

# Gerow, Platt and Lynn plan to seek re-election



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Exactly two months from today voters in Midland will be going to the polls to elect their new council, public utilities commissioners and school board trustees...that's if they haven't been acclaimed. Already the jockeying has begun with announcement by several local politicians that they'd like another two-

year term in office.

Late last week Jack Gerow, Ward 4 alderman, announced plans to seek re-election Nov. 10.

During the past two years Gerow has sat on a number of important committees and boards including finance, public works, planning and the civic centre board.

He also chaired an insurance-building committee which was struck less than three days after a devastating fire ripped through the upper floor of the town hall.

That committee saw Gerow spend literally hundreds of hours of his time meeting with insurance adjusters, contractors, etc.

This week Alderman Richard Platt, Ward 3, became the second incumbent to state plans to seek another term in office.

Platt's letter to this newspaper appears on Page 4. During the past two years Alderman Platt has headed up the town's finance committee and as well has sat on a number of other important committees including planning and the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board.

And Mayor Moreland Lynn has indicated he expects to run again after giving the matter serious consideration.

Reeve Sam Ancio said he had yet to make up his mind about seeking re-election indicating he "hadn't given it too much thought yet." However he added he'd likely be making up his mind one way or the other within the next couple of weeks.

Deputy-reeve Catherine Dion just back from a trip out west, noted that she too hadn't made up her mind as did Ward 1 alderman Bev Day.

Although he has been knocking on doors since prior to the last election



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"meeting people and sharing their views," Alderman Day said he would be making an announcement regarding his political future at a later date.

This year three aldermen are to be elected in the East Ward and three in the West Ward. As well a reeve, deputy-reeve and mayor are to be elected from the voters at large.

## Tiny STILL unhappy

by Murray Moore

A document submitted to the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board (TTPPB) could be the last stumbling block as the board attempts to put paid to the area official plan by early October.

Tiny Township produced a long critique of the revised plan at the board's meeting last Thursday.

Tiny's council is the only council of six that has not given its approval of the plan.

Tay Township, previously arm-in-arm with Tiny in criticism of the plan, has given approval, with reservations.

### Objected

Tiny and Tay especially objected to the sections on shoreline policy and rural policy in the first draft of the plan. The draft was rewritten in the first six months of this year and the revised plan was approved by the board in early July.

The plan is to be sent to the provincial ministry of housing through Midland council after it has been approved at each stage, from the board, through the six councils and Midland, to the ministry.

Councillor Ron Hamelin, one of Tiny's representatives on the TTPPB, said Friday Tiny's document was a final overview. Tiny is not promoting a confrontation, but working towards the production of an unambiguous document, he said.

The aspects of the revised plan that concern Tiny are "not of such a nature that we cannot resolve them

quite amicably," he added.

Councillor Richard Platt, one of Midland's four representatives on the TTPPB, is of the opinion the plan will be passed, with or without Tiny's official approval, before Oct. 9.

Platt suggested Friday that if the affair is not resolved that the plan could be sent to Midland council without Tiny's approval. Tiny, he said, might be left to protest "through other channels."

### Unhappy

The board, he said, was unhappy and upset with Tiny Township for bringing up what he said was a 16 page critique of the plan.

Hamelin explained the document came about after the revised plan was examined very closely.

He declined to summarize Tiny's points of contention for this newspaper because, he said, due to lack of time all the points were not covered at Thursday's meeting.

He did say Tiny was concerned with the terms and wording used in the plan.

Tiny he said, is concerned about the interpretations that could be drawn from some sections. "A lot of crossing of i's and t's is needed in order to make the ideas more precise," he said.

The TTPPB will meet again Sept. 25 to review a summary of Tiny's objections presented by Tiny, Platt said. "Tiny Township representatives largely rewrote the area plan, and they're still not satisfied. This is too much," said Platt.

### George Taylor comments:

## MPP says school a fait accompli

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The argument is not over whether instruction can be provided in French, Taylor said, but over whether enough students would use the school to make the exercise worthwhile.

## Midland council briefs

# 15 bylaws approved by the town

A total of 15 bylaws were ratified Monday night during a regular meeting of Midland council.

One of them rescinds a bylaw that would have eventually allowed the New Apostolic Church to construct a church on property it owns several blocks east of King Street.

It is likely the matter will now go to the Ontario Municipal Board since church officials feels the town has been unfair regarding this matter.

### Sells property

Another bylaw approved selling a parcel of town land to Tricee Construction on the west side of Olive Street for a sum of \$5,000.

### Agreement with Crown

Town of Midland has entered an agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario which will provide for the holding of court in the town hall.

The agreement also provides not only the use of the council chambers but the judge's office, boardroom and interrogation room. The two-year agreement is worth \$7,500 per year to the town to be paid in sums of \$625 monthly.

### Lengthy document

By bylaw Midland updated its traffic

regulations, Monday night. First amended several years ago, the lengthy document received quick passage this week.

### Retroactive assumption

Both Birchwood Drive and Bayview Drive in Midland were officially assumed by the town, Monday night with passage of Bylaw 80-78.

According to town engineer Percy Ehler the town had assumed both streets a number of years ago. Passage of the bylaw Monday night was a "retroactive assumption."

### 45 days of work

Edwards Farm Drainage have been contracted to do the reconstruction of Montreal Street which will start this week and will take 45 days to complete, weather permitting.

A bylaw appointing the firm was approved Monday night.

### Resurfacing almost complete

Although the bylaw to approve the work was only okayed Monday, some \$55,420 worth of road resurfacing in Midland is all but completed by Disher-Farrand Ltd., the firm which won the contract to do the job.

### Boring bylaw

Hapamp Limited has been given the job to

bore under King Street south so as to provide services to the Highland Motel. Cost of the project was set at \$16,000.

### Height restriction lifted

Council lifted a height restriction bylaw so that a new hotel complex can be constructed on the north side of Bayshore Drive.

The amendment was required by developers who plan to undertake a series of soil tests and later construct a facility some 115 feet tall.

It was estimated it would cost between \$50,000 and \$60,000 to do the soil tests.

The amendment to the bylaw will come into force if no objections are received after circulation or in the event of objections, upon approval of the OMB.

### Extension of services

Mardon Construction Ltd., was given the go-ahead to extend services to the town's industrial park and sanitary services to the Highland Motel.

### Building permits

So far this year 131 building permits have been issued by the town's chief building official for construction valued at \$3,662,208. During the same period last year 136 were

issued for a value of \$1,627,485.

### Speeders nabbed

In his report tabled Monday night at a regular meeting of council, Police Chief Ernest Bates noted 120 speeders had been nabbed during July and 64 more last month.

It was also reported in August a total of 654 tags were issued for parking violations. In July a total of 649 were issued.

Last month local police personnel investigated a total of 633 complaints while in July they conducted 577 investigations.

### Tag day okayed

Midland Lioness Club received the okay from council to conduct a tag day in the town on Sept. 19-20.

Proceeds will be used by the club to help finance construction of a wheelchair ramp at Midland Public Library.

### Oktoberfest

And the green light was given to members of Midland Rotary Club to serve alcoholic beverages during its Oktoberfest, Oct. 4 at the civic centre.

Rotarians and the German-Canadian Club will jointly host this year's Oktoberfest celebrations.