

Single most damage to police car

A police cruiser suffered the greatest damage of the few vehicles involved in accidents in Midland in the last few days.

The cruiser, driven by town officer Mike Bradv. was one of two cars reversing in the laneway at the north end of the Midland Curling Club Tuesday evening at 10:30 p.m.

Damage to the cruiser was \$600. The officer was investigating whether cars were parked in the no parking zone north of the building. Visibility at the time was nil, town police said. The other car, driven by Ian Ross, 39, of Seventh Street, was undamaged. The

cruiser's driver's door and front fender were damaged. There were no charges.

Early Wednesday morning Margaret Kiersnowski, 32, of R.R. 1, Victoria Harbour, was charged with failing to yield after a minor collision in Little Lake Park.

Kiersnowski was exiting onto the park road

from the YMCA. The other car involved, driven by John Sauve, 27, of Colborne Street, Midland, was westbound on the park road. Damage to the two cars was \$500 and \$50 respectively.

Also Wednesday the Midland Retail Brewers store's main window was broken

when 27-year-old Kenneth Cross of Port McNicoll was unable to stop his car from sliding into the building.

And a car slid into the rear of another car just before midnight Wednesday on Yonge Street in front of No. 741.

William Carruthers, 23, of Fifth Street, Midland, was stopped to make a right turn into a private driveway.

Twenty-seven-year-old Rebecca Duquette, of SS 3, Penetanguishene, behind him, braked, but was unable to stop short.

No injuries resulted or charges laid. Total damage was \$900.

blizzard takes toll

Walker says Tay must work with neighbours...

David Walker, who has served two two-year terms as a Tay Township councillor moved up a notch yesterday after being sworn in as deputy-reeve of the township during an inaugural meeting of council.

The popular Midland businessman and Tay Township resident offered a number of observations during a short address he made to colleagues and guests at yesterday afternoon's initial meeting of the new council.

Since we felt Walker's comments were significant they are re-printed here for your information.

I would first like to thank the ratepayers of Tay Township for their expression of confidence. Having served as Councillor in Tay Township for four years, gaining experience and confidence, I felt it was time to progress. I therefore offered to serve the Township in the capacity of Deputy Reeve. To receive an acclamation to this position I believe is an expression of confidence by the ratepayers of Tay, confidence in my abilities, recognition of a willingness to work, trust in a principled approach to problems and general approval of past performance, policies followed, and positions taken on major issues.

I pledge myself to continue to uphold the principles of honesty, sincerity, and equality. I pledge myself to continue to diligently apply my talents and experience in the best interest of Tay Township. I pledge myself to careful consideration before important decisions and determined resolve in implementing those decisions.

Projects

I would next address myself to several projects and issues that Tay Township faces as we move into a new term of Council. It is with a large measure of satisfaction that I view the progress of the Water Works Project in Waubaushene into the construction phase,

however there is much to be done to insure that the project is seen to completion properly, for the Taxpayers of Tay in Waubaushene. Council's efforts will also be required to improve and operate efficiently the other Water Works in Tav, particularly the upcoming project in Gilwood Bay on Tay Point.

The previous Council has instituted changes and improvements in the Administration of our Township. Several of these projects are still in the initial stages and careful stewardship will be required to see them effectively implemented in order to produce the results anticipated. The Township of Tay is at the leading edge of the movement to micro-computer utilization by smaller municipalities. In co-operation with the Ministry of Inter-Governmental Affairs we are developing procedures which will see some day see widespread use and be helpful to many municipalities in increasing efficiency and controlling costs. This provides us with a sense of pride but should also make us cautious and cause us to progress with sure and carefully measured steps.

The present economic difficulties faced by all municipalities are a cause for continuing concern. For the last two years the Township of Tay has been able to hold the line on its mill rate. This has only been accomplished through tight fiscal policies of

improving efficiency and very careful limitation on the expansion of services. The co-operation and understanding of Township Staff is essential to this process and I congratulate them for jobs well done and encourage them to continue this approach. Together we will maintain the Township's sound financial condition.

Inter-municipal consultation and co-operation between Tay and its neighbours I hope will continue, as certain aspects of the health and happiness of ratepayers are dependent on a larger unit than the individual municipality.

