

for council's new term....

requirements in municipalities with which we have adjacency.

It is also of prime importance that area planning problems be resolved, and that all the area municipalities work together to provide for sensible, long term future planning and development objectives and controls to protect the quality of life and orderly development of this region.

Economy

Related to the above, of course, is the matter of extensive commercial development outside this community which will affect the economy of our town and the central business district. Strong, determined, and positive steps must be taken by this council and by other groups and segments in the town to protect our core area and to provide for its redevelopment.

Downtown redevelopment must consider two important matters:

the need to provide lands and space for attracting and keeping major merchandising enterprises in the downtown area and, the need to embark immediately on a physical redevelopment and beautification program in the downtown business district.

There can be no half-measures or weak-stomach approaches to these matters, but there must be bold and positive steps taken with the co-operation and assistance of all segments of the community.

One aspect of our community life has been largely ignored, and the time is upon us, both by circumstance and the need to provide alternative outlets for the energies and interests of our young people in the face of rising vandalism and other exemplifications of a lack of proper facilities.

I am referring to our cultural desolation. We must work, with the co-operation of council, to better serve the cultural

needs and interests of our community.

In this vein our library is facing major repair and renovation work. It needs facilities for the handicapped and it also requires additional meeting facilities for public programs. Under the leadership of our recently retired chief librarian Helen Delaney our library achieved a reputation for excellence envied by many communities. But the facilities have had little done to them since their acquisition by the town fifteen years ago. They now require repair, and now is the time to consider future needs and the future role of the library as one main anchor of our cultural resources.

Facilities

The dilemma faced by such community groups as the Huronia Players and other performing agencies and groups in our town will require that we face up to the needs for proper theatre facilities. These con-

siderations must involve both short term requirements and long term goals and objectives.

Several programs in the coming term are continuing in the future, but will require special attention by council as council assesses its priorities.

The first continuing program is the construction of the new modern, three million gallon capacity sewage treatment plant. This plant will be completed in 1981 providing the town with facilities to service both the present demand and the future need of the town.

Without the construction of the additional capacity, development in the town was frozen. Our commitment as a council must be to complete this project and to ensure that the town grows to require the capacity which has been built into the system. In this

way the additional revenue by increased assessment will help to bear the cost of adding this new facility.

Program

For the past several years individuals on council have verbally committed themselves to a program of promoting the development of our manufacturing and tourism industries. The financial commitment by the town, however, to this type of promotion has not always kept pace with the need that exists to obtain the results about which we speak.

As your mayor, I have found that the amount of time and energy devoted to this aspect of my role in the community has increased dramatically. Working with Mr. Wally Cunningham, our Development Commissioner, and his predecessor, Mr.

William Vidler, has indicated to me the need for a strong commitment to the future planning and development of our community. This commitment must be designed to achieve both short term results and long term objectives.

With increasing energy costs and changing tourism travel patterns the consensus is that areas such as ours, within easy access of major metropolitan centres, will experience major increases in tourism. The opportunities to seize an increased share of this tourism potential are plentiful. There is, however, a need to make things happen in tourism and attract development in the area. I believe that it is the position of this town and this council that we wish to encourage the expansion of present facilities and new tourism facilities which

will bring revenue to the community through taxation and job creation.

The coming term will be both interesting and challenging for all members of council and to the community. I believe it is possible to make the work of council both productive and enjoyable, and I believe that with this council and our municipal staff we will be able to demonstrate results which are compatible with and satisfactory to the needs and wants of our community.

In closing, I would like to congratulate all those who have achieved office for the coming term, to thank those of you who took the time this evening to come out and observe the first official meeting of your 1981-82 council, and to wish to one and all a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Penetanguishene Council sworn in

Penetanguishene council was sworn into office Monday evening as part of the inaugural proceedings held at town hall and now that the formalities have been completed, it will be time to get down to the business of the legislative and decision making process.

The high point of the Monday night meeting, which was held before a full house of well wishers, was marked by the induction of Ron Bellisle as the new mayor, symbolized by the presentation of the Mayor's Chain of Office, by Town Solicitor Paul DeVillers.

Prior to that event though, all other council members were sworn in beginning with the two newest members, Don McNee and Robert Cascagnette, along with sophomore councillor Robert Klug and continuing with senior members of council, Lionel Dion, Ken Tannahill and Ray Baker.

Reeve Art Stewart and Deputy-reeve Francis St. Amant who were both acclaimed to office took their oaths and the ceremony

concluded with Bellisle's receiving the Chain of Office.

Following the Mayor's inaugural address, (which is reprinted in entirety elsewhere in this paper), several dignitaries who were attending the affair were acknowledged. These included Reeve Morris Darby, of Tiny Township and Bruce Tinney of Tay.

In a minor break with

tradition, Bellisle took time to introduce the municipal employees gathered at the meeting and each one in turn was applauded for their key role in making the town function.

Following the passing of several bylaws which formalized the evening's proceedings, a bilingual rendition of O Canada was sung and the gathering broke to chat over refreshments of wine and cheese.

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