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Work on Y to start in May

Work on Midland's new \$1.1 million YMCA facility will begin about the third week of August and hopefully open by May 1979, according to YMCA Board of Directors Chairman, John Leitch.

Tenders for the work have been called and will be opened on August 14. Mr. Leitch said so far eight contractors tendered for the work.

The tender for the steel work has already been awarded. Mr. Leitch said this was necessary because of a steel shortage.

"It's up to the contractor how quick we can get going," Mr. Leitch told The Times Wednesday. He said the YMCA hoped to have the shell up before the snow comes so work can be done on the interior over the winter months.

The opening date of the new facility is tentative. Mr. Leitch said, "we have to do some crystal ball gazing to some extent." At the earliest it will open in mid-April and at the latest in mid-June.

The new facility is being built on the existing YMCA pool in Little Lake Park. When complete it will include squash courts, hand ball courts, a weight room, double gym, indoor track, sauna, larger changing facilities, a co-ed health club and administrative offices as well as the pool.

Total cost of the renovations and addition was estimated at \$1.1 million last fall when the architectural plans were presented to Midland Council and the Board of Park Management.

Newly formed council holds meeting

The first Board of Governors meeting for the Peninsula Development Council was held Monday night at the Penetanguishene Town Offices on Robert Street West.

The leaders of the six involved municipalities were invited to attend that meeting, to begin the organization of the Council. Penetanguishene Mayor Vince Moreau, Midland Mayor Moreland Lynn, Tiny Township Reeve Morris Darby, Tay Township Reeve Charlie Rawson, Port McNicoll Reeve Robin Talbot and Victoria Harbour Reeve Theo Bernard were all to attend the meeting.

The Peninsula Development Council has been in the planning stages for some time. A direct result of the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board's efforts, the Council was approved by all six area municipalities.

Penetanguishene council was the last to approve the idea, at their last regular meeting, held last Monday. The major objective of the Council is to improve the economic climate in the area, and make growth and development more beneficial.

The Development Council will be made up of two bodies, the Board of Governors and the Working Group. At Monday night's meeting, the Board was to discuss the function of the Council and the possible structure of the Working Group.

Although the Peninsula Development Council will have no official relationship with the TTPPB—its inventor—many area board policies will be taken into account in the Council's work.

According to the proposal submitted to the six area councils, the Council will try to take concrete steps in improving economic climate in the peninsula area. Hopefully, this would be done through "the implementation of area board policies and the co-ordination of various government and private programs."

The Working Group section of the Council would be responsible for those things. That group will be made up of representatives from all sectors of business and industry and representatives from communities involved.

After the formation of the Working Group, the Council will come up with a one-year program. That program will detail a certain

number of projects to be carried out in that year.

According to the TTPPB report, prepared by Co-ordinator Mike Ufford, the end results

of the Council's work will be to "promote markets for area products, services and crops, strengthen links between area businesses, the labour force and

management skills, open up contracts between the area and the national and international business and finance communities, and assist local promotion efforts."

Cyrille Marchand

Centre hires administrator

by Howard Elliott

When the Centre d'activités francaises went into operation in 1974, it was staffed completely by volunteers. Since that time, the Centre has expanded its range of services greatly, and the work-load has increased proportionately.

To cope with the growing amount of organizational work necessary the Centre has hired a full-time Administrator-Coordinator in the person of Cyrille Marchand. Mr. Marchand, a resident of the Penetanguishene area for many years, was one of two people to apply for the position when it was advertised, and based on a varied and interesting background, he was hired.

Mr. Marchand, 38, was actually raised in the Lafontaine area, where he attended elementary school. He completed high school, also in this area, and attended college in Quebec.

One of Mr. Marchand's interesting jobs in the past was as the manager of the Tiny Municipal Telephone System in Lafontaine. He held that position for four years, until the system was taken over by Bell Canada.

He also spent time in partnership with his brother, in a business known as Marchand Potatoes Ltd. and managed a Canada Works program in Lafontaine. Canada Works, a government subsidized operation, is active in many small towns, usually helping to organize recreational activities. In this case, the program co-ordinator—Mr. Marchand, hired personnel, and looked after maintenance for a number of ski trails. As people in the Penetanguishene—Midland area know, the ski trail program in Lafontaine was a tremendous success.

As Mr. Marchand explained, the main objective of the French Centre is to preserve and promote the French culture in the area. After about five years of planning and operation, the Centre is achieving that purpose.

