

# Tiny and Tay feel wrath of TTPPB

by Ken Regan

The Sept. 25 meeting of the Tiny-Tay Area Planning Board, held in Penetanguishene council chambers, was the scene of some angry discussion about Tiny and Tay's decision, announced that evening to withdraw from the area board.

Furthermore, it was a session at which several members of the board vented their anger and frustration over what they felt, in the words of one member, was a "short sighted and stupid" decision by Tiny and Tay members.

## Discussion

When the floor was opened for discussion on the matter, Forbes Mackenzie led off by saying he had several questions about those sitting as representatives on Tiny Council and Tiny Planning Board, excluding Dr. Brasher who'd reluctantly withdrawn from participating in the meeting.

Mackenzie asked in a rhetorical tone, "Have we got two or three members on that planning board and the council who are going to destroy the environment for our children and grandchildren? Because I think we have.... That question comes into my mind: why do they want to destroy that plan?"

Continuing his remarks, Mackenzie referred to correspondence from Tay, saying, "as a ratepayer and a citizen and a resident of Tay Township, I have never been so embarrassed by my council...as I am tonight. Because we, the citizens of Tay Township have put in a puppet government. They cannot think for themselves."

Mackenzie went on to question why Tay, after their Reeve having said in August "they had a plan they could live with", would "come in September and say Tiny have rejected it, so we have too. This does not make sense to me."

He went on to reiterate that he was ashamed at having been a Tay ratepayer who'd contributed to putting those representatives in power and then said, "But I sure as hell won't have a hand in putting them in there this year."

Following the conclusion of Mackenzie's comments, Midland's Richard Platt spoke.

Stating his disappointment and saying though he harboured some skepticism, he had felt Tiny and Tay had wanted an official plan. Then he said, "It's obvious now they didn't want it...I think it's a

sad, sad commentry...to let this drag on without having the intestinal fortitude...to say they didn't want an official plan. What's happened (is) they've just strung us along for six or nine months hoping it would somehow die, but when it didn't die, now they've decided they have to kill it directly."

Platt then exhorted the remaining board members to "have enough guts to stand up...and send the plan back to the Ministry...and let the Ministry judge it on its merits."

## Sadness

Ray Baker, of Penetanguishene, then took the floor and registered his sadness and disappointment with Tiny-Tay's move and referring to the Area Plan as the culmination of 60 years combined work, (6 municipalities, 10 years work), he stated "as a person, I'm very sad that this has happened, (considering) all the collective good work."

Moreland Lynn of Midland took over from Baker and opened with several minutes of praise for Dr. Brasher and the zeal he exhibited in performing his part in developing the plan.

Then Lynn alluded to the Tiny-Tay decision as "earthquake" effect where a fissure opens up in the earth and added, "perhaps the fissure will close and eliminate from further bother and expense the two municipalities which have this evening declared their intentions."

He went on to say he found it rather humorous the two townships would ask the remaining members to hold in abeyance, matters pertaining to the plan.

"They have absolutely no right at this stage to...in any way, as far as I'm concerned, to even suggest to us what we should do," he said.

Penetanguishene Mayor, Gil Robillard, "I'm really dumbfounded," said Robillard.

"I really can't grasp it at all."

Speaking of the work that had been accomplished to date and referring to his own personal good feelings about the prospect of agreement on the plan he said "I hate to think we haven't made progress, and I think we have made a lot of progress."

But he added, "You may think everybody's behind you, you may have a really good feeling, but you turn around and there's nobody there."

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On the 9th day of May, 1980 the Minister of the Environment gave notice that an environmental assessment (Assessment No. 1-79-0001-000) for an undertaking known as New Hydroelectric Generating Facilities on the Lower Musquash River to be located in the Township of Georgian Bay in the District Municipality of Muskoka, had been received by the Minister and reviewed by the Government.

The Minister's public record of the undertaking including the environmental assessment, the review by the Government, submissions by the public related thereto and copies of notices given by the Minister in this matter pursuant to The Environmental Assessment Act, 1975 is available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

Environmental Approvals Branch,  
Ministry of the Environment,  
135 St. Clair Avenue West,  
10th Floor  
Toronto, Ontario.

Environment Assessment Board,  
1 St. Clair Avenue West,  
5th Floor,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Central Region,  
Ministry of the Environment,  
150 Ferrand Drive,  
Don Mills, Ontario.

Copies of the environment assessment and the review are also available for inspection at each of the following locations:

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Muskoka-Haliburton District Office,  
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The Office of the Clerk  
of the District Municipality  
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Pine Street,  
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The Office of the Clerk  
of the City of Orillia,  
35 West Street North,  
Orillia, Ontario.

The Office of the Clerk of  
the Township of Georgian Bay,  
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The Minister of the Environment has, by notice in writing dated the 15th day of August, 1980, required the Environmental Assessment Board to hold a hearing pursuant to The Environmental Assessment Act.

The purpose of the hearing is to enable the Board to:

- accept, or amend and accept, the environmental assessment;
- determine whether approval to proceed with the undertaking in respect of which the environmental assessment was submitted, should or should not be given; and
- determine whether the approval mentioned in clause (b) should be given subject to terms and conditions and, if so, the provisions of such terms and conditions.

Take notice that the Environment Assessment Board hereby appoints Tuesday, the 28th day of October, 1980, at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, local time, at the following location:

The Orillia Community Centre Auditorium,  
Penetang Street,  
Orillia, Ontario

for the hearing of this matter.

Further take notice that the first day of the public hearing will be preliminary in nature and the Environment Assessment Board intends to devote this day to such matters as, but not necessarily restricted to, identification of the parties, procedural matters, order of calling evidence, order of participation, the marking of exhibits and setting and announcing the date and location for the remainder of the hearing.

Any person wishing to make representations to the board regarding these matters or wishing to participate in this hearing should attend or be represented on the first day. The board does not intend to publish any further notice regarding this hearing after it commences.

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Hearing No. 002/80

Dated at Toronto  
this 19th day of September, 1980.

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