

Tay's letter spells out its mood

Shock waves struck North Simcoe more than a week ago when both Tiny and Tay Townships announced plans to pull out of the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board.

At the same time Tay has called on Minister of Housing, Claude Bennett to allow Tay to withdraw from TTPPB.

As promises Wednesday, a copy of Tay's letter to Queen's Park is being made public at this time.

The lengthy document is signed by Reeve Charles Rawson:

The Corporation of the Township of Tay has requested that you proceed to formerly withdraw that municipality from the Tiny-Tay Peninsula Planning Board (the Board).

The philosophy behind the original request to the Minister to establish a Joint Planning Area was deeply premised on the concept of Peninsula-wide co-operation.

This co-operation was to be the foundation upon which all future discussion, debate, compromise and resolutions were to be firmly established. The process of ongoing intermunicipal co-operation is one in which this Township has been an honest and active participant. Our dedication to the continuation of this process will not diminish should our request to withdraw from the Board be granted.

Dictatorial

The Township of Tay does not perceive itself to be an individual entity with dictatorial motivation and powers-powers which it may exercise periodically while having little or no regard for neighbouring municipalities.

We recognize the need for and shall continue to advocate intermunicipal co-operation regardless of our position with the Board.

The sharing of hard services, fire protection, library facilities, senior citizen housing, sanitary landfill site, hospitals and boundary road maintenance are but a few examples wherein this Township in concert with its neighbouring municipalities have entered into mutually acceptable agreements without the impetus of the Board.

Every locally initiated joint venture and agreement has always been amicably resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the elected representatives involved.

Mr. Minister, if you have any doubts about the sincerity of Tay Township concerning its pledge to continue to work in harmony with its neighbouring municipalities, we ask you to look at its history. We believe that Tay Township has demonstrated its willingness to work with its neighbouring municipalities repeatedly.

Tay Township worked in concert with the Townships of Tiny, Flos and Medonte for the purposes of preparing a secondary plan for the Hamlet of Waverley. This was accomplished by the good graces of the elected representatives of the four municipalities working to try and achieve a harmonious result. This was obtained without the aid or input from the Area Planning Board.

Perhaps the most revealing fact in our recent history, of complete municipal co-operation was the last annexation into the Town of Midland. Please let us advise you, Mr. Minister, that it was Tay's idea and it was Tay that approached the Town of Midland with the proposal whereby the latter would receive approximately eleven hundred acres of industrial suited land. The only conditions on the offer were those between two neighbours and that is that the vast majority of land would be retained and used for industrial development.

You no doubt will remember that the annexation was on consent. The Board did not make its opinion on the matter known to either of the participants.

Annexation

As you are no doubt aware, any reference to annexation between urban and rural municipalities is usually greeted with stiff resistance from the latter.

In this instance however, it was the rural municipality who took it upon itself to make the first move and offered the required acreage, without having to be solicited by the Town of Midland or the Board. The end result clearly benefits both parties, with each having participated in a harmonious and co-operative process.

In 1970 Midland and Tiny were the only local municipalities with approved official plans. The situation is quite different in 1980. Five of the six member municipalities are in possession of official plan documents, each of which has received your Ministry's approval.

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I love a parade!

If you love a parade you probably were in Elmvale where this photo was snapped during the community's annual parade

which kicked off this year's fall fair. Pipes and drums added just the right touch to this year's parade which was watched by

literally thousands of people from far and near.

TELE-A-THON: \$25,000 goal in 24 hours!

Starting at noon tomorrow and for the next 24 hours, Huronia Association for the Mentally Retarded will be staging what promises to be the best ever "Opportunathon" to help raise \$25,000.

The event, a tele-a-thon over Channel 12, will be held at the Yonge Street Civic Centre which will be turned into a television studio for this fund-raiser.

CBC's Bob McLean and Midland's Fred Hacker will co-host the event which will also feature a dance-a-thon, live music, vocalists,

kids' special, special guest appearances and lots more.

