

Council committees

Platt, Dion, Day, Blake chair groups

Appointments of Midland council members and members of the general public to committees of council and other boards and committees for 1981 were made Wednesday night at town hall.

Ward 2 Councillor Richard Platt continues as chairman of the finance committee. Reeve Catherine Dion, a former chairman of the public works com-

mittee, has the position again. Heading the public safety committee is Deputy-reeve Bev Day.

Ward 2 Councillor Joe Blake, newly-elected, chairs the planning and development committee, which now takes in the Civic Centre Board.

Completing the finance, public works, public safety and planning committees are the following

members of council:

Finance Committee: Vice-chairman, Bill Orr, Ward 1. Members, B. Day, and Al Hennin, Ward 1.

Public Works Committee: Vice-chairman, Ian Ross, Ward 1. Members, Orr, and Joe Blake, Ward 2.

Public Safety Committee: Vice-chairman, Al Hennin, Ward 1. Members, Bob Jeffery, Ward 2, and Dion.

Planning Committee: Vice-chairman, Bob Jeffery. Members, Ross and Platt.

The committees run for a year and meet at least once a month.

Reeve Dion and Deputy-reeve Day and Commissioner of Works Percy Ehler are the town's appointments to the Street Lighting Committee. The Public Utilities Commission has to name two

members to fill its part of the committee.

The Continuing Committee and Technical Committee continue with the same membership, all town employees.

Continuing Committee: Clerk Mike Owen, Treasurer Al Goodchild, Works Commissioner Ehler, Police Chief Ernie Bates, Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge and Planner Bryan MacKell.

Technical Committee: Clerk Owen,

Treasurer Goodchild, Works Commissioner Ehler, Planner MacKell and PUC General Manager Art Evans.

The Midland Peacetime Emergency Plan Committee continues with the same members:

Mayor Moreland Lynn (chairman), Police Chief Bates, S. Sgt. Ross Willett, S. Sgt. Don Johnson, Sgt. Bruce Hook, Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge, Deputy Fire Chief Hal Belfry, Works Commissioner

Ehler, Chief Building Official Garnet Joynt, Public Works Superintendent Gord Wallace, PUC General Manager Evans, PUC Technical Engineer Tom Hawkins, PUC Foreman Mord Laughlin, and Clerk Mike Owen.

Reappointed to the Safety Co-ordinating Committee are Stan Burton (Chief Co-ordinator), Fire Chief Lethbridge and Bylaw Enforcement Officer Mike Chapman.

Cattle come first

Con. 14 bridge to wait

By Adrienne Graham Gardner

Plans by Township of Tiny to reconstruct the "Leblanc bridge" on the 14th concession have hit a snag in the form of 150 head of cattle.

The cattle are owned by the Kotzef family, who operate a 150 acre farm on both sides of the concession road.

According to the solicitor for the Kotzefs, the herd must have "free passage" from one part of the farm to the other.

For 20 years, the Kotzef cattle have crossed on the road allowance below the existing bridge.

Although the solicitor

acknowledged the structure is in need of repair, he warns that the cattle will not be able to pass through the planned pipe under the new bridge. "They simply will not do so," he states. The pipe would be 20 feet in diameter and 160 feet long.

Township engineers acknowledge, "This is a difficult point to refute", but point out that the alternative retaining walls would "be prohibitively expensive...adding \$111,000 to the cost of the project."

Objections

The Kotzefs have many objections to the

proposed plan, their solicitor explained by letter, concluding "The finished product will be esthetically disastrous."

To this, Councillor John Butler responded Wednesday "We'll have to go after the land and then build a new bridge to suit our own purposes. It would cost a fortune to build to satisfy the Kotzefs' esthetics."

Although Mr. Kotzef originally told Tiny engineers he "would not sell even one inch of land" for the new

bridge, it appears he is now willing to negotiate with the municipality.

As Clerk Guy Maurice concluded, "The matter is in the hands of our engineers."

Negotiations may necessitate the changing of the name of the bridge, however.

But tradition being what it is changing local identification of the "Leblanc bridge" may prove even more difficult than persuading 150 head of cattle to pass through 160 feet of culvert.



28 year's service

David Wilcox, right, recently celebrated his September retirement from Dominion Consolidated Truck lines, at a dinner banquet in his honour, held in Midland at the Windrifter. He is shown after receiving a watch marking his 28 year's service. Doug Roberts, left, made the presentation on behalf of the company and Teamsters Local 938. The watch face is engraved with the Teamster's crest.

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