has anything to do with it," he said.

Garrison co-owner Crampton said in a brief telephone interview Monday that he was "content with the agreement." Now that the agreement has been reached, he said, he is primarily "interested in getting the airport active again to its fullest capability."

Mr. Lembo revealed that the agreement was the result of two months of negotiations. He said that his company had hoped to settle all legal matters out of court, and had gone as far as to send the airport commission a letter March 17, indicating Lemaire's willingness to enter into negotiations. He said he received a letter April 14 from the airport commission stating that it was not prepared to settle the dispute outside the courtroom.

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Principal angered by news coverage

by Howard Elliott

The case of a 13-year-old Corpus Christi student who was allegedly "kept in a cardboard box" while attending school has caused considerable controversy in the past few days. In fact, one Toronto newspaper, the Sun, printed a story about Bill Ladouceur in their Sunday paper.

The Citizen was one of the first papers to hear about the case of Billy Ladouceur, when a relative of the family phoned the office last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Barbara Ladouceur, Billy's mother, said in an interview that she first heard of her son attending classes in a large enclosure from her daughter, who is a grade eight student at Corpus Christi school in Penetanguishene. According to Mrs. Ladouceur, her son had been "too scared" to tell her of the incident.

The incident began about three weeks ago. According to Rodney Rankin, principal of Corpus Christi school, Billy was having problems getting his work done, claiming that other students in the class were "bothering" him. Upon investigating the problem, Mr. Rankin said he found that the class was being disrupted by Billy, and that Billy was having great difficulty keeping his mind on his work.

Since Billy had already failed most of his subjects on his mid-term report card, Mr. Rankin decided that some action should be taken to help Billy concentrate on his assignments. Several large pieces of cardboard had been donated to the school for various purposes, and one of these was used to construct a cubicle, or carrel. The device was similar to cubicles found in most school libraries, or classrooms where audio-visual teaching takes place.

According to Mr. Rankin, the purpose of the enclosure was to afford Billy the privacy needed to get his work done, without being disturbed by the other members of the class. The cubicle was large enough to accommodate Billy and his desk, and it was set in one corner of the classroom. Billy took his lessons with the class, and when he was given an assignment to do, he sat in the enclosure.

In an interview with the Citizen, the

principal emphasized that the purpose of the cubicle was to help Billy get his work done, not to punish him.

Mrs. Ladouceur doesn't agree with the principal, and she was upset when she heard the news from her daughter. She claimed that Billy was being kept in a "cage", and that the purpose of the exercise was to punish her son for acting up in class.

Mrs. Ladouceur has five children attending Corpus Christi school, and she claims that the administration of the school has been "picking on" her children. Billy's mother also claims that the incident regarding the cubicle was "hushed up" by school authorities.

Someone from the Ladouceur family contacted the Toronto Sun, and The Sun did a telephone interview with both Billy and his mother. The paper also called Mr. Rankin on Saturday and on Sunday, and a news story about the episode appeared on page two of the Sunday Sun. The headline on the story read "Billy was caged up for class", and a sub-headline on the front page of the tabloid stated "School holds kid in cardboard box".

Mr. Rankin was upset by the story in the Sun, claiming the paper had told only one side of the story.

He spoke with the Sun reporter over the phone, and told the reporter the whole story, including why Billy had been working in the enclosure.

"It is not a box," Mr. Rankin said, "...we were only concerned that Billy wasn't getting his work done." He disputes the word "box" or "cage" as Mrs. Ladouceur called it, because the enclosure was open at the top and simply provided Billy with his own small classroom.

Although the enclosure method has never been used at Corpus Christi before, it is a common practice according to Mr. Rankin. In fact, one text book used in university for students studying teaching sites the "isolation booth" method for children who cannot get their work done in an ordinary classroom atmosphere.

Mr. Rankin also pointed out that Billy was allowed to do his work outside, with the rest of the class, providing he got his work done, and didn't disrupt the rest of the students.

The principal didn't contact Mrs. Ladouceur when the decision to use the enclosure was made, and he feels now that he should have.

"If I made any mistake, it wasn't contacting the parent," Mr. Rankin said.

While working in the cubicle, Billy's school work showed a definite improvement, according to Mr. Rankin and Billy's teacher. His mother claims that being in "the cage" bothered Billy emotionally, but Mr. Rankin doesn't agree. When the Citizen spoke to Billy last Thursday, he also said that being in the cubicle hadn't bothered him mentally.

The Globe and Mail, another Toronto paper, also contacted Mr. Rankin, but when they heard the story they concluded that the Sun had sensationalized the issue. Both the Globe and the Toronto Star elected not to carry stories on the incident.

The Simcoe County Board of Education supervisor for this area, Gardhouse, contacted Mr. Rankin, and was satisfied with the reasoning behind having Billy do his work in the cubicle.

Mrs. Ladouceur went to the school when she heard about the incident, and complained to Mr. Rankin and to Billy's teacher. It was suggested that Billy be transferred to another class, and he was, effective last Friday.



