

# Brunelle, a Penetang kid's best friend!

by Ken Regan  
Once again Penetanguishene's annual free Hallowe'en party for area children was a major success thanks particularly to Joe Brunelle, the instigator and principal driving force behind the two year old event, who is already planning strategy for next year's "monster bash".

In an interview at his apartment, Brunelle said, in his quiet, modest way that he was very pleased with the turnout and success of the party, in spite of two power interruptions, (caused by overloaded circuits), that caused a delay in the festivities.

The popularity of the event with the local kids and their parents is certainly not in doubt.

Brunelle estimates there were over 400 children at the party and, the (excuse the expression), "little monsters", goblins, witches and assorted characters consumed all 368 bags of candies that were provided. In addition, all 480 bottles

of Coke supplied by the Penetang Bottling Co. Ltd. were downed by the tykes during the three hour affair.

In spite of the key role he plays each year in getting the kids' party off the ground, Brunelle, a Toronto native who has been living in this area approximately four years, tends to emphasize the contributions made by others.

He was quick to point out the donation of Coca-Cola and was as quick to mention the \$300. plus which he collected from local merchants, organizations and citizens.

An important contribution came from the Penetanguishene Branch of the Legion, which donated a full \$200. toward Joe's (the kids') cause.

#### Credit

Brunelle also gave credit and thanks for help he received from several friends who assisted in the organization and

presentation of the party. Theresa Axton, Basil and Jackie Laurin and their son Steve were some he mentioned and there were other friends

who assisted at the party whose support he also acknowledged.

When asked why he takes it upon himself to put on the annual

Hallowe'en party and the Penetanguishene kids' Fishing Derby, (which he also organized), Brunelle looked surprised that

the answer isn't obvious and quietly shrugs and says, "I just love kids."

Judging from the personal time and effort Joe Brunelle gives to

doing something concrete to help brighten the year for the kids of Penetanguishene, the answer really should be obvious.

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## Parking lot low on list of priorities

Midland Town Council took steps this week towards the creation of a new centre core parking lot.

And we think those steps are unnecessary. Although council by no means has committed itself to building the new lot, it is quite apparent that it is seriously considering the idea.

It will apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for permission to shift \$150,000 from its sewage treatment expenditure forecast into the property acquisition category. If approved, that money could be used to buy a parcel of downtown land and develop it as a parking lot.

The property is selling for \$70,000, and as a 13,000 foot parcel of downtown real estate, it probably is a good buy.

But it does not follow that a good buy is a necessary buy.

In our opinion, Midland does not need another municipally-owned centre core parking lot. Even during peak shopping seasons, it is always possible to find a downtown parking spot. The municipally operated parking lot on First Street between Elizabeth Street and Hugel Avenue is a case in point. It is seldom close to being full, even during the bad weather shopping spree at Christmas time.

It is often argued that one of the reasons downtown shopping areas are dying in many municipalities in Ontario is because they

can't compete with the level of convenience offered by car-oriented plazas which are usually located on municipal outskirts. The main reason for that, it is stated, is because downtowns don't have the space to accommodate car-borne shoppers.

We firmly believe that a healthy downtown is the most important asset any community can have, and in fact should be preserved as part of the heritage we have all grown up in.

But the traditional arguments for downtown parking don't apply in this case. We already have more than enough space available.

Some might accuse us of being short-sighted. "Sure," they'd argue, "but what about the future growth of the municipality?"

To that we'd respond that moving ahead with another downtown parking lot should accompany an appreciable growth in the size of the town. The fact is, there hasn't been that kind of growth in the recent past, and there are no really firm indications it's coming in the near future.

We hope that before moving ahead any further with the proposal, council would seriously assess those priorities.

## Survey indicates parking lots are not necessary

The dramatic findings of a recent survey of metered municipal parking lots in Midland conducted at peak periods which indicated the lots are only being used to 45.7 per cent of their capacity, confirms the above editorial suggestion that parking lots should be relegated to the bottom of the pile of municipal priorities.

How can those local politicians who are promoting the Town's involvement in purchasing and developing a strip of Perrin downtown

property for a parking lot at an estimated \$200,000.00, seriously argue that it won't cost the taxpayer anything, when the first obvious loss to the Town would be in realty taxes, to say nothing of the municipality assuming the risk of debenturing the project over the next 20 years.

If you are opposed to this latest parking lot scheme, you may register your opposition on November 10th, by voting for those candidates who will represent your wishes in this matter.



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