

Between 1,000 and 5,000 may gather in Tiny

Officials fear biker gathering

In light of information received by Tiny Township officials indicating that between 1,000 and 5,000 motorcycle club riders could descend on a concession 18 property over the

July 1 holiday weekend, township solicitor Gordon Teskey will travel to Toronto Thursday seeking an injunction to permanently close the property to mass

gatherings.

Township Clerk treasurer Guy Maurice told the Times Monday that it has come to the township's attention that The Vagabonds motorcycle club has sent out invitations to approximately 140 other clubs and chapters, welcoming them to a weekend-long campout and music festival on 50 acres of land, situated on Lot 12, Concession 18.

The land, he said, is held in trust by a Wolfgang Shrenk, who is a member of the Vagabonds.

Mr. Maurice explained that the township has already succeeded in obtaining a temporary injunction to prohibit mass gatherings on the property, and will seek the permanent injunction on the grounds that a congregation of the size anticipated for July 1 would present a health hazard, and would cost the township too much money for police protection.

Also, he said, Tiny has a bylaw stipulating that organizers of large events must have in

their possession a licence 60 days prior to the event, and must post a security bond of \$200,000. The owner of the Concession 18 property has yet to make application for either of these, Mr. Maurice said.

He said the township has known for some time that the Concession 18 property was owned in trust by the Vagabonds, but until now that fact has not prompted any worries.

"Up until now, it hasn't been a cause for concern, but right now it is," Mr. Maurice stated.

Corporal Johnstone of Midland OPP said Monday that police have been made aware of the possibility of a motorcycle club gathering on July 1, but as yet, have no firm indication on the numbers or the clubs involved. He said that fears of 5,000 bikers turning up for the event are "probably exaggerated."

"We do have information that there could be a motorcycle gathering," he said. "At this point we're just sitting back - if it comes off, we're going to be prepared," he said.



Obstacle course

Carmen McNamara winds his way through the chairs at the bicycle rodeo held at Penetanguishene's arena last Sunday. Children who participated in the rodeo had to have their bicycle checked out, write a safety

rules test and drive through various obstacles to test their road skills. Penetanguishene police say the rodeo was a smashing success.

Staff photo

Penetanguishene man, 24, held in attempted rape case

A 24-year-old RR 1, Penetanguishene man is currently in Barrie jail awaiting trial on a count of attempted rape following an incident which took place last Thursday evening at a Tiny Township residence.

Midland OPP reports that a 15-year-old girl was babysitting in a Lot 16, Concession 17 residence when at about 9:45 p.m. a man knocked on the front door asking to use a telephone.

The girl apparently allowed the man ac-

cess to the residence and once inside, police say he forced the victim into a bedroom and began removing her and his own clothes.

The girl began struggling, and eventually escaped her assailant, fleeing to her own residence next door. After the victim's departure, the assailant fled the residence on foot, police say.

He was located later on in the evening and charged with attempted rape.

A court date was to have been set Monday.

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Hinnells committee drafts reply to YMCA board

Following the distribution last week by the Midland YMCA of a letter documenting the Y's reasons for firing former aquatic director Vicki Hinnells, the Committee to Reinstate Vicki Hinnells has drafted a 24-page response, claiming that the allegations in the Y letter are, "for the most part, false and tremendously over-exaggerated."

According to committee member John Gorman, copies of the letter will be sent to the National and International Councils of the YMCA, and to all major newspapers in the province. Unlike the YMCA, which mailed copies of its letters to all YMCA members and supporters, the Hinnells committee will not embark upon a mass distribution of the latest document, but instead will begin a door-to-door solicitation of all Y members. Mr. Gorman also said that five copies of the letter will be placed in the Midland Public Library, and paid media advertisements will be taken out to inform the public of the letter's whereabouts.

The letter is the result of a meeting last Friday of the Hinnells committee, at which the 11 reasons cited in the Y letter for Ms. Hinnells' dismissal were discussed. As the Hinnells committee letter states, the committee still stands firm in its belief that "the reasons submitted for the dismissal by Austin Matthews, even if they were true, did not warrant such a drastic action after four years of loyal and faithful service to the community" on Ms. Hinnells' part.

