

Council hears Task Force report

by Howard Elliott
The Downtown Revitalization Task Force presented their report to Penetanguishene Council at their Monday night meeting. Task Force chairman John Gignac and committee

member Ross Spear attended the meeting to answer questions about the 13 page report. As well as the report from the task force, a supplementary report prepared by a Toronto consulting firm was also presented to

council. There was only one copy of that report distributed, so details were unavailable at press time.

According to Mr. Gignac, the supplementary report outlines a number of alternative proposals for improving the situation in Penetanguishene's downtown core. One of those alternatives involves a waterfront development of some sort. Full details on the contents of the supplementary report will appear in the Friday Citizen.

During the presentation, council members asked a number of questions regarding the work of the task force. Councillor Lionel Dion asked Mr. Gignac how much "feedback" had been received from members of the public.

Mr. Gignac explained that there hasn't been much "feedback" and in fact there hasn't been much response.

"We've gotten the impression that many of the merchants in this town are rather complacent," Mr. Gignac said. He expanded further by saying that there was no consensus from merchants as to what the problem with the downtown is, and what should be done about the problem.

Some local merchants are young and aggressive, according to Mr. Gignac, and that group wants to move ahead, but many have been in the area for years, and are quite content to stay where they are.

Mr. Gignac also commented that some people seemed to feel the task force was trying to help the owners of the High Poyntz Mall, by suggesting that the business section locate around and in the mall.

"There is some suspicion that we're trying to help out the owners of the mall, but that simply isn't true," Mr. Gignac said. "We couldn't care less if the owners go broke."

Briefly the task force report recommends that the town acquire the mall, make some alterations and then sell or rent it to local merchants wishing to locate there.

Councillor Dion pointed out that other groups have found Main Street to be unsuitable for a commercial core. Several

years ago, a report was presented to council by a consulting firm, and that report discouraged development along Main Street, for the same reasons as the task force stated.

Councillor Ray Baker expressed concern that the mall proposal might be too expensive for many local merchants, in which case the town would be "back to square one".

Mr. Gignac agreed that there was a considerable risk in proposing that the town acquire the mall, saying that he guessed the proposal would cost the town about five million dollars. He also said, however, that "if the town is to have a viable business section, some risk is necessary".

Councillor Francis St. Amant said that some merchants she has talked to are afraid the town or the task force will force them to move to the mall area.

Mr. Gignac explained that no one can force the merchants to move "anywhere". Even the zoning for Main Street was changed, present businesses would continue to operate under "non-conforming" use sections of the planning code.

Mr. Gignac suggested that council circulate the supplementary report to area merchants, along with a questionnaire to further investigate the question of revitalization.

Mayor Vince Moreau concluded the discussions about the project, saying that he thought the public meetings held by the task force were "well-attended and very well presented."

The task force report will now go to the Housing and Development Committee for further study.



Patti Murphy



Michael Albert

Council honours two successful students

Penetanguishene council honoured two local youngsters at their Monday night meeting. Michael Albert and Patti Murphy both received certificates of merit from Mayor Vince Moreau.

Patti Murphy, a grade eight student at St. Joseph's School was the winner of a number of public speaking contests this year. She won the regional contest sponsored by the Catholic Women's League and a number of

other contests. Michael Albert, graduating from Penetanguishene Secondary School this year, was presented with his certificate after he won the Canadian Olympiad, a national mathematics competition.

Mayor Moreau and council expressed their thanks to the two youngsters, and offered congratulations to the winners and their families.

Cites run in

MacLeod resigns post

Midland Council passed a motion at a regular meeting Monday giving centennial commissioner H. "Mac" MacLeod, who resigned last Thursday, a vote of support and confidence.

The motion, which was presented by Alderman Richard Platt stated that council appreciated the excellent services of Mr. MacLeod and were glad he will be able to continue as centennial commissioner. The motion was passed with only Deputy Reeve Bill Ogilvie opposed.

"Good riddance I say," the deputy-reeve told council.