There's no hiding the fact! This weekend's "Opportunathon" has taken months to get ready.

Literally dozens of

people have worked behind the scene preparing for the 24-hour tele-a-thon which many believe will top its goal of \$25,000.

Channel 12 will be broadcasting the entire

O'Hara is a candidate

Another Tay Township councillor has been heard from this week regarding his future plans.

Tom O'Hara, who has been a Tay councillor for the past 12 years as well as the township's fire chief, says he'll

seek re-election Nov. 10.

O'Hara says he has been pleased the township now has an official plan and that work is proceeding on its zoning bylaw.

As well he's happy tenders will be going out soon for a new water system in Waubaushene.

The incumbent says he'd like to be part of a council that will in future look into improving streets in Waubaushene.

Paving underway

Work started this week on the paving of Highway 69 between Midland and Waverley.

Project supervisor Paul Hansen said the laying down of sand and a second coat of asphalt and stone started Tuesday. He estimated that the work crews will progress at an average rate of two miles a day if the weather is good.

Whether the final, third layer will be laid before winter closes in on the area is another question.

Hansen said laying of the top of the roadway would be "iffy" unless the weather for the rest of the fall is generally dry and temperatures are above 45 degrees during the day.

He estimated that three or four days will

be needed to deposit the sand, and six or seven days to add the asphalt and stone on top.

A rose by any other name...?

You've heard of the Bermuda Triangle? Soon it could be the Georgian Triangle.

It seems officials connected with an Inter-Chamber of Commerce task force representing such varied communities as Collingwood, Stayner, Wasaga Beach, Meaford and Beaver Valley are not pleased with their long handle.

Thus the name Georgian Triangle has been popping up.

It is hoped the name along with a suitable logo will designate that part of the province in its efforts to attract the tourist trade.

The Inter-Chamber group has held two annual meetings and next week (Oct. 25-26) plans to hold a fishing derby for the heaviest brown trout, splake and rainbow caught in the area.

The Georgian Triangle plans to be visible during next year's Sportsman Show in Metro where officials plan to tell their story.

The triangle it should be pointed out is contained in a larger Golden Horseshoe which spreads from Meaford, east to Midland and beyond into the Orillia market.

This entire section of Ontario has been under study for months in an effort to list the above district's assets especially in the realm of attracting tourist dollars from far and near.

event in color over Cable TV which is another feather in organizers' caps.

As for the dance-a-thon which will be held in conjunction with this weekend's super tele-a-thon, one couple has already accumulated 50 pledges.

There will be trophies and cash prizes awarded to those dancers who make it all the way through the dance-a-thon and those who succeed will then be judged on best

costumes.

If you think the town is already talking about the tele-a-thon wait until it is a few hours old and the pledges and donations start pouring in...chances are it will take a back seat to World Series Baseball, Hockey Night in Canada and a night out with the boys...for at least this weekend anyway.

See you at the tele-a-thon. Remember your donations are needed. The goal is \$25,000. Let's meet and beat it!

Midland lawyer to seek seat on Midland council

You can add Midland Lawyer Joseph Blake's name to the list of candidates who will be seeking a seat on Midland council Nov. 10.

The 28-year-old William Street resident made it official yesterday morning, he intends to seek office.

Blake says he'll run for one of three seats for alderman in the East Ward.

Married to the former Susan Markham, the Blakes have two children. The candidate cited the following reasons and credentials for running:

"I was born and raised on William Street in Midland, and attended Sacred Heart School, St. Theresa's High School, and Midland Secondary School.

I went to Law School in Windsor, and became entitled to practise law in April of 1978, at which time I returned to Midland.

I have practised law in Midland for approximately two and a half years, and my business is now located on the corner of First and Yonge Street.

I am and have been a member of Midland Planning Board for the past year and a half. This has been an important experience for me, as it keeps me informed and involved in many of the municipal happenings in the Town of Midland.

My community involvement also includes coaching children in minor league T-ball for the past three years, and being a member of the Catholic Parish Council for the past six months."

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