

# Area plan still on front burner

The topic of an Area Planning Board and Tiny and Tay Township's relation to it was brought up again at a regular meeting of Penetanguishene Council, Monday night, following presentation of several letters dealing with the issue.

The positive tone of some of the letters and a caution from Tay to Midland council, concerning referral of the Official Plan to the Ministry of Housing prompted Councillor Ray Baker to say a few words expressing his feelings about the letters.

Though some of the letters made references to the co-operative efforts which had taken place between area municipalities, one from Tay Reeve Charles Rawson suggested if Midland Council referred the draft Official Plan to the Ministry of Housing, it would be "interpreted as Midland's wish to dominate (Tay) Township."

This letter in particular prompted Penetanguishene Public Works Chairman, Ray Baker to say he hoped the Ministry of Housing would not make any decision or statement on the question of the official plan until after the Nov. 10 municipal elections.

## Election

"The Mayors and Reeves have always got along fairly well on a political level," said Baker. He went on to add he was, "hoping nothing happens until after the election and then maybe (council) should take another hard look at the area board."

In a telephone conversation yesterday, Baker said he expects changes in the political makeup of the two townships and feels the ministry should withhold any comment on the official plan until the political organizations have been determined following the elections.

Baker also agreed with the possibility that letters presented to Penetanguishene Council on Monday, because of their somewhat more conciliatory and friendly tone, indicate a willingness by Tiny and Tay to keep the lines of communication open and may represent municipal "peace feelers" from the Townships.

Baker said he felt that because of past co-operation between all area representatives at the political level, he was not yet ready to "bury" the idea of an Area Planning Board.



## Almost the real thing

It was lights, camera and action at Ecole St. Croix in Lafontaine as members of Boite a Papias, a children's theatre group from Edmonton performed adaptations of fables by Jean de Lafontaine for students at the school last Friday. The adaptations

were by one of the troupe's principals, Suzette Legace-Aubin and involved students in a make believe filming of the fables "Hare and the Tortoise" and "Fox and the Crow". Pierre Paul Paquette, the

film's director (right), cues his "claquette", Lisa Desroches, of Perkinsfield (left), and his cameraman, Sandy MacKay, as an interested audience of students looks on.

# Lomas attacks Baker in last hurrah before Nov. election

In what was very uncharacteristic behaviour, Penetanguishene Councillor Clarence Lomas, who is not running for re-election, brought out into the open, what has obviously been an ongoing feud with Councillor Ray Baker, at Monday's Penetanguishene Council meeting.

Though the background to the Monday evening fracas was not known, the concerted attack upon Baker by Lomas and Baker's replies indicated strong feelings between the two men.

Lomas fired a volley at Baker during council's consideration of public works' accounts payable list, by questioning the expense of \$618.86 for equipment used to repaint the Sewage Treatment Plant at the north end of Main Street.

As Baker cited each payment, Lomas had another question for him about another item.

## Question

As the evening wore on, the feud heated up. Lomas raised the question of whether the snow removal bylaw was to remain on the books and if it was, who would enforce it. To that question, Baker responded by asking pointedly, to what section of the bylaw Lomas was referring.

Lomas answered by specifying the section

dealing with persons who push snow across town streets and onto other property.

Baker said, "I can't answer off the top of my head... (the question), is too hypothetical."

Baker went on to suggest a review of the snow removal bylaw at the next Public Works meeting.

## Words

The harshest words between the two men came during discussion of a proposed bylaw to

regulate the days and areas for garbage pickup and disposal within the town of Penetanguishene.

The area of contention for Lomas was a section of the bylaw proposing the garbage in the Main Street and Robert Street areas be picked up on Tuesdays, but not giving a definite time for pickup.

Besides disagreeing with the timetable, Lomas was very critical of Baker for not giving a specific time for pickup.

Though he had motioned for the passage of the bylaw, Lomas said he felt the public works chairman had not done his job.

## Reasons

Baker outlined reasons for setting the schedule up the way it was and noted the fact that merchants in the centre core are closed Wednesdays and with long weekend holidays using up several Mondays and Fridays, it was felt Tuesdays were

best for pickup downtown.

Reeve Art Stewart concurred with Lomas' point saying that with a possible afternoon pickup, garbage might sit on the street all morning and a definite timetable for pickup should be developed.

After more remarks between Lomas and Baker, Councillor Ken Tanahill summed up the evenings cut and thrust exchanges by quipping, "Clarence is taking one last kick at the cat."

# Penetang council briefs

## Back to committee

Monday evening's council meeting in Penetanguishene referred to committee, a request from Penetanguishene General Hospital, for financial assistance to help defray the costs associated with the hospital's conversion to a 10-bed chronic unit.

## Research

Another item referred to committee was a request from the Ontario Humane Society for municipal contributions to assist with research into a chemical method of spaying and neutering animals in order to limit the burden on all municipalities from increased animal populations.

Citing the various problems presented to municipalities by un-

wanted and stray animals, the society suggests that a contribution of one cent per taxpayer would provide much of the funding needed to carry on the necessary research.

## Poppy Days

Royal Canadian Legion received unanimous approval from council to hold its Poppy Days on Nov. 7 and 8, and a church parade on Nov. 9.