Mr. MacLeod submitted his resignation to Centennial Chairman Nancy Keefe last Thursday. In a press release Monday, Mr. MacLeod stated "a situation has come about that makes it impossible for me to continue. It can and may be resolved. Regardless Centennial will go on bigger and better with or without me."

On Monday Mr. MacLeod told The Times the reason for his resignation was a "run in" with another organization in town.

"That was the straw that broke the camels back," Mr. MacLeod said. He indicated that the head of the organization "is a meddler" and made comments about Mr. MacLeod's treatment of some visitors to Midland for centennial celebrations.

"The beefs from the very people who stand to benefit most from Centennial hurts. It hurts doubly when you're trying to do your

very best. To say otherwise would be a lie," Mr. MacLeod said.

On Monday Alderman Platt told council that despite any reservations he had and still might have over the salary being paid to Mr. MacLeod he felt he was doing an exceptional job as centennial commissioner.

"It's a matter of sincere regret to me that Mr. MacLeod could have run into certain difficulties which could have led to his resignation," Mr. Platt said adding, "Mr. MacLeod has agreed to rescind his resignation."

Centennial Chairman Nancy Keefe told council, "it is the hope of the committee that he will remain." She outlined the hard and good work Mr. MacLeod had done for centennial.

"We couldn't have completed our centennial projects without the centennial commissioner," she said.

Deputy Reeve Bill Ogilvie stated he hadn't seen that much action over the nine months since Mr. MacLeod had been hired. He criticized the town for not entering into a contractual agreement with Mr. MacLeod. "Either he does the job of he doesn't do the job," he said. "I think this fellow is getting well paid."

Mr. Ogilvie outlined his fear that Mr. MacLeod would resign again if he was reinstated in his position. "Council may be well advised to let the man resign."

The deputy-reeve asked the Mayor his

opinion of Centennial and for an explanation of what had happened to make the commissioner resign. Mr. Ogilvie said he understood it was caused by a run in with an administrative official of the Chamber of Commerce.

"Let's get it out in the open," the deputy-reeve said.

Mayor Lynn denied knowing anything about the squabble. He said he supported the motion of confidence.

The resignation is going before the centennial committee on Wednesday night. Mr. MacLeod will not be present. Mrs. Keefe and centennial committee member Rena Bell feel the committee will not accept the resignation.

Mrs. Bell told The Times Monday, in her opinion Mr. MacLeod has worked long and hard for Centennial and has gone out of his way on many occasions. She said it is a shame this had to happen.

In the meantime Mr. MacLeod is continuing his duties as centennial commissioner. He has kept the centennial vehicle and Monday he was in Little Lake Park supervising the set-up of the midway. He told The Times he will fulfill his duties until after Wednesday's meeting.

Although Mr. MacLeod did not state he would withdraw his resignation he did hint that if he got a vote of confidence from council and the committee wanted him to stay he might continue in his position.

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People perform

The sounds of pop music drifted across the lawn of the Mental Health Centre Saturday evening, as a group calling itself the Project

People Show entertained. It was the fourth time the group has performed at the MHC, and members brought with them the band's

message of optimism. About 125 people turned out to hear the ensemble perform a series of up tempo selections. Staff photo

Saturday July 1

Rock bands perform at arena

The sounds of rock and roll will fill the Penetanguishene arena this Saturday, July 1, as two hard rock bands arrive in town.

The bands Goddo and Battered Wives, are being brought to Penetanguishene by the Arena Floor Fund Committee. According to recreation co-ordinator Ron Marchildon, profits from the event will help to pay for the new arena floor.

Headlining the July 1 show will be Goddo, presently gaining recognition as one of Canada's top rock bands. After two albums, critics are beginning to take notice of this "powerhouse trio" from Toronto.

According to the Regina Leader-Post in a recent review of Goddo's performance, "the band's sound is hard and heavy in the extreme". Made up of three musicians, Greg Goddovitz, Gino Scarpelli and Doug Inglis, Goddo has been compared to other rock trios such as ZZ Top.