To this end I trust the Minister of Housing will move expeditiously to confirm Tay's withdrawal from the T.T.P.P.B. This issue has received substantial coverage by our local media over the past several months during the recent election, members of that APPOINTED BODY which is by definition in the Planning Act, and ADVISORY BOARD have participated in surprisingly political lobbying and publicity.

Given these conditions leading to public awareness and having previously taken a stand on this issue; I consider my acclamation in part, a mandate to pursue this issue to its conclusion.

Common sense dictates to me that we must continue to work with our neighbours. Common sense also dictates to me that this co-operation must be attained through mutually agreeable methods.

Finally I congratulate you Mr. Reeve on your acclamation and members of council on your election. I look forward to working with you, with the philosophy that we have a job to get done for the overall benefit of all the Taxpayers of Tay Township.



A harbinger of winter

Snow tires are never far behind the first Christmas carols which herald the winter holiday season. Tuesday's blizzard which struck Huronia prompted scores of motorists to head to their nearest tire

retailer the following day to equip family cars with "snows." Here Ed Cook does the honors tightening up nuts on yet another set of snow tires for yet another happy motorist.

Wasaga a winter wonderland

Winter activities are well under way, especially in Wasaga Beach.

An outdoor skating rink has been set up by Wasaga Beach Provincial Park which began operation Wednesday night.

It will be in use until the end of March, weather permitting.

Hours of operation will be Monday to Friday from one p.m. until nine p.m. and Saturday and Sunday

from 10 a.m. until nine p.m.

There will only be an admission charge on Saturdays and Sundays which will be a nominal charge of 50 cents.

Senior citizens can skate for free.

Season passes are also available which will be five dollars for individuals and 15 dollars for a family.

The artificial ice rink is situated in the Provincial Park's Oakview Woods Recreation

Complex just off Mosley Street and next door to the Oakview Community Centre.

The ice surface is a large 36 metres square and will be used strictly

for pleasure skating.

Music is to be provided for your listening pleasure and a change area has been set up.

Why learn the hard way?

Motorists in Midland and Penetanguishene are reminded of municipal bylaws which make it illegal to park on town streets after midnight during the

winter months. Vehicles which disrupt snowplowing operations will be ticketed and towed away at the owner's expense.

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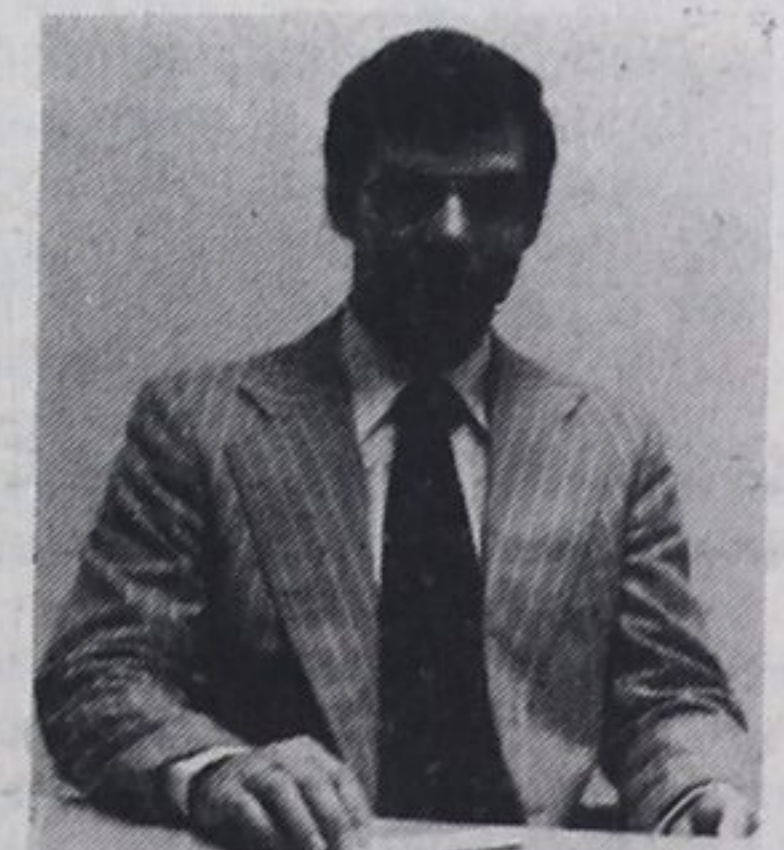
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