

Tiny Twp. support questioned

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Basile Dorion, appearing as a private citizen, questioned Tiny council members on Nov. 26 about their support of the Simcoe County decision to pay the legal costs incurred by those municipalities which were forced to defend their inclusion of the referendum concerning the separate french high school on election ballots in court.

Mr. Dorion, who is a member of FLAC and coordinator of the French Activities Centre in Penetanguishene, said he was there to "support you if you voted against it, and to try to persuade you otherwise if you had supported" the cost-sharing scheme.

Dorion argued that those municipalities who had sought legal advice on the question and acted accordingly should not be forced to contribute towards the legal costs incurred by municipalities who acted without or against legal advice on the referendum question.

"I personally took the financial risk of testing the issue in court, and didn't expect the county to bail me out," said Dorion.

Reeve Morris Darby commented that "Your argument has some merit, but in the county system we attempt to assist all municipalities when it will benefit the entire county."

The Reeve cited Innisfil annexation battle over lost assessment, the Niagara escarpment issue, and the Lake Simcoe water pollution problem as past examples of sharing costs.

Reeve Darby continued to explain that "although it may appear somewhat irregular, we were pressed for time and had only two days to act on the request" for assistance. Normally requests for financial assistance are submitted first to the County financial committee, and then referred with recommendations to the County council.

When asked by Dorion if Tiny would bring the matter up again at County council, Reeve Darby suggested that Dorion address his concerns to the financial committee.

Referendum

Councillor John Butler rationalized the County action as simply being a follow-through of responsibility; since the question of the referendum was initiated at the County level the County should cover costs incurred as a result. At the time of the vote on the referendum question in June, only two of 54 county representatives voted against its inclusion on election ballots.

Dorion reiterated his position that Tiny taxpayers should not have to contribute to the \$13,700 in legal costs, since it had acted prudently according to its own legal advice, and objected to "paying for others' mistakes."

He concluded that it was a "matter of principle" and thanked council for hearing his presentation.

One-day nurses workshop

A one-day workshop designed for employees in long term care facilities will be held Jan. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the **Highwayman Inn**, Collingwood.

Cost is \$20, including lunch, coffee and handouts. Registration will take place at 8:30 a.m. The workshop is being offered by the Georgian College, Continuing Education, Health Sciences Division.

The objective of the workshop is to discuss the nursing needs of residents in long term care settings and to assist resident care personnel in identifying, developing and documenting a per-

sonalized, individualized plan of resident care.

As well, the practical implementation of the nursing process, The Nursing Home Act and the accreditation expectation in providing optimal quality care will be featured.

Mrs. Connie Mullen, Area Supervisor, Resident Care Consultant, Bestview Health Care Centre, will serve as the resource person for the workshop.

For further information and pre-registration, contact Program Supervisor Gail Payne at the Orillia Campus of Georgian College (705) 325-2705.



EDHS students visit college

Finding out what College is all about, particularly Georgian College, was the purpose of a tour of the Barrie Campus recently by these Elmvale District High School (E.D.H.S.) students. (Front row, left) Judith Hutton, Linda Marchant, Lori McAuley, Bunny Columbus, Shelley Stone, (Centre row, left) Susan Wicklum, Mary Frannsen, Michelle King, Sylvia KleinGebbinck, Cindy Strath, Lucille

Desroches, Darlene Lalonde, Teresa Desroches, (Back row, left) Graham Shaw, Head Guidance Counsellor, E.D.H.S., Leo Stephens, Gary Hanley, Van Ha, Michael Horsfall, Martin Shanahan, Ann Thompson, John Bobbette, Secondary School Liaison Officer, Georgian College, and Jeff Archer. The students talked with faculty, toured facilities and took a look at programs offered by the College.

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