In addition, council granted the usual permission to hold the full Remembrance Day Parade and Services at the Cenotaph in Penetanguishene, on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

## \$200 donation

In other council business, it was decided to donate \$200 towards the Midland Jaycees "Save a Life" cam-

paign, which is collecting \$15,000 to purchase extrication equipment for cutting people out of wrecked vehicles.

The donation which was endorsed unanimously was said by Councillors Bellisle and St. Amant to be a small but important contribution to a good cause.

## Stake-outs

A bylaw was passed at Monday night's Council meeting calling for an established "stake-out" procedure for the public works department.

The policy reads that, prior to any excavating, tunneling, digging or drilling or anything pertaining to digging, all companies and utilities which bury cables or equipment must be notified.

Those mentioned

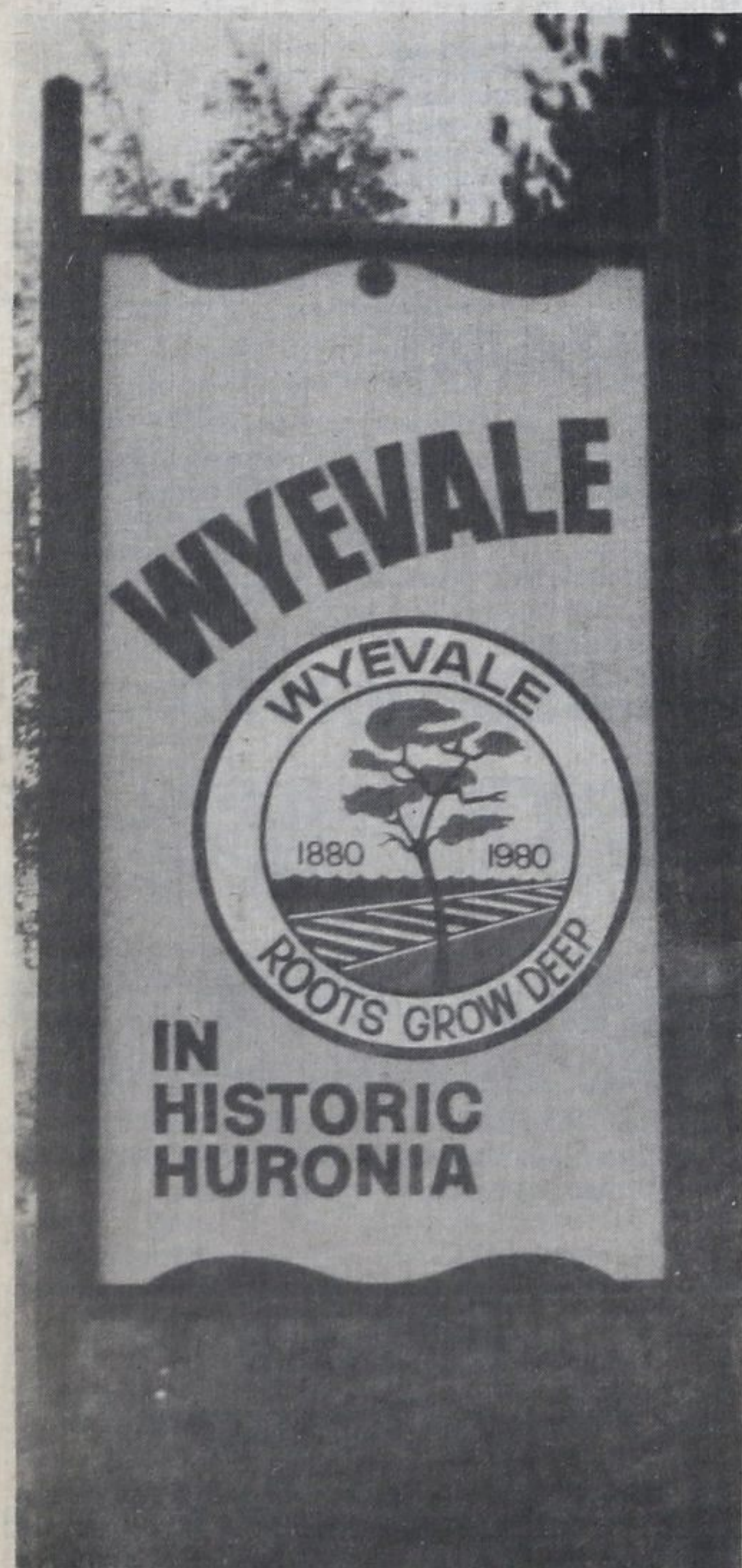
included Cable TV, Bell Canada, Consumer's Gas as well as Penetanguishene Water and Light Commission.

It was felt the new procedure may help eliminate severed cables and broken equipment if followed, since all companies contacted would be responsible for staking out their equipment to make it visible.

## \$10,000 Limit

Penetang council passed a petition calling upon Clerk Yvon Gagne to write to the Ministry of Housing, calling for an increase in the \$10,000 limit for the Ontario Home Renewal Program.

Gagne said following the meeting, it was felt that the original limit of \$7,500 was not enough to cover most renovations to existing structures.



## Sign of the times

The new signs at both entrances to Wyevalle are certainly a nice addition to the hamlet celebrating their 100th Anniversary this year. Residents recently viewed slides of the centennial celebrations held in July and the signs show that the gala event will not be the only way the people mark this special year.