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Midland council seeks OMB nod for parking project

By a narrow 2-1 margin, Midland council Monday night approved applying to the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board) for approval to spend some \$100,000 in purchasing and developing a parking lot on the "Perrin property."

At the outset Mayor Moreland Lynn declared a conflict of interest and left the council chambers while Ward 1 Alderman Bev Day in also declaring a conflict abstained from any discussion and voting on the matter.

Meanwhile Reeve Sam Ancio who told councillors he too might have a conflict opted to vote in favour of the motion. He supported Alderman Richard Platt while Alderman Jack Gerow turning thumbs down on the motion and voted against it.

Alderman Platt who is also the town's finance committee chairman told his colleagues the money to pay for the project

would come from the sale of debentures and that revenues from parking in the town would defray the costs since the parking authority on a number of occasions had indicated the scheme would be self-liquidating over the years.

Deputy-reeve Catherine Dion wasn't present at Monday night's council meeting and for a time it appeared council would be deadlocked over the motion.

On a number of previous occasions Reeve Ancio has declared a conflict of interest on the subject of parking in that he is a downtown businessman and that he had been previously advised by legal counsel he might be in conflict and thus the safest route to take would be to declare a conflict.

However after noting this the reeve voted with Alderman Platt and the motion squeaked through 2-1.



Fitness fun

You don't have to twist arms to get these fitness students laughing. Roseanne Quesnelle, Paul Robillard and Pat Duquette (left) had a little time to fool around Monday as the

Huronia Fitness Project started a five-day stay at the Penetang arena. The project measures individual levels of fitness — for free.

Approved amongst general accounts

Midland taxpayers pick up mayor's legal tab

by Doug Reed

History was made with absolutely no fanfare at all when members of Midland council met Monday night for one of their regular summer meetings and it is doubtful any of the more than three dozen spectators who were present were totally aware as to what had occurred.

Just prior to that part of the meeting when accounts are approved Mayor Moreland Lynn noted accounts from Huronia Office Services of which he is owner would be discussed.

With that the mayor vacated his chair and left the room with Reeve Sam Ancio taking over as temporary chairman.

Council by a vote of 3-

1 approved accounts totalling \$6,123.29 from HOS. Reeve Ancio and Aldermen Richard Platt and Jack Gerow supported the motion while Alderman Bev Day abstained. (Deputy-reeve Catherine Dion wasn't present for the meeting because of ill health.)

Alderman Platt, the town's finance committee chairman rose to

report most of the \$6,000-plus accounts from HOS were for office furniture and that the purchases were as a result of HOS having the lowest tender to supply the furniture.

Accounts

Then general accounts totalling \$901,620.50 were approved by the same 3-1 margin for the month of

July.

Again Alderman Platt rose but this time he quietly observed that some \$4,911 of the \$901,620.50 was for the mayor's legal expenses and with that the Ward 3 alderman sat down.

So ended an on-going saga which started last

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Annual mass at Caraghousa Sunday

Next Sunday is the date for the annual mass at Caraghousa, the site near Lafontaine where the first mass in Ontario was held in 1615.

Most Rev. Robert Clune, auxiliary bishop of Toronto, will officiate, delivering the homily in English and French.

The following Sunday, Aug. 24, is the date of the annual Huronia Parishes pilgrimage at the Martyrs' Shrine.

The procession is scheduled to start at 1:45 p.m. in front of the shrine. The mass starts, weather permitting, at the outdoor altar at 2 p.m., otherwise inside the church.

Bishop Clune again will lead the proceedings. A picnic supper and singing by a choir follows.

Participants are in both cases asked to bring their own chairs.

Building permits

on rise in Midland

There were 24 building permits issued in Midland last month for construction valued at \$536,313. During the same month last year 20 were issued for \$42,950.

So far in 1980 a total of 119 have been issued for a value of \$3,623,408 which compares to 112 in 1979 for construction valued at \$1,473,100 for the same period.

YMCA exempted from paying taxes

Midland council approved a bylaw this week that exempts Midland YMCA from taxation.

The move comes on the heels of a private member's bill spear-headed by Simcoe East MPP Gord Smith which received government approval earlier this year.

The bylaw exempts the YMCA from paying both municipal and school taxes other than local improvement charges.

Midland council makes it all official

It is official. Council okayed a bylaw Monday night which will divide the town into two wards. After Dec. 31, 1980 residents living west of the centre line of King Street will be in the West Ward and those living east of the centre line of King Street will be residing in East Ward.

Council also approved a bylaw this week which will result in a saving of labor and postage. The bylaw provides that one notice be sent to each residence announcing the location of polling places.

Multi-media presentation

The new All Canadian Multi-Media Program will be featured at the Elmvale Arena Sunday, August 31 beginning at 8 p.m.

The program will use an 8 projector program using 30 feet of screen and controlled by a mini computer. It is designed for audiences of all ages and uses over 1500 colour slides and movie footage to capture the natural beauty of southern Ontario as well as the excitement of a wide variety of recreational and sports events.

There will be dynamic stereophonic sound and special lighting effects and the program also includes what organizers term, a relevant and honest message from the Bible.

Presented by Ambassador Productions, the program is sponsored in Elmvale by John MacDonald of Tojo Christian Campgrounds and Arthur Gee of Medonte.

The Arena Board and the Elmvale Lions Club are making facilities available at minimum cost and the program will be presented free of charge.

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