

Penetang council briefs

Local MP offers to meet council

Last summer Simcoe North MP Doug Lewis offered to meet with councils in his riding to discuss areas where he could be of assistance as the riding's federal member of parliament.

Apparently some nine municipalities took advantage of his offer which he made to Penetanguishene council Monday night via a letter to the mayor and members of council. He indicated in the letter he'd be available during the months of August and September to meet with them if they were so inclined.

Wells says thanks

Thomas Wells, minister for intergovernmental affairs has sent a letter to Penetang council thanking it for endorsing a Town of Dunnville's resolution on establishing disaster funds in Ontario.

Wells indicated the province has had such a fund set up for many years with a contingency amount of in excess of \$400,000 for 1980-81.

Opposition to barrier

Hans Rick of Penetang, in a letter addressed to town council voiced his opposition to the traffic barrier that has been installed at the main wharf.

He urged it be removed since he feels it is an obstruction to boaters wishing to use the main wharf to load or unload.

Refers letter to committee

A letter from the city clerk's officer in Toronto that is being sent to all Ontario municipalities was referred to committee Monday night.

The letter asks that each municipality monitor future applications by Consumers Gas as a result of a report prepared by a group calling itself "The Committee on Neighbourhoods, Housing, Fire and Legislation."

Traffic hazard

A hazardous traffic situation was brought to council's attention which it plans to look into.

In a letter to council from the town's chamber of commerce it was pointed out that an outdoor retail fruit and vegetable stand located on Robert Street West was a potential for serious accidents or fatalities.

Will place ads

Penetang Junior Kings are to get a half-page ad for its program from the town as a result of a request the team made to council.

Council also gave the green light to take out a \$70 ad in a Cub-Scout Cookbook.

They approved \$400 for painting the interior of the town fire hall while at the same time okayed the fire department holding a tag day for Muscular Dystrophy on Aug. 29-30.

Council, in other business, accepted a quotation from Quality Carpet Care to clean the municipal office carpets at a price of \$74.70.

And Clerk Yvon Gagne was authorized to attend a two-day finance seminar in London (Ont.) Sept. 23-24.

Legion Week approved

The town will observe Legion Week from Sept. 14-20 and will proclaim the week accordingly.

Ups mileage rates

Council approved an administration and finance committee report which will see mileage paid to town officials and members of council raised from 13 cents per km to 15 cents.

The increase, the first since 1978, is being prompted by the ever-increasing cost of gas and upkeep of automobiles.

Also approved was \$40 per day for an accommodation allowance for each full day of attending a convention or other meeting; \$25

per day living expenses with assurance that registration fees would be paid by the town as in the past.

A \$35 per diem allowance was also okayed if such a seminar or meeting has been duly called by the mayor or authorized by council.

Debentures

Penetanguishene council approved Monday the borrowing of \$89,500 through debentures towards the cost of construction of additions to the fire hall and police office, and towards the purchase of fire equipment.

The money will be divided as follows: \$34,500 for construction of the fire hall addition; \$25,000 for construction of the police office addition; and \$30,000 for purchase of fire equipment.

Council expressed its satisfaction with the interest rate to be paid, 11 1/4 per cent.

Deputy-reeve Frances St. Amant reminded council that it knew when it agreed on the work that some of the money to pay for it would have to be raised through debentures.

Will improve intersection

Approval has been given to improving the Poyntz Street and Main Street intersection of Penetanguishene by Penetang council.

Ninety per cent of the cost will be subsidized by the province, council was told by Deputy-reeve Frances St. Amant. The town's share is already provided for in its budget. Signals for pedestrians would be installed, curbs removed, and the road widened for the benefit of large trucks.

Total cost will be \$12,330, of which the province pays \$11,097.

Relocation of traffic lights and standards will cost \$3,950. Installation of pedestrian crossing signals will cost \$3,860.

New agents

Approval of the appointment of the real estate firm of Bryson McQuirter Ltd. as agent

for lots in phase II of Penetanguishene's town subdivision was given by Penetang council Monday night.

