

No surprises

FLAC incumbents returned by voters



Never too old to believe

Bill Chisholm, seated, turned 100 on Monday at Penetanguishene General Hospital where he's a shut-in. To mark the occasion last Friday night Bill was visited by Mr. and Mrs. S. Claus who are

shown here with Bill and hospital administrator Sister Joan. Happy birthday Bill and Merry Christmas to you.

... 320 voters show up

An estimated 320 people attended the French Language Advisory Committee election Monday evening, during which the six incumbents were returned.

Returned for another year are Basile Dorion, Claude Desrochers, Rosita Y. Desroches, Victor Dupuis, Gilles Maurice and Claudette Paquin.

Paquin, last year's chairman, said the committee was unanimous in speeches Monday to work towards the establishment of French high school in Penetanguishene by September of 1981.

The committee will also devote its energy to try and change the negative feelings about the school that some citizens feel, Paquin said. The committee will try to convince people that a French high school won't jeopardize "the so-called bilingual school" (Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School).

Chairman

Last year's chairman also said that she and other committee members were disappointed that no one from the Concerned Citizens for Bilingual Unity group ran for a place on the committee.

"If they had had a Francophone candidate he would have had as much chance to get elected as we did, and he would have been in the right place" to express the group's view, she said.

But perhaps the lack of CCBU participation in the FLAC election signals a move towards reconciliation, she suggested.

The unelected candidates were Ronald Asselin and Willard Duquette. The election was at least as well attended as the previous elections, Area 3 Superintendent Don Beatty said.

They'll be taking care of business

Following is a complete list of Penetanguishene Council's representation on the various boards.

Penetanguishene Planning Board: D. McNee.

Penetanguishene Arena, Parks and Recreation Board: R.

Baker, Arena; R. Cascagnette, Recreation; F. St. Amant, Parks.

Penetanguishene Museum Board: R. Klug.

Huronia Airport: A. Stewart.

M.P.T. Sanitary Landfill Committee: R. Cascagnette, L. Dion.

Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce: K. Tannahill, R. Klug