One of the main Centre activities right now is the operation of five pre-school nurseries in Simcoe County. Involving children in a bi-cultural situation is most important, according to Mr. Marchand.

"If you can involve the kids in bi-cultural programs, the parents are bound to realize how important and beneficial it is," he said.

Another major effort on the part of the Centre and its personnel, has been the organization of facilities for French senior citizens. Only a year ago, there were no

facilities for French senior citizens. Now, part of the Centre—the lower floor—has been equipped with a number of rooms, a pool table, and facilities for meeting and socializing.

The organization of senior citizens is encouraging, according to Mr. Marchand. "In the sense that we've gotten people involved with the Centre, we've accomplished our aim," he said, referring to the senior citizens.

Mr. Marchand's job at the Centre is a complex one, especially since he is the first full-time staff member the Centre has had. Basically, he will try to co-ordinate and administer the many different areas of the Centre. He also hopes to be able to improve communications from and for the French community in the area.

The French Centre is presently working on the establishment of a French language radio station to achieve that aim. If the 1978-79 budget is passed by the executive of the Centre, Mr. Marchand hopes to work on other areas of expansion in the near future.

One of the things he'd like to do is appoint representatives from the various groups—such as senior citizens—and have those people report to him on what is being done by the groups. In that way, Mr. Marchand feels that communication can be improved considerably.

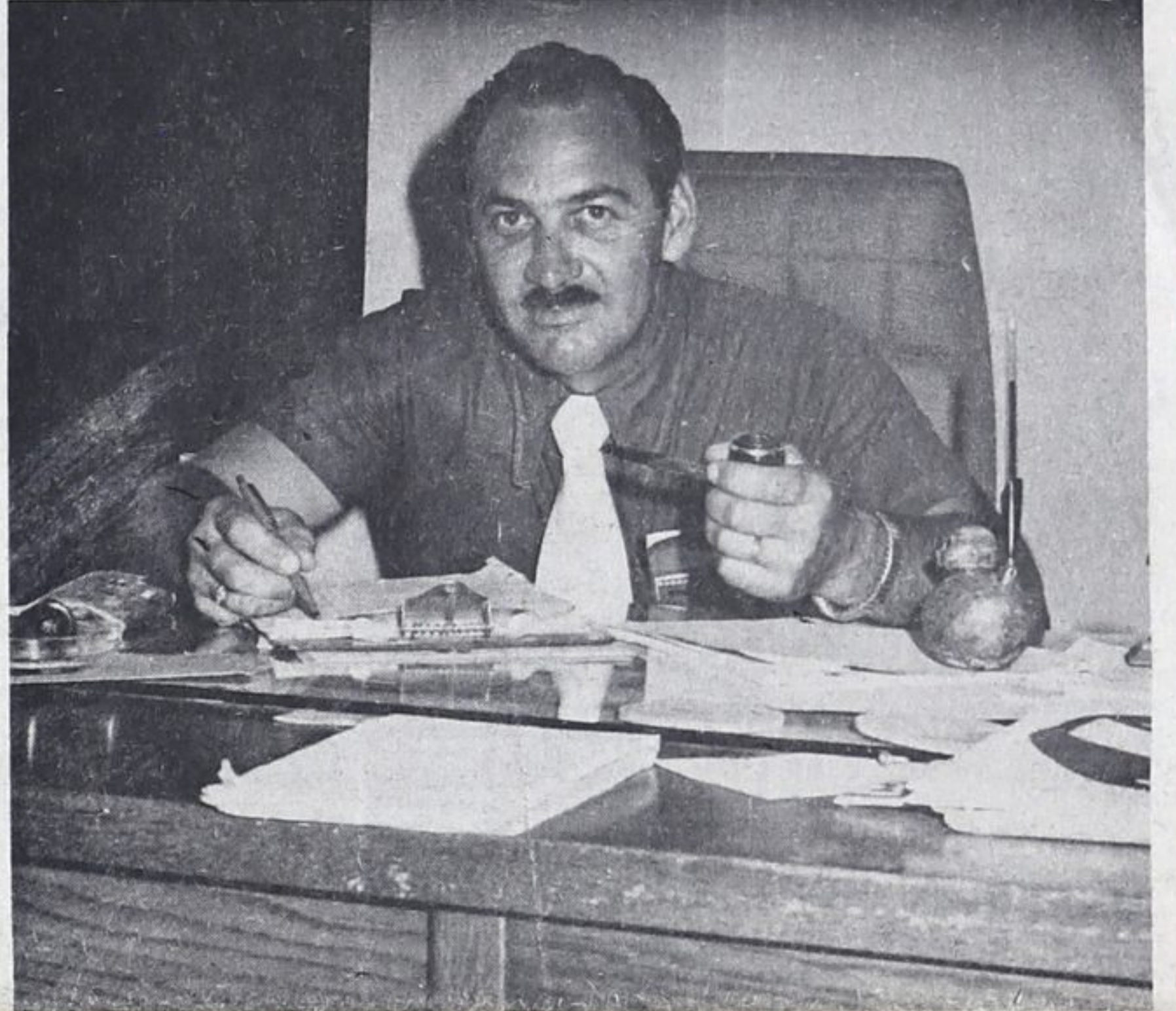
Penetanguishene residents are fortunate that their town has a bi-cultural character, according to the centre administrator.