Three reasons were given for the choice. Bryson McQuirter has an office in Penetang. It is willing to put a master plan of the subdivision on a billboard located in the subdivision. It will list the subdivision lots in the Multiple Listings Service.

Thirty-nine lots are for sale.

Question on ballot

Penetanguishene voters will be able to give their opinion on the need for a new French language school in their town only if there is an election.

Penetang council Monday night agreed to put the question on the ballot papers at the next regular municipal election.

The question reads as follows: Do you support the decision made by the ministry of education and the Simcoe County Board of Education to build a separate French language secondary school in the Penetanguishene area, in addition to the existing bilingual school (L'Ecole Secondaire de Penetanguishene)?

But the question will not be given unless an election occurs.

In the past each individual voter in Penetanguishene has received their own card with information as to where the voter is to go to cast his ballot in municipal elections.

As of the next municipal election, each resident will still receive a card bearing his or her name. But the names of all the other voters in the same residence will also be on the one card. Each residence will receive one card, with as many names on as there are voters in residence.

In the last election for example the post office would have delivered three cards to three voters in one residence. In the next local election the post office will deliver one card to three voters in the same residence.

Midland police blotter filled with car crashes

Traffic accidents dominate the Town of Midland police report this week.

Saturday just after 12 noon Lorne Rayment, 22, of RR 1, Penetanguishene,

backing from a driveway on Seventh Street, reversed into a vehicle, parked on the

street, owned by Wyebridge resident Alex Moreau. No charges were laid.

Damage to Rayment's vehicle was \$150, to Moreau's vehicle, \$300. Friday evening a

parked vehicle owned by Douglas Roberts of Manly Street was struck while parked on Ellen Street near Manly Street.

William Holden, 19, of Port Severn, was the driver of the car that struck Roberts' car, police report.

Roberts' car, struck from behind, smashed into a hydro pole and broke it off.

Holden has been charged with careless driving. Damage to his vehicle set at \$2,000; to Roberts' vehicle, \$4,000.

Just after noon Friday a vehicle attempting to cross Hugel Avenue after stopping at the stop sign on Fourth struck a vehicle east-bound on Hugel Avenue.

Lee Bruce, 17, of Triple Bay Road, Port McNicoll, was south-bound on Fourth Street. He was charged with failing to yield.

Donald McCready, of Fifth Street, Midland, was struck on the left rear corner of his vehicle. There were no injuries.

Damage to the Bruce vehicle was \$100, to the McCready vehicle, \$300.

Less than an hour earlier failure to signal

a turn resulted in an accident on Yonge Street near Eighth Street.

Aleyamma Somlai, 40, of Sixth Street, turned right on to Yonge Street from the Little Lake Park roadway and changed to the left hand preparatory to making a left turn onto Eighth Street.

Somlai was struck by a car driven by Patricia Kennedy, 24, of Lansing, Michigan, also east-bound in the left lane.

Somlai's vehicle received \$900 damage, Kennedy's vehicle, \$100.

Farmers to meet in Oct.

Only a death in the immediate family, or of course of the farmer himself, is an acceptable excuse for not attending the S.C.F.A. Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn on Oct. 14, at 8 p.m.

How about marking that day on your calendar now.



Ladder truck does stuff

Smoke can be seen billowing from Sunday morning's (6:15 a.m.) duplex fire at the corner of Burke and Chatham Streets in Penetanguishene where a 37-year-old

woman lost her life. Penetang Fire Department's new ladder truck was pressed into service and was credited to preventing flames from engulfing the

second half of the duplex. The truck was able to force water down on the roof of the burning structure to literally drown the flames before they could spread.

We wanted to know, so we asked

Have you ever wondered while driving or walking past Penetanguishene's sewage treatment plant what that dike-like levee of dirt is doing piled around the plant?

We did, so we asked. It turns out the dirt came from the Wolf Street sewer protect. It is to be used as a "berm" and soon will be treed and sodded...it is as simple as that.