While a good deal of Goddo's material is their own, renditions of rock classics such as "There Goes My Baby" and "Oh Carole" are also featured. The members of Goddo aren't new to the music business. Greg Goddovitz, vocalist, is an ex-member of Fludd—the once well-known southern Ontario band. Gino Scarpelli, guitarist, comes from another Ontario rock trio, Powerhouse and drummer Doug Inglis was a member of Motherlode.

Goddo recently completed a western Canadian tour, where they were greeted by excellent reviews from critics in Winnipeg, Regina and Vancouver. Singer-bassist Greg Goddovitz is the star of the show, and the leader of the band. Critics claim he's a cross between "a late sixties hard rocker and a punk rocker".

Guitarist Scarpelli is also praised in the reviews, his playing being compared to that of Peter Townshend and Jimmy Page.

Goddo is preparing to go to work on their third album, hoping it will meet with more success than their second, entitled "Who Cares?"

The second band on the Saturday, July 1 bill will be Battered Wives. This relatively

new band comes from England with a sound somewhat similar to Goddo. According to reviews, Battered Wives manages to cross punk rock and hard rock and get a "palatable" result.

Advanced tickets for the show are presently on sale, and are \$4. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$4.50.

Fishing banned

Because of problems with overnight fishermen, Penetanguishene council has passed a bylaw prohibiting fishing from town docks at certain hours.

At Monday night's meeting, a petition signed by 17 property owners was presented to council. All of the property owners have property abutting on the town docks.

The petitioners complained about damage being done to boats moored at the docks. Apparently, a number of canvas tops have been torn by fishing hooks, and boats have been damaged in other ways. Some of the night fishermen walk on the boats and use them to fish from, and that creates a mess for boat owners, according to the petition.

The property owners also claim that the lack of proper washroom facilities is a serious problem. The town dock washrooms are closed to the evening due to vandalism. In response to the petition, council passed a bylaw dealing with the fishing problem and with other problems related to the dock.

As of Monday night, fishing will be prohibited on the dock, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Fishing will be allowed during the day.

Parking on the dock was another concern. One part of the bylaw states that no person shall park on the dock for more than 15 minutes—and only then to load or unload the vehicle.

Overnight and weekend parking are also prohibited, except for certain designated

Depending on the success of the July 1 show, Mr. Marchildon may be bringing in two more bands to entertain at the arena. Tentatively, Moxy and Triumph are scheduled for that second show.

Mr. Marchildon stressed that he would only put on the second show if the first was successful.

sections of the dock. Fines for breaking the new bylaw range from \$50 for the first offense to \$100 for the second offense.

Tiny officials fail to block Vagabond party

Tiny Township officials failed to get an injunction from the Ontario Supreme Court last Friday to stop the Vagabonds motorcycle club from holding a party this weekend on 50 acres of land they own on Tiny Concession 18 near Thunder Beach.

Tiny Clerk Guy Maurice told The Times Monday that the Toronto judge dealing with the case felt that Tiny's bylaw, restricting large gatherings unless the township has 60 days notice, is "discriminatory".

"The bylaw, in his opinion, has a tendency to be discriminatory against the defendants," Mr. Maurice said.

The Vagabonds are celebrating their thirty-fifth anniversary this weekend and have invited motorcycle clubs from across North America to attend the party. Reports on the number of motorcyclists expected

vary from 900 to 5,000.

Mr. Maurice says it is up to the attorney-general to decide how the gathering will be policed. There is a chance that Tiny township will have to pay for extra OPP officers.

"The cost of policing a thing like this is enormous," Mr. Maurice said.

Tiny's clerk and solicitor met with representatives of the Vagabonds and their solicitors a week ago Thursday for cross examination. Tiny was seeking a permanent injunction to stop the Vagabonds from using their property. Last Thursday and Friday the two parties met once again in court and the judge heard both sides of the story. He handed down his decision at 4:30 Friday afternoon. Mr. Maurice says he is "disappointed" with the judge's decision.

