

It's back to dealing with reports

A number of key items on this week's Penetanguishene Planning Board agenda are going back to committee for further study and recommendation.

Going to committees was a report dealing with a rezoning ammendment to recognize conversion of a single family dwelling on Don Street into a duplex.

The building is owned by Maurice Charlebois and according to the report the conversion does not detrimentally affect any planning criteria.

Report

A second report dealing with a request by the owner of a unit in Highpointz Mall to use his building as a temporary warehouse, was also referred to committee.

The building's owner is already storing RCA components there in contravention of a municipal bylaw, and following notification of possible legal proceedings by the town, he requested a rezoning for the one unit.

Though the town suspended any legal proceedings pending a closer look at the application, the report tabled at the meeting Monday indicates the use of the unit for warehouse purposes "represents a total departure from a recently adopted comprehensive total ammendment to the town's official plan..."

Letter

The third item sent to committee was a letter from Town Clerk Yvon Gagne discussing the possibility of making the "lakefront road" a permanent municipal road.

Planning Board Chairman, Ross Spearn felt the idea required some in depth consideration before a recommendation could be made to council.

Town of Penetanguishene will be contributing to a senior school thesis being prepared by Ted Salisbury, a student at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute and an area resident.

Chairman, Spearn and Secretary, Paul Hodgins explained to the board that the town and Salisbury had held meetings over the summer and from a list of topics proposed by the town in August, Salisbury selected the topic dealing with possibilities for the town's future involvement in the marina development at the end of Main Street.

Salisbury presented the board a written account of his projected expenses totalling \$1,065 and requested the town absorb \$650 of the total amount. Planning Board secretary, Hodgins said the planning board has \$500 remaining in its 1980 budget, with no further studies upcoming and that money could be used to pay Salisbury, leaving \$150 to be budgeted from the 1981 accounts.

Board member, Larry McDonald spoke out against sponsoring the thesis saying he felt it was not a good precedent to set and suggested transferring the money to Parks and Recreation and letting that department act as sponsor.

Chairman Spearn recognized McDonald's concerns but felt that the study could prove to be a great opportunity to have very useful data collected for the municipality at a very minimal cost.

And he added, by sponsoring it, Planning Board could have more input and control of its direction.

Data

Emphasizing the data collection aspect was more important to the town at this point, than the actual thesis itself, Spearn said that if the thesis proved valuable too, it would be a bonus.

This brought a question from member Doug Mundy, about providing money for what he termed a "an unknown quantity."

The Chairman assured Mundy that the Secretary and himself had reviewed other reports and work by Salisbury and they were both impressed by the quality of his research and findings.

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Lafontaine crop

These Christmas trees are a few of the 90,000 trees from here that will be sold around the province and as far south as Florida for Christmas. Christmas

trees can sell for more than \$2 a foot in the sunshine state. The trees are being stockpiled in Midland after being harvested in the Lafontaine area.

Court decision coming today

Supreme Court of Ontario will render its decision today on the matter of whether area municipalities proposing referenda on the issue of a French high school in Penetanguishene have the right to do so.

The legal wrangling between the supporters of the proposed French high school and the

municipalities in question was carried out Wednesday, following an adjournment of Tuesday's court date in Toronto.

The municipalities' right to hold referenda on the issue was challenged earlier this month by three area residents and the court case ensued.

At Wednesday's

hearing, lawyers for supporters of the proposed high school argued the issue at hand was a question of minority education rights, while lawyers representing the municipalities claimed the issue was much more basic.

They said the issue was whether residents of the area would be

denied the opportunity to express their feelings on an issue directly affecting them.

Paul DeVillers, solicitor for the Town of Penetanguishene said yesterday "We certainly gave, (the court), enough to come to a decision in our favour, but it wouldn't be proper to try to predict what the court will decide."

Basil Dorion, one of the residents opposing municipalities' plans to hold referenda on the high school issue, said yesterday he felt the Wednesday hearing went quite well.

He did not wish to discuss the case in depth, he said, feeling that while it was before the court, it would be "inappropriate" to do so.

Youth centre election plank...

More industry and a youth activity centre is the two-plank platform of Walter Schmidt, one of five people seeking three council seats in Midland's Ward II.

This is his first venture into municipal politics.

For the past four years he has been a production supervisor at Decor Metal Products.

He is very concerned with the lack of a place for young people to go and amuse themselves, where they can play darts or team sports like volleyball.

He is aware of the variety of recreation offered by the YMCA.

But not all parents are able to afford the fees to send their children to the Y, Schmidt says.

He suggested that if the town started a youth centre, it would be able to get a government grant.

Taxes

Schmidt is also concerned that the residential taxes should not be allowed to rise higher than their present height.

He is very interested in industrial safety and leads seminars at Decor.

He is also working his way through a management and business correspondence course.

The candidate has eight children, four at home: Gary, 17; Jacky, 16; Diana, 15; and Don, 14.



Lynn Morton seeking seat on Tay council

There will be at least two women seeking a council seat on Tay Township council Nov. 10.

This week Lynn Morton wife of Robert Morton administrator of Penetanguishene's Georgian Manor filed papers.

Mrs. Morton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McAllen of Midland, was born, raised and educated in Midland. The mother of two boys, she says she's interested and "I have the time to serve as a member of Tay Township council."

The R.R. 1, Port McNicoll resident indicated she has attended a number of council meeting in the past "since I'm interested in what goes on."

Mrs. Morton says she was already been out on the hustings meeting with voters from one end of the township to the other.

"I think there should be new blood on council. The present one was acclaimed the last time around, so there hasn't been an election for the past four years.

Having served on the board of directors of the Midland Curling Club for three years, Mrs. Morton says she's looking forward to the challenge adding "I'm not going to make any promises that I cannot fulfill."

If elected she adds, "I promise to serve on council to the best of my ability."

Last week Kay Chambers announced she'd seek a position on Tay council.

Superstar Tyson at her best

Recording and television superstar Sylvia Tyson and her troupe the Great Speckled Bird performed in The Pass at the Commodore Hotel in Penetanguishene this week and for those music lovers who missed her performance they missed Canadian

talent at its very best. Sylvia was even persuaded to be photographed aboard the Commodore's mechanical bull, the only one in Canada. Those who heard her all agreed she's in a league by herself with a wonderful (unique) style all her own.