

One of their numbers missing as council sworn in

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Over 50 well-wishers, local notables and family gathered at the Tiny municipal offices in Perkinsfield on Monday night to attend the inaugural meeting of the council members returned to office in the recent election.

Reeve Morris Darby was acclaimed to his position for the second time, and Deputy Reeve John Lackie, councillors Ron Hamelin, John Butler and "Gabe" Brunelle were successful in retaining their seats.

Ron Hamelin was unable to attend the ceremonies, having suffered a severe heart attack on Friday, Nov. 21. He is now in satisfactory condition in a Toronto hospital. Tiny clerk, Guy Maurice, will travel to Toronto today to swear councillor Hamelin in at his bedside.

It is expected Hamelin will be released by the end of the week. And, as John Butler said "Knowing Ron, he'll be back on his feet before long."

The inaugural meeting began with clerk Maurice administering the oaths of office and allegiance to all four members of council, and then ushering them to their seats.

Reverend Gordon Finney of Elmvale Anglican Church then spoke to the meeting, reminding them that elected representatives are ultimately responsible not to the

people, but to God, from whom their authority is derived.

He encouraged council to make just decisions, according to their own conscience, and not to be influenced by pressure groups or outside influences.

Father Cyril Robitaille of Lafontaine advised council to make people feel that they count, so that "you'll have the entire township behind you." The huge size of present-day institutions have a tendency to make the individual seem small in comparison, the Father added, and elected representatives must "be aware of the danger of losing touch." Councillors should "always reflect the human dignity of those who address them" and to achieve true wisdom should be "open to being taught."

Letters of congratulation and regrets from the township of Tay, the Township of Penetanguishene, Ainley and Associates, Victoria Harbour, Member of Parliament Doug Lewis and MPP George Taylor were then read by the clerk.

Finally, councillors, who had no opportunity for speech-making during the recent campaign, were given a chance to speak. Relative newcomer "Gabe" Brunelle welcomed the chance to put the experience gained through a year in office to work after "just having got my feet wet." Brunelle was appointed a year ago to take over the position

left vacant by Vince Marchildon following his resignation.

Jinx Councillor John Butler commented that although roads department chairmen have never been returned to office, he had somehow managed to "break this jinx" and looked forward to completion of the new subdivision agreement and the shoreline study in the coming two years under the leadership of Reeve Darby.

Butler also expressed thanks to his wife and children, for "constant support and inspiration" and wished Ron Hamelin a speedy recovery, "so he can do the things he wanted to accomplish."

Rev. Robitaille then led the meeting in a prayer for the recovery of the missing councillor, asking that "his temporary weakness lead to eventual strength and wisdom."

Deputy-reeve John

Lackie thanked Tiny electors for "a real compliment" in re-election, and looked forward to another two years with a council who "respect and enjoy each other". Lackie noted that the appointment of Reeve Darby as president of the Association of Rural Ontario Municipalities (ROMA) would present a challenge both to the Reeve, and to those on the "home front". He predicted that even such mundane issues as garbage disposal would be a challenge.

Reeve Darby was the last to speak, and thanked Tiny for acclaiming him to office for the second time, after twelve years in office. He then asked for a moment of silence for the late "Mike" Asselin who served the township for many years as clerk.

Happy note The Reeve then continued on a happy note, observing that although the national

economy was "not too brisk, Tiny was still healthy" and in a good financial position, with no direct debentures and numerous assets. Tiny's most valuable asset, according to the Reeve, is its agricultural land, which is relatively accessible to markets.

The Reeve noted recent achievements of council including protective severance policies in agricultural areas, the restricted removal of topsoil, methods for providing public access to the shoreline while "showing consideration to private property owners" through restricted parking. He interpreted the return of council to office as endorsement by Tiny of these policies as well as the controversial withdrawal from the Area Board, where "dollars

spent simply were not justified, and the work could be accomplished under another umbrella". Reeve Darby pledged cooperation with neighbouring municipalities, and added that the role of the head of council was "not to direct council, but to work with them." The Reeve expressed "total agreement with the re-election of council," and said "we're approachable."

He then appointed Councillor John Butler as Finance Chairman, John Lackie as Roads Chairman, Gabe Brunelle as Fire Department Chairman and Ron Hamelin as Chairman of the Water Department.

The Reeve finally introduced the members of Tiny's staff: Clerk-Administrator Guv Maurice,

Treasurer Estelle L'Esperance, Assistant Clerk Fern Maurice, Jeanine Quesnelle, Angie Robitaille and Bonnie Parent, secretaries and receptionists, Lawrence Blondin bookkeeper, Larry Crawford, Building Inspector, Roger Robitaille planning administrator, Bill Marcellus Roads Superintendent, Ross Withall Roads assistant, Hubert Charlebois Water Superintendent and assistant Pierre Paul Forget, Parks and Recreation Coordinator Bernie LeClair, and Bylaw Enforcement Officer Stephen Quaipe.

Ron Bellisle, newly-elected mayor of Penetanguishene, "Charlie" Ross, Reeve of Tav Township, Steve Art Stewart of Penetang, and Frances St. Amant, Lionel Dion, and Bob Cascagnette of

Penetang council added their best wishes from the audience. They were followed by Alvin Gravelle of the Simcoe County Board of Education and Gabriel Marchand, outgoing chairman of the Roman Catholic Separate School Board.

Tiny solicitor was then asked by the Reeve to say a few words "at no charge" and declined, providing a moment of humour.

Engineer Township engineer Ron Robinson of Ainley and Associates predicted two good years ahead.

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Investigated 147 general occurrences. Among the occurrences were five cases of break and enter, one attempted break and enter, five cases of theft, four cases of wilful damage and six cases falling under other sections of the Criminal Code.

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Habit forming

It is getting to be a habit for Reeve Morris Darby Tiny Township who is also a former warden of Simcoe County. The reeve, right, is pictured being

sworn into office by Clerk Guy Maurice. In background is Deputy-reeve John Lackie. Tiny held its inaugural meeting Monday night.

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Lange 'XL1000'	290.00	'259 ⁸⁸	Dolomite 'Athena'	160.00	'119 ⁸⁸
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