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Fall opening for seniors' new apartment building

by Murray Moore

Another government-subsidized apartment building for senior citizens is due to open this fall in Midland, bringing to four the number of such apartments in the town.

The 40-unit building is scheduled to be finished by the end of September.

The building faces the intersection of Bay Street and Ninth Street. The other buildings in Midland are on King Street, Yonge Street, and Midland Avenue.

The requirements to be met to gain occupancy have been loosened, says Kevin McCann, housing manager in Midland with the North Simcoe and Orillia Housing Authority.

Only residents of Midland, Tiny Township, and Tay Township have been eligible to apply for residence in the subsidized apartments, but this privilege will soon be extended to a larger area, McCann says.

Also applicants have been turned down in the past because they have too much money. Rent is on a geared-to-income basis, 20 per cent of gross monthly income in most cases. For some people, taking 20 per cent of their income would be taking too much and their applications in the past have been refused.

The maximum rent for the subsidized Midland apartments is around \$245. This will be the maximum rent in future even if it is less than 20 per cent of a person's income.

Point system

However those in need will be accepted first, he pointed out. The Ministry of Housing rates applicants on a point rating system. During a visit to the applicant's home, health and the type of housing is considered as well as income. Those in need will still be at the

top of the list, McCann says. At present the housing authority has 48 applications for an apartment on file. But McCann expects only half of those who have applied will actually move in when the building is opened. Some will turn down the opportunity because of illness, or because they have a lease to fulfill, he said.

To qualify, a person or one spouse of a couple

must be at least 60 years of age and a resident of the province for one year.

Cost factor

The new building is located where it is, and not closer to downtown because of cost, McCann said. It would be both very expensive and difficult to find the area of land needed downtown. The province

has set a per unit rate for construction and this rules out buying expensive land, he explained.

A bus stop is nearby on Eighth Street, he said.

McCann is the local manager for the Ontario Housing Corporation, a crown corporation under the Ministry of Housing.



The smoke of battle

John Emerton is the only one of four soldiers from the Historic Naval and Military Establishments not obscured by smoke from discharged muskets. The soldiers were part of the celebration Sunday of the 144th anniversary of Penetanguishene's historic

Anglican church, St. James-On-The-Lines. The church is one of three buildings designated as historic by the local architectural Conservation Advisory Committee. See story inside.

School taxes 70% of Tiny's 1980 budget

by Adrienne G. Gardner

The 1980 consolidated mill rate for Tiny Township has been established at 51.82 for commercial properties and 44.05 for residences.

This represents a slight rise of .63 mills over last year.

In a bylaw prepared by the township clerk, Guy Maurice, for the July 23 council meeting, the total budget for 1980 was set at \$2,710,743.09.

It is significant to note that of this sum, ap-

proximately 70 per cent will go towards schools. (30.07 per cent for public schools, 7.40 per cent to separate schools, and 32.86 per cent to secondary schools).

This leaves 21.23 per cent for municipal operations, once county requirements of 8.44 per cent are met.

Landfill

The rezoning of 80 acres owned by Eric Pauze on Tiny con-

cession 9 has been allowed by the municipality. This rezoning will enable Mr. Pauze to make application to the Ministry of Environment to expand his present landfill site.

HDH Board

Two members of the board of the Huronia District Hospital appeared at the July 16 meeting of Tiny council to suggest that a municipal representative be named to the

hospital board from the public at large.

Hilda Sibthorpe and Mary Campbell explained that inattentance by council representatives has made it impossible on occasion to achieve a quorum at board meetings.

They suggested that council appoint a representative in time for the annual meeting in September, and agreed to assist in

finding suitable candidates for the position.

The HDH board of directors is composed of nine elected and six appointed members, three medical staff, one representative from the ladies auxiliary and one pastor. Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month.

Tiny residents interested in serving on the board are invited to contact the township offices, 526-4204.

Citizen briefly

Education levies boost town accounts

Town council approved payment of almost half a million dollars in accounts at its regular meeting Monday.

Accounts totalled \$484,182 for the period June 19 to July 17. \$146,111 of this amount are education levies from the SCBE and the Protestant Separate School Board (Burkevale).

Second quarter levy by the Simcoe County Board of Education totals \$135,061; from Burkevale, \$11,050.

Council okays waterfront complex guidelines

Council in Penetang gave its final approval to general requirements and design guidelines contained in a consultants proposal call for a waterfront hotel complex.

One year in the development stages, the proposal call to potential developers will be advertised shortly. The municipality is prepared to set aside some five acres of waterfront property for development. Other commercial facilities could be provided as part of the complex.

Commenting on the situation to date, Mayor Gil Robillard noted that the town had had "some interested parties" approach municipal officials. "Hopefully, this will generate some commercial development."

Tiny votes 'yes' for Nov. school ballot

PERKINSFIELD — In a surprise move at their closed meeting on July 23rd, Tiny Township council came out narrowly in support of the Simcoe County resolution for a referendum on the separate French high school issue.

After lengthy and heated debate, the council requested a recorded vote on the County resolution.

Reeve Morris Darby, Deputy Reeve John Lackie, and Councillor John Butler supported the resolution and Councillors Ron Hamelin and Gabriel Brunelle were opposed.

The County resolution calls for ballots in the upcoming municipal elections to include a question concerning support for the separate French high school in Penetanguishene.

It is indicative of the controversy over the issue that Tiny Council would be so narrowly split in their vote. Characteristically, Tiny Council members have avoided taking a position on controversial issues, and are generally united in the stands they do take.

Simcoe County clerk, Al Pelletier says, to date, 17 municipalities across the county have voted "yes" to a November question on the French high school issue. Six others have rejected the idea of a municipal vote being taken.

Barrie and Collingwood turned down the request, Orillia voted "yes" and Midland is waiting for some direction from the county school board.

Sidewalk sale has gold prize for lucky shopper

Beginning tomorrow and running until closing time Saturday, merchants in Penetanguishene will be welcoming shoppers to the downtown area for the annual three-day sidewalk sale.

Watch for sale items and bargains and check the special advertising section in today's newspaper.

During the sale, participating merchants will have ballot entries for shoppers to fill in. Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. these stores will draw for individual merchandise vouchers and at 6 p.m. the Penetanguishene Citizen will draw a winning name from all the entries. It's worth \$200 in gold!

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