"I'm sure that some people come to Penetang to visit an area that has two different cultures," he said.

Mr. Marchand readily admits that there is a great deal of work to do in conjunction with promoting and preserving the French culture in the Penetanguishene area, but that challenge is one of the things that drew him to this job.

He explained that in all of his previous jobs, he had no experience before he undertook the job, so every job has been an educational experience for Cyrille Marchand.

"There's no limit to the challenge of this job," he said.



Cyrille Marchand



Fire at Decor plant

Midland firemen douse a fire at Decor Metal Products' number 2 plant on Fourth Street

Sunday afternoon. Cause of the fire and damage estimates have yet to be determined

by insurance and fire department officials. Staff photo

Establishments offer walking tour

PENETANGUIHENE—A walking tour of Penetanguishene and a demonstration of 19th century British military drills is the part of the Historic Naval and Military Establishments will play in the Summerama festivities.

Sunday, August 6 at noon the Establishments Guard will arrive by naval batteau at Waterfront Park near the town dock, where they will demonstrate British musketry and battle drills.

Dressed in the colorful uniform of Britain's famous 24th Regiment of Foot, the Guard will be using replica India Pattern muskets, more popularly known as the "Brown Bess". The Muskets are so well reproduced from the original model that they even have the same 40 per cent misfire rate.

The Guard's performances are always popular with children and photography enthusiasts.

Those interested in the history and development of Penetanguishene will enjoy taking a "walking tour" of the town with a Naval and Military Establishments guide.

Starting from the Chamber of Commerce office at the town dock at 11:00 a.m. sharp Monday, August 7, the stroll will take participants past some of the more interesting buildings of architectural and historical significance. As the tour proceeds, the guide will unfold the story of the community.

The walking tour is about two hours in length and older children can definitely participate.

More rain needed for area crops

The little bit of rain that fell last Thursday, Friday and Saturday may have been welcome relief from the heat and humidity but for the farmers and the foresters it was "merely a drop in the bucket."

According to Steve Dolson, assistant agricultural representative in Elmville the rain helped the crops but the county still needs a steady all day rain to alleviate the conditions the drought created.

"The rain helped in some areas more than others," he stated, explaining some areas of the county got more rain than others. "We still look forward to a good rain."

Mr. Dolson said the ground didn't get wet deep down and still needs more rain to help the crops. He says July rainfall is still behind normal.

A spokesman at the Ministry of Natural Resources in Coldwater said the rain lowered the forest fire hazard in the north part of Huronia to "moderate" for the time being. "However, we expect by the end of the week if there's no rain the rating will be back up to the danger level," he said.

Last week, following a six week period in which almost no rain fell the forest fire rating was high in northern Huronia and extreme in the southern end. Since last Friday, 234 millimetres of rain has fallen on Midland. On Thursday night 16.0 millimetres fell. On Friday 5.8 millimetres fell and on Saturday 1.6 millimetres fell. This brings July's total rainfall in Midland to 11.4 millimetres. By comparison last year the total rainfall in July for the province was 915 millimetres.



The disco culture has descended on Penetanguishene with all the throbbing force of a Bee Gee's tune. Last Thursday, the remodelled Commodore Hotel opened its doors to the public to introduce a new disco club called The

Pass. It's a \$250,000 endeavour, complete with mirrored dance floor, plush couches, chrome metalwork, and art deco on the walls. As these two dancers seem to be saying to each other, even John Travolta would approve.

FOCA backs Robins Point group

The Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) has thrown their support behind the Robin's Point Ratepayers Association in their bid to have a proposed sewage outlet pipe kept out of Sturgeon Bay.

In a letter sent to each of the Robin's Point Ratepayers, the FOCA calls for government guarantees that the location of the outlet pipe won't affect the quality of the water in the bay or the pipe be relocated at the end of the peninsula.