Rodney Rankin

Rodney Rankin, principal of Corpus Christi school in Penetanguishene, was upset by the article printed in the Toronto Sun. "It tells only one side of the story," Mr. Rankin said. Staff photo

News briefs

The circus is coming to town

The circus is coming to Penetanguishene! The Arena Floor Funds Committee will be bringing the Martin and Duncans circus to town on June 7. And this circus will be held under the traditional "big-top", in the Waterfront Park at the corner of Scott and Water Streets.

There will be two performances of the ever-popular circus at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Advance tickets will be on sale at business outlets around town, and will cost only \$2. At the door, tickets will cost \$2.50 for children and \$2.75 for adults. Advance ticket purchases are preferable since they can be sold at a reduced price.

Parking will be available between the big-top and Owen Street, and entrance to the exciting big-top will be off Owen Street. See you there!

Little NHL banquet to be held May 16

The Penetanguishene Little NHL banquet will be held at the Penetanguishene Curling Club on Tuesday May 16 at 5:45 p.m. All minor league hockey players, who participated this past season, are welcome to attend.

The guest speaker will be Don Tannahill.

Beatty will be missed

by Jackie McLaughlin

Students at Penetanguishene Secondary School will be saying good-bye this June to their principal of 11 years. Don Beatty will be leaving his post as principal to begin a new job as the Superintendent of Schools in Area 6. The position will entail the supervision of such schools as Barrie North, Barrie Eastview and the family of schools associated with them.

Before coming to P.S.S. the principal played football with the Hamilton Tiger Cats and the Calgary Stampeders, was a dairy farmer for six years, and taught at both Fergus and Brampton and served on the Town Council in Brampton for five years.

Mr. Beatty first came to Penetanguishene thirteen years ago as vice-principal at P.S.S. and then two years later became principal.

He first applied for his new position in February of this year and so feels that he's had ample time to consider the move. He is now a resident of the Sunnyside area and plans to remain there after he takes over his new position as he has become quite attached to the area.

There has been much controversy at the school over the French-English problem. When asked about this Mr. Beatty said that he feels a reasonable solution will be found now that the Internal and External teams have made their studies and everyone's views have come out.

P.S.S. has made some fine achievements over the years, according to the principal, from their Musicals to their outstanding performances in the Junior and Senior Mathematics competitions.

He attributes these successes to a joint effort between himself, the teachers and the students and feels that it is the principal's job to create an encouraging atmosphere for the staff as well as for the students.

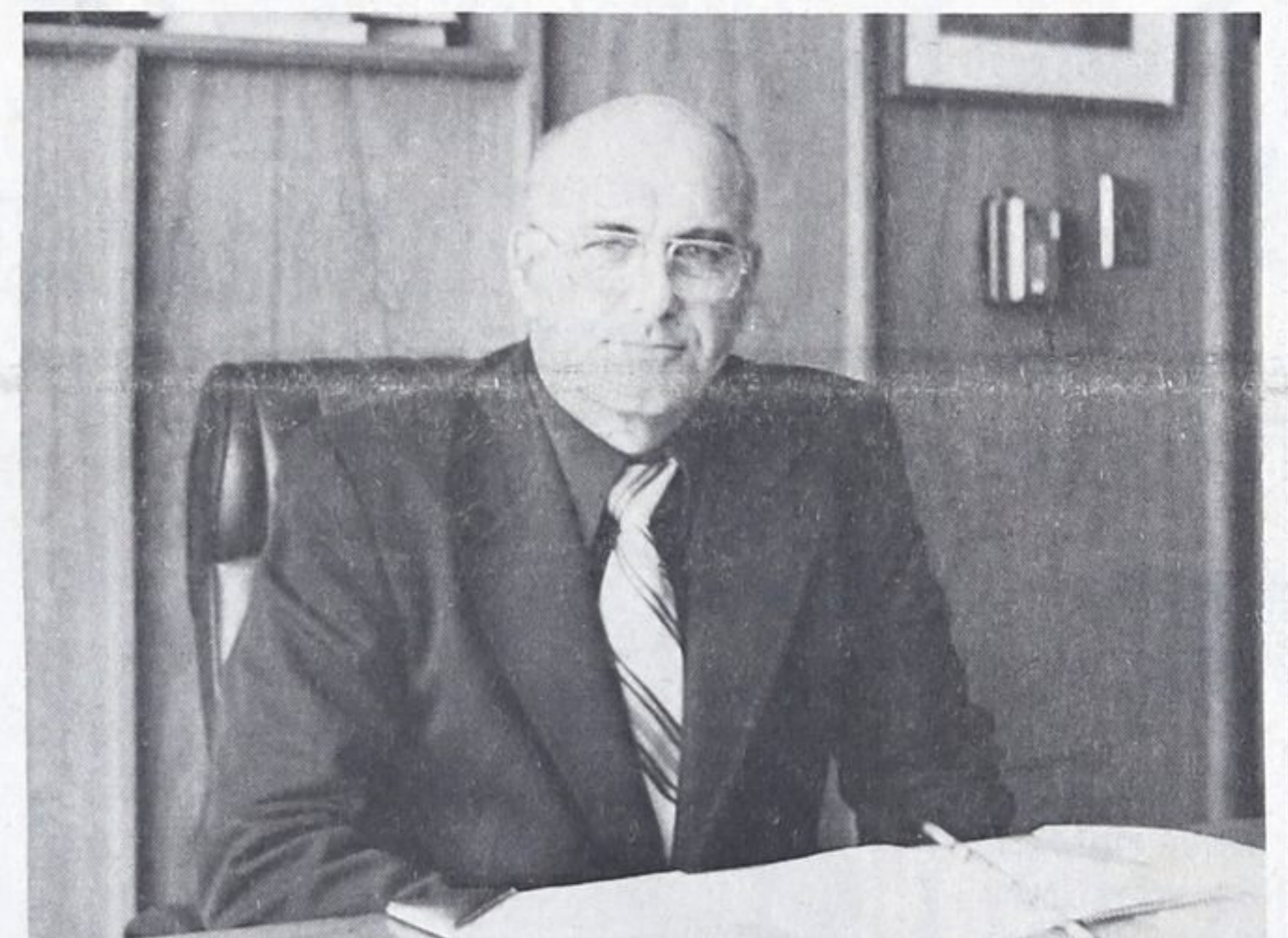
The aspect of P.S.S. that stands out most in Mr. Beatty's mind is the positive attitude of the student body and the faculty