Midland boy dies of meningitis

by Dave Wilson

Two isolation wards have been set up in the emergency ward at Huronia District Hospital to treat children who may have become infected with spinal meningitis, a communicable disease which claimed the life Sunday of nine year old James Todd of Midland.

As well, nursing staff, ambulance drivers and patients who come in contact with the Todd child are being administered antibiotics to prevent further outbreaks of the disease. Also, the parents of students from kindergarten to grade three at Huron Park School in Midland, where the Todd boy attended classes, have been instructed by the Simcoe County District Health Unit to consult their family physicians if their children begin to show symptoms of the disease, or if they wish to their children to be given antibiotics as a preventative measure.

This action follows the death of the Todd boy Sunday morning at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. The child had been brought into HDH Friday exhibiting symptoms which were later diagnosed as those pertaining to spinal meningitis. Saturday night his condition deteriorated, along with attending physician Dr. James Martin, the boy was transported by ambulance to Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, where he died the following day.

According to county health supervisor Dr. Peter Watson, the type of meningitis that claimed the Todd boy's life was of the fulminating variety, which infects the entire

body. He said that meningitis generally has about a 10 per cent mortality rate, and although the disease is rarely passed on by a carrier, the fact that the victim was in contact with a significant number of children during the final days of the school year, and in one instance attended an end of the year swimming pool party, has prompted the precautionary measures to be taken.

He said that county health unit personnel have contacted all the parents of children the Todd boy may have come in contact with, and with the exception of one child, all children were being observed for symptoms.

The one child who could not be reached immediately was a young boy who had left Friday with his uncle on a motor trip to Western Canada. Midland OPP were informed of the situation, and issued an all

points bulletin in an attempt to locate the boy. Until Monday night, police had been unable to do so, but a phone call home from Battleford Saskatchewan made the boy's uncle aware of the precautionary program now under way.

Dr. Watson explained that with careful observation, children who may have come in contact with the Todd boy should be in no danger. Preliminary symptoms of the disease include headaches, drowsiness, and some disorientation.

He said that it will be difficult to find the carrier of the disease in the Midland area, as the meningitis germ can often lie latent in persons without affecting them.

There were 48 reported cases of the disease in Ontario last year, and the Todd boy's death marks the first instance of spinal meningitis in Simcoe County in 1978.

News briefs

Worms lose their lives in fire

An unknown quantity of worms lost their lives in a fire that burned a workshop and bait storage area on Fourth Street in Midland early Monday morning.

According to Fire Chief Francis Miller,

there were between 50,000 and 60,000 worms in the building at the time of the fire. The fire started in the front of the workshop and worked its way back. Mr. Wright didn't know how many worms had been destroyed.

Softball tournament this weekend

The annual Penetanguishene Softball Tournament will be held this weekend, Friday, June 30, Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2. The tournament will be held at McGuire Park in Penetanguishene, and according to one of the organizers, Francis St. Amant, the tourny should be bigger and better this year.

About a dozen teams from the Georgian

Bay area have been asked to compete in the tournament, according to Mrs. St. Amant. As well as teams from the Bay area, teams from places like Duntroon and Singhampton have also been invited.

Refreshments will be available at the tournament. Mrs. St. Amant explained that a beer tent will set up this year, to cool those parched throats.

Vandals strike Port public school

Vandals struck Port McNicoll Public School with vengeance over the weekend, Midland OPP reports.

Sometime between June 24 and 25, vandals broke into the school causing widespread damage. Police say they broke 17 wire mesh windows, six door locks, dumped glue throughout an office area, smashed bottles, forced open desks, strewn books across classroom floors, removed and discharged two fire extinguishers and poured India ink on floors.

Damage estimates have yet to be finalized,

although police say the total will be well in excess of \$1,000.

Police are still investigating the incident.

Holiday hours

Due to the coming long weekend, the citizen office will be closed on Monday, July 3. The editorial department will be closed on Friday, June 30, but will be open on Monday.

Deadline for classified advertising for the Wednesday, July 5 edition of the Citizen is this Friday at 5 p.m.