The Robin's Point Ratepayers Association has battled to keep the effluent from Victoria Harbour's proposed new sewage treatment plant out of Sturgeon Bay since early this year. Members of the association and a lawyer hired by them, attended an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing to present their objections. However, the OMB ruled not to hear evidence that questions the engineering and other technical aspects of the sewage disposal system.

Since that time the Robin's Point Ratepayers have decided to take the OMB decision to a judicial review court since the Ministry of the Environment has not studied the effect of the sewage effluent which will be released into Sturgeon Bay.

The letter from the FOCA which was written by president G. Mewhinney says the FOCA shares the concern of the Robin's Point people that placement of the pipe will jeopardize the physical condition of the bay, the tourist industry and use of the bay for future generations and permanent residents.

"We therefore request the government abandon its implementation of the plan to put the outlet pipe directly into Sturgeon Bay and either announce re-location of the pipe or further studies to guarantee there will be no adverse impact in any way, shape or form on the bay," the letter states.

The FOCA calls for government guarantees that there will be no adverse impact on the bay. If they do not guarantee it, the FOCA states they should agree that no increased costs be apportioned to the inhabitants around the perimeter of the bay.

The letter asks that if the government finds it has made a mistake in years to come, costs for clean-up of the bay be born by the province and not passed onto the property owners in the general area.

"Without this guarantee, the people of the area will be unfairly penalized for improper planning," the letter ends.

Chamber makes changes in Summerama schedule

According to a recent announcement from the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce, the schedule of events for Summerama 1978 has been altered.

Because of organizational problems, the Chamber has decided to condense the festival into four days instead of five as

previously planned. According to the announcement, events planned for Monday, August 7 have been cancelled. Some of these events may be held at some other point during Summerama.

The rest of the Summerama schedule remains the same.

Police charge five men in Midland court

MIDLAND—Four area men and a Toronto area man face 10 charges each following a three-day investigation by the Midland detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Included in the investigation were break-ins at the Honey Harbour Fire Department and the Muskoka Information Centre, the theft of an automobile from the Honey Harbour Boat Club and thefts of boat and motor from both the Delawana Inn and the Honey Harbour Boat Club.

Police say the four men were picked up for questioning in the auto theft and were subsequently charged with the other nine offences.

Charged with two counts of break, enter and theft, one count of possession of stolen property, three counts of theft over \$200, two counts of attempted theft over \$200 and two counts of theft under \$200 are Arnold J. Lizotte 27; Charles Lizotte 20; and Brian Lizotte 18 all of 550 Dominion Avenue in Midland and Archie James Stone 27 of Toronto.

Arnold Lizotte, Charles Lizotte and Stone are being held in the Barrie Jail awaiting a court appearance August 14. Brian Lizotte was released from custody on a promise to appear.

News briefs

Harbour man killed in accident

VICTORIA HARBOUR—A 22-year old Waubausene man died on Sunday when the motorcycle he was driving went out of control, struck a guide post and sent him 20 feet through the air.

Day Nielson of Concession 7, R.R. 1, Waubausene was pronounced dead at the scene by coroner Robert Besley. Damage to his motorcycle was estimated at \$400.

According to Midland OPP, Mr. Nielson was heading east on Highway 12 when he failed to negotiate a right hand bend in the road. His bike crossed the roadway and went out of control striking the guide posts on the east shoulder.

The accident occurred just east of Victoria Harbour before the Port McNicoll turnoff.

Citizen special holiday hours

Due to the civic holiday coming up this weekend, the editorial office of the Penetanguishene Citizen will be closed on Friday, August 4. The business office will remain open that day and the deadline for

advertising will be 5 p.m. on Friday. The Citizen office will be officially closed on Monday, August 6, but the editorial office will be open.

Two men seriously hurt in crash

VASEY—Two men were taken to Huronia District Hospital with major injuries following a two-car crash last Friday morning on County Road 23 west of Concession three near Vasey.

Robert Managham, a passenger in a car driven by Frank Shortt of Nottawa, Ontario and Paul Isaac of RR 1, Midland driver of the other vehicle were both in critical condition.

According to Midland OPP the two cars collided in the middle of County Road 23. Frank Shortt received minimal injuries. His vehicle had \$3,000 damage. The car driven by Paul Isaac had \$2,000 damage.

Frank Shortt and Robert Managham were charged with failing to wear a seat belt. Mr. Isaac was charged with careless driving in connection with the accident.