over the years. This attitude is reflected in the actions of the students during the past while, regarding the prospect of a new separate French high-school, according to Mr. Beatty.

I asked a few students how they felt about their principal and his forthcoming move. One student commented that Mr. Beatty is everything the school stands for and that he only hopes that the new principal can keep up the school spirit as well as the past principal has over the years.

Another said that there have been some difficult times and there was no one more capable to handle them than Mr. Beatty. A grade ten student said that she likes the way the principal "got with" what was going on and also that he always tried to remember the students names when he saw them in the halls.

All of the students said that they were happy for Mr. Beatty and the prospect of his promotion but they all agreed that he is going to be missed greatly around the halls of P.S.S. in the coming years.



Don Beatty, principal at Penetanguishene Secondary School, will be leaving his post at the end of June. Jackie McLaughlin, a student who worked for several weeks with

the Citizen, wrote this story about Mr. Beatty, and how PSS students feel about their principal. Staff photo

Board may start injury course for teachers

The Simcoe County Board of Education will wait for a report from area teaching councils before implementing a course designed by two Barrie physiotherapists to help teachers recognize serious playground and athletic injuries.

Physiotherapists Terry Porter and Doug Freer approached the board at a special meeting Monday night asking that they be allowed to teach an intensive eight-hour course in recognition of injuries and prevention of more serious injury.

Mr. Freer told the board the course would cost \$120 per day per lecture.

Mr. Porter told the board the sessions would be a series of lectures and a practical demonstration for prevention of injuries.

The two men are mainly concerned with the way in which injured students are handled before trained medical help arrives at the scene.

Mr. Porter said such training for teachers would give them a check list of symptoms to look for from an injured patient so it could be determined how the case should be handled while medical help is alerted.

He said the course would cover procedures for evaluating head and spinal injuries, neck, bleeding, muscle and joint injuries, fractures and dislocations and minor injuries such as cuts and abrasions.

Also included in the course would be lectures on what to stock in a complete first aid kit and where to purchase the contents as well as procedures for proper warm-ups for athletes.

"We see lots of pulled muscles now that track season has started in the cold weather," Mr. Porter said.

He recommended the number of people per lecture be restricted to between 12 and 18 to make the practical demonstrations more intimate.

"You can't just talk to people and expect them to know how to tape an ankle," he said. The board also learned that the course could be slanted toward the particular interests of a certain school.

Mr. Freer also recommended the board consider having some of its teaching staff trained in cardio pulmonary a stopped heart. Mr. Freer said there have been cases in the

Simcoe board's system where children have been injured and gone without any type of diagnosis.

"These type of things happen-not very often-but they happen," he said. The two physiotherapists have lectured in all Barrie's secondary schools and Mr. Freer told the board he and Mr. Porter are con-

stantly receiving calls from teachers asking how to deal with certain injuries.

"We can tell what season starts because all the kids come in with one type of injury," Mr. Freer said.

Education Director, Dr. Jack Ramsay, said that in many cases of playground injuries at the elementary level the children

simply "shake it off" and the staff never know what happened.

"We'll never get around that but there are incidents that could be dealt with," he said. "This is the type of thing our phys. ed. councils should be discussing."

The program will likely get underway this September.



Well equipped

A well equipped soap box racer hangs on tight in his trip down Main St. in Penetanguishene. A total of 24

cars entered the event held Sunday by the 1st Penetanguishene pack.