The letter goes on to charge that the allegations cited in the YMCA letter "had to be based on hearsay evidence", and suggests that personal animosities may have played a role in Ms. Hinnells' dismissal.

"The allegations were made by the General Manager, Austin Matthews, based on, to a large part, information provided by the pool assistant, Anka Vermeulen. Since the day Ms. Hinnells received the position of Aquatic Director, there has been a personal clash between Vicki Hinnells and Anka Vermeulen, in that Mrs. Vermeulen has always felt that she should have been given the position of Aquatic Director in 1974.

Mrs. Vermeulen is, in fact, the wife of Mr. Al Vermeulen, one of the members of the Board of Directors of the Midland YMCA", it states.

The Hinnells committee letter then responds - in some detail - to each of the allegations contained in the YMCA letter. While stating that Ms. Hinnells herself has admitted on several occasions that there were administrative problems at the pool during the latter stages of her tenure there, the letter suggests that those problems stemmed mainly from a lack of communication between Ms. Hinnells and Austin Matthews regarding administrative procedures, a "lack of assistance by the Pool Assistant" Mrs. Vermeulen, and Ms. Hinnells' marital problems at the time.

The letter also addresses itself to the actual procedures involved in Ms. Hinnells' dismissal in February of this year, contending that "she was not given a fair hearing and proper warning of her dismissal, that is required under the Labour Relations Act for the province of Ontario," nor was she "afforded the rights given to her by the Constitution of the Young Men's Christian Association".

On February 27, it states, Ms. Hinnells met General Secretary Matthews "to discuss some paper work problems at the pool". The letter states that this was the first indication Ms. Hinnells had of any administrative problems at the pool in the four years she had been aquatic director there. The result of that meeting, according to the letter, was an agreement between Mr. Matthews and Ms. Hinnells that the two would sit down to iron out the difficulties.

This meeting, the letter alleges, never materialized, and on the next day there was a three-way clash at the pool between Mrs. Vermeulen, Mr. Matthews and Ms. Hinnells, at which Ms. Hinnells brought up the subject of the personality conflict between herself and Mrs. Vermeulen.

"It was at this meeting that Austin indicated that if Vicki could not work with Anka Vermeulen, perhaps 'he could find someone who could'. This was the very first

indication that Vicki's job security was in jeopardy," says the letter.

Further meetings to discuss personnel conflicts never came about, the letter states, and on March 20 after presenting Mr. Matthews with a summary of objectives for the

1978 operations of the pool, Ms. Hinnells was told the YMCA executive committee had met the previous day, and it had been decided she must be dismissed immediately.

The letter says that "the dismissal is illegal", inasmuch as the committee in-

Turned down by Midland

Boat races may be held on Harbour

The power boat races that were originally to be held in Midland, on Little Lake, may be held in Penetanguishene this summer. The Sports Craft Racing Division of the Canadian Boating Federation approached the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce with the possibility recently, and the Chamber is in favour of the idea.

Midland's Board of Parks Management decided at their Thursday night meeting to delay the race until fall, when the swimming season is over. There was concern that such a boat race would contravene a bylaw in Midland because of possible pollution and noise levels around the lake.

According to the Midland Parks Board, the race might not be held even in the fall, if it would damage the lake and surrounding area.

Chamber of Commerce member Jim Desjardins was quoted in a recent newspaper article as stating "...if Midland doesn't accept the offer to hold the race then we will definitely go after it." Chamber President Gerry Light was unavailable for comment as to whether or not the race should be held in Penetanguishene.

According to Town Clerk Yvon Gagne, there wouldn't be many problems with holding the race in Penetanguishene Harbour, the suggested site. Little Lake is a landlocked lake, fed by the local storm sewer

system. For that reason power boats on the lake might cause serious problems by stirring up sediment on the lake bottom and creating noise.

Penetanguishene Harbour, on the other hand, is open to Georgian Bay and is also larger than Little Lake. According to Mr. Gagne, the same problems wouldn't occur if the races were held here.

Even if the municipality objected to the races being held on Penetanguishene Harbour, it would have no jurisdiction, according to Planning Secretary Paul Hodgins, because Penetanguishene Harbour is a provincially owned and controlled body of water.

