

Dr. Brasher calls move to pull out of TTPPB 'stupid'

Shock waves are still being felt in political circles in North Simcoe after announcement last week both Tiny and Tay Townships are planning to pull out of the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board.

Prior to the official announcement by both townships during the early stages of last week's TTPPB meeting in Penetanguishene, area board chairman Dr. Peter Brasher read the following document:

"I have been involved with Area Planning since May 1970 when the Interim Committee was formed.

"Since 1971 when the Area Planning Board was formally founded by the Minister an Area Official Plan has been the clear goal of the Area Planning Board defined by the Minister.

Criticized

"The Area Planning Board were criticized by the Province for their slowness in providing an Area Plan, but the Board over the years felt that any Plan should be well researched and represent the wishes of the Area population.

The Province now realizes the very great deal of work that went into the Area Board's Plan and congratulated the Area Board in producing an innovative plan, not a copy of other plans.

"I have seen the Area Board under fire from some of its constituent municipalities before - and in the past the Area Board has accepted criticism and where the criticism was justified has modified its efforts. However, this time the criticism is not justified.

"At the request of the two Townships the 1978 draft Official Plan was recalled from Queen's Park in 1979 and during 1980 many people had spent many hours modifying the Plan so that it would be acceptable to the two Townships.

"The last meeting, this extra meeting, and the meeting of October were set aside to consider a fourth criticism of the Official Plan by Tiny Township - the previous three critiques were all dealt with in detail and are reflected in the present modified Official Plan - in fact the Shoreline Rural Policy was rewritten by Tiny Township's consultant planner and accepted by the Board.

Resubmit

"The Area Board has been instructed by the Mayors and Reeves of the six municipalities to modify the Plan so that it would be acceptable to all municipalities and to resubmit it to the Province by June 30.

With no staff except a Secretary, the Area Board members have done their best and in all good faith have worked on modifying the Plan - accepting Tiny Township's shoreline modifications and to a large extent its rural policy.

"The Area Board was prepared to listen to further suggested modifications, but it appears that Tiny Township Council will not accept any Area Board Official Plan.

"I understand that Tay Township will tonight present a carbon copy of Tiny's resolution to leave the Planning Board despite the unanimous support of the modified Official Plan by the representatives in July and their Reeve's comment - "We seem to have the Plan we can live with."

Stimulus

"Municipal planning has come a long way since 1970, largely due to the stimulus of the Area Board.

"The Area Board has been a forum for discussion that has been productive in the past and could be a force for sound development in the future. To walk out on such a co-operative effort seems short-sighted and stupid."

At the conclusion of his remarks he relinquished the chair to John Gorman.

Tiny Township council had earlier instructed its representatives on TTPPB not to participate further in matter pertaining to the area board in deciding at a council meeting last week to withdraw from the board.



102-year-old deserves award

Mary Gravett celebrated her 102nd birthday recently and was awarded a letter from Parliament for her achievement. She is flanked at left by Gord Smith, MPP for Simcoe East,

Irene St. Amand from Penetanguishene, and Doug Lewis, MP for Simcoe North. Gravett is a resident of the Villa Nursing Home in Midland.

1,200 Cubs, Scouts and Beavers jam Awenda Park

by Robin Nutbrown
The largest campout ever in this area, took place this past weekend at Awenda Provincial Park in Tiny Township.

Lakeland IV Adventuree was attended by 1,200 strong. Cold weather and rain put a bit of a damper on things but all the

programs followed through as planned except for the water activities.

At one point Friday evening, it was hailing for awhile.

Also both nights, while the boys were sleeping, frost was apparent but it didn't cool the spirit of the boys who attend this major event.

Saturday afternoon proved to be lots of fun for everyone.

Beavers had their Beaveree which was based on the "Star Wars" theme.

Scouts had 15 challenge activities to choose from. Boys that participated in at least 10 of these challenges received a pennant as a keepsake for participation.

Saturday night both Cubs and Scouts held their own campfires which help strengthen new friendships the boys gained throughout the day.

Anglican and Roman Catholic church services were observed in the morning along with the Cub and Scouts Own. Later on that morning

the OPP and Awenda Park officials were guests at the camp.

