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#### Lull before the blitz

Administrator Sister Joan Whalen shares coffee and discusses plans for the Oct. 6 blitz to be conducted by Penetanguishene Hospital's Ladies Auxiliary. Pictured

Penetanguishene General Hospital from left to right are: Sister Joan Whalen, hospital administrator and auxiliary canvassers, Helene Arbour of Penetanguishene, Barbara Ladoucer, also of Penetang, Gilberte McGowan, of Perkinsfield and Marie Lacroix of Penetanguishene. The blitz will be conducted to raise money for an \$18,000 endiscope for the Hospital.

# Council turns thumbs down on re-zoning land

by Ken Regan

Penetanguishene council's regular meeting Monday was highlighted by council's 6-3 vote against the SCBE's application for rezoning of land for a French language, high school.

The report from Penetanguishene Planning Board dealing with the application was defeated following several presentations and occasionally heated discussion by council members. The presentations put forward included one by Ross Spearn, chairman of the Penetanguishene Planning Board who defended the board's report and affirmed their commitment to stand by it.

A second presentation was made by Concerned Citizens for Bilingual Unity lobby, represented by

spokesman Bruce Tinney.

Beginning his with a remarks statement that CCBU does not promote any particular language, Tinney reiterated the group's stance on the rezoning issue. He mentioned the rezoning should not be approved because council had already agreed to hold a referendum on the high school question and also mentioned the possibility a rezoning approval could further divide the community.

Tinney's remarks were followed by applause from a partisan crowd of CCBU supporters.

When council opened discussion on the rezoning application, several questions were raised by councillors regarding some planning aspects of the report.

Councillor Clarence Lomas raised the issue of drainage problems in the area and mentioned some residents had reported water in their basements during runoff periods.

Reeve Art Stewart agreed with Lomas that there existed the possibility of problems with drainage and mentioned other proposals council turned down due to surface drainage problems.

At that point, Clerk Yvonne Gagne pointed out item (d) of the report, which stipulates council should enter into development agreement with SCBE and suggested the surface drainage problem, if there is one, could be covered under

that section. It was also pointed out, all departments had been sent copies of the

proposal and only the engineering department replied and they did not foresee any difficulties.

When Deputy-reeve Frances St. Amant questioned the timing of considering the report, when a referendum on the school issue was pending, Clerk Gagne again pointed out that there was a deadline council had to meet for considering the matter or it could go directly to the Ontario Municipal Board.

It was not until councillor Ron Bellisle stated he was opposed to the report on the grounds council was on record at a previous date as being opposed to the building of a French language high school, that things began to heat up.

In tones that were serious and direct, Councillor Bob Klug stressed the issue at

hand was strictly a rezoning application and the matter of whether it was a French high school application "shouldn't have been brought up." Councillor Ken Tannahill showed his agreement with Klug, saying the matter was strictly a planning board and zoning issue.

Councillor Bellisle reiterated his earlier comments, council was already on record as being against the French High School and hinted that a turnaround now might affect their credibility.

Voting in favour of the report were: Mayor Robillard, and councillors Ken Tannahill and Bob Klug. Voting against were: Reeve Art Stewart, Deputyreeve Frances St. Amant and councillors Lionel Dion, Clarence Lomas, Ray Baker and Ron Bellisle.

## Citizen briefly

### Tag Day okayed by councillors

Midland-Penetang Gym Club requested and received approval from Penetanguishene town council to hold a tag day to raise funds for the club.

The decision was made at Monday night's regular meeting of council at town hall in Penetanguishene. Tag day will take place on Sept. 26 and 27.

#### Registration tonight for figure skating

Registration for Penetanguishene figure skating will take place tonight between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. at Penetanguishene Arena in the lounge.

The season for the club will begin Oct. 4. Fees for registration for the 1980-81 season are \$35 for juniors, \$50 for intermediates and \$60 for seniors.

#### Frank Miller will attend opening

Ontario Treasurer Frank Miller will be on hand Friday morning at 11:15 a.m. to officially open Midland's new industrial park. He and other invited guests will later attend

a noon luncheon at the Highland.

Meanwhile Bell Canada's new complex in the industrial park will be officially opened tomorrow night at 7 p.m. during a Family Safety Night to be held between 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

#### Tannahill will be busy man

Don Tannahill is going to be one busy man this winter.

Not only is he the coach of the Penetanguishene Jr. Kings, but he is also the president of Penetanguishene's Minor hockey association.

He will have help in the task though with a

large executive on hand.

Dave Dupuis of Penetanguishene is the vice-president of the organization and will undoubtedly take a great deal of pressure off Tannahill.

Gary Ronald of Penetanguishene is second vice-president with Paul Dion, also of Penetanguishene acting as treasurer of the group.

Also helping out will be Maurice Gianetto, John O'Hara, Verna Dusome, Ann Morrow, Larry Banks, Reg McConkey, Don McNee, Gerry Hewitt and Pat Roi, director.

#### **HDH Auxiliary** to blitz district

Penetanguishene General Hospital Ladies Auxiliary is currently preparing for their Oct. 6 blitz, to raise money for a new endoscope for the hospital.

On the day of the blitz, canvassers will be visiting homes and business in the Penetanguishene, Perkinsfield, Lafontaine and Elmvale areas to collect donations which will then be put toward the purchase of the

endoscope. The new machine will become part of the hospital's diagnostic equipment and will allow hospital personnel to investigate for gastro-intestinal disorders. The endoscope lets doctors look right inside the gastrointestinal passages for problems and it can also be equipped to take tissue samples at the same time. This reduces the need for "exploratory" surgery even though some surgery may follow, based on findings.

Helene Arbour, one of the canvassers for the Auxiliary says the new apparatus carries a price tag of \$18,000 so the ladies of the Penetanguishene Hospital's Auxiliary will have their work cut out for them.

People of the area will be able to share in the pride and accomplishment of the Auxiliary when they reach their goal, by giving generously when a canvasser calls.

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