The only reason race organizers would need municipal permission to hold the race is if they required the use of town owned facilities such as the Waterfront Park. If the federally owned town dock was to be used, the municipality would also have to agree.

According to a spokesman for the provincial government, race organizers would have to contact the Ministry of Transport for permission to put buoys in the water. The buoys are used to mark turning points and racing lanes for the racers. Other than that stipulation, there shouldn't be any problem with holding the race on the harbour, according to the spokesman.

Should any policing be required for the event, local police could request a patrol boat from either the Royal Canadian Mounted

Police in Orillia, or from the local Ontario Provincial Police detachment.

If the races are held in Penetanguishene it will be the first time such an event has taken

place here. The races would be a one day event, with six different classes of boats taking part. Some of the boats would be equipped with modified racing engines.

Famous Guard to perform

Sunday, June 18 the world-famous Fort Henry Guard will perform at the Historic Naval and Military Establishments in Penetanguishene.

Three repeat performances are scheduled; the first at 11 a.m., second at 12 noon and the third at 1 p.m.

"Visitors will have an opportunity to view the Guard and their activities in very close quarters," said Establishments Manager Burke Penny, indicating the parade ground in front of the Officers' Quarters is the area where the Kingston Guard will perform.

Each 30-minute show will feature infantry drills including bayonet exercises and volley firings; artillery drills with team competitions; and a mascot and pioneer show.

The Establishments has in the past offered a number of interesting, exciting events during the summer. A few years ago the modern 48th Highlander per-

formed in historical contrast to the Establishments Guard, which represents the 24th Regiment of Foot - a British military unit which existed 100 years ago. Last year the Establishments hosted a Silver Jubilee Celebration in honor of the Queen, at which Her Honor Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario was the special guest.

The Fort Henry Guard is an historical unit representing a British regiment of the mid-1800's. While at home in Kingston, the unit regularly performs colorful and exciting military pageants, complete with cannon firing exercises.

The combination of seeing the Fort Henry Guard perform and then touring the impressive Establishments - a reconstruction of a naval base and military garrison located on the site from 1817 to 1856 - will cost a family a maximum of \$2. Other admission rates are adults 75 cents, students 50 cents and children 25 cents.

News briefs

McGibbon to visit area on Saturday

The official itinerary for the visit Saturday of Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon was released Monday.

The Lieutenant-Governor will be visiting Midland to take part in recognition ceremonies for Midland, Michigan as part of Centennial year.

Mayor R. Goodenough of Midland, Michigan and a party of 20, including members of the town's council, will be in attendance for the festivities.

At 4 p.m. Saturday, Mrs. McGibbon will be arriving at Town Hall on Dominion Avenue where she will be greeted by the Drums of the Fort Henry Guard.

Also on hand to receive the Lieutenant-Governor will be Mayor Moreland Lynn, members of the Centennial Committee and other dignitaries.

Mrs. McGibbon will visit the municipal building for 20 minutes which will allow time for guests to be presented.

Beman inquiry held in local court

A preliminary inquiry to hear evidence in the case of Charles A. Beman who was charged earlier this year with five counts of indecent assault was held Monday in Provincial Court in Midland.

The Judge at the hearing was flown in from Toronto. At the request of Mr. Beman's lawyer he ordered the press not to report on the evidence. He also excluded

the witnesses from hearing each others testimony.

One of the five charges against Mr. Beman has been withdrawn leaving him charged with four counts of indecent assault.

Mr. Beman was represented by Midland lawyer Robert McKinnon.

the meeting, to be held at the Penetanguishene arena, in the lounge.

For further information, contact Burt Dubeau at 549-7780.

Little NHL to hold annual meeting

The Penetanguishene Little NHL (house league hockey) will hold their annual meeting tonight, June 14 at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with the Little NHL operation next year is encouraged to attend

the meeting, to be held at the Penetanguishene arena, in the lounge.

For further information, contact Burt Dubeau at 549-7780.



Band at Ontario Place

John Coull, one of the conductors of the PSS-MSS band is shown here conducting

the band at Ontario Place this weekend. The band journeyed to Toronto to help out with

Midland's Centennial celebrations. Saturday was Midland Day at Ontario Place. See page

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Staff photo