A demonstration from a police officer and his tracking dog sparked the eyes of many.

Awenda Park officials brought in a fox, a porcupine, a skunk, and a raccoon to show the boys what type of wildlife exists at the park.

New Scouting friendships that were made will stay in our hearts forever - thanks to Lakeland IV at Awenda Park last weekend in Tiny Township.

Fears PUC may not have charter

It could turn out Waubaushene PUC has been operating without a (legal) natural charter.

The issue came to light last week during a regular meeting of Tay Township council.

Bob Wilson, PUC member, wanted to know if there was in fact a charter for the PUC.

He indicated his concern especially since the buildings and property in Waubaushene have been paid for by the PUC which feared the township was considering selling both from under the PUC's feet.

It was later agreed Tay's finance committee would investigate the matter and report back to council.

District happenings Paving depends on good weather

The trip between Waverley and Midland on Highway 27 this past summer has been a rough one because of construction.

A three-quarter inch layer of sand covered with a 2 inch coat of pavement should be laid before winter, says Jack Robinson, an engineer with the London office of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

He emphasized the importance of

October being clear and sunny.

Cox Construction of Guelph, Ontario won the tender for the job in early 1979 with a \$2.4 million bid. Robinson said enough working days remain in the contract to allow the construction firm to complete the job next year without its incurring a penalty.

Firms taking longer to complete a job than specified in the contract for a job are liable for a daily financial penalty.

Stolen pick up truck damaged

Penetanguishene police investigated a few incidents over the weekend, including one accident and two reported thefts.

On Friday, Sept. 26, between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., PPD received a call about a stolen pick-up truck.

The vehicle, a '75 half-ton, owned by Garry Anderson of 39 Viel St., in Penetanguishene was taken from the Point lot of the Pointz Plaza.

The same truck was later recovered by police in Midland with damage to several areas and the spare tire missing.

At 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, there was a

minor accident in front of the Dock Lunch.

A pick up driven by Elmer Pauze of Concession 8, Perkinsfield backed up, catching the bumper of a Corvette owned by Jimmy Meredis of Midland. There were no injuries and no charges but the Corvette suffered \$1,500 damage.

Tools valued at \$40 were stolen from a vehicle owned by James Dickie of Glenmore Crescent in Midland, while the auto was parked at the Mental Health Centre in Penetanguishene on Sept. 28.

The incident is still under investigation.

Death knell sounds? Tay joins Tiny in TTPPB pull out

Tay Township has joined the Township of Tiny in officially announcing plans to withdraw from Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning.

As reported here Friday, Tiny Township council approved the move during a regular meeting of council at Perkinsfield on Wednesday following a session with their planner and their legal counsel.

A day later, Thursday (Sept. 25), Tay decided to go the same route following a committee of the whole meeting at the conclusion of a regular council business in Victoria Harbour.

Deputy-reeve Bruce Tinney was appointed chairman of the committee which ratified a series of recommendations.

First motion approved by councillors was to rescind its conditional endorsement of TTPPB's Peninsula Plan which was to have gone to the Ministry of Housing this

month for eventual approval.

Only Councillor David Moore opposed the idea with Deputy-reeve Tinney, Reeve Charlie Rawson and Councillors David Walker and Tom O'Hara agreeing.

The next motion noted, "Whereas Tiny has rejected the draft Official Plan and whereas Tiny has requested the Minister of Housing that they withdraw the plan and whereas Tay will not be a party to forcing thus plan on an unwilling municipality, therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Tay hereby withdraws from TTPPB" and that the clerk notify the Minister. Again Councillor Moore was the only member of Tay council to vote against this decision.

However all members agreed to a third motion which requests TTPPB to hold in abeyance all matters affecting Tay presently before the area board until such time as this matter can be resolved by the Minister.

Another motion agreed to by all members called on their representatives to the area board "to refrain from any further participation in the area board.

Certified copies of the above proceedings were ordered hand delivered to member municipalities of the board with a covering letter going to the Ministry of Housing.

In the meantime Tay has set up an ad hoc committee to prepare a brief to the Minister relative to the township's position. It is to consist of Deputy-reeve Tinney, Councillor David Walker, Planning Co-ordinator Doug Carroll and Clerk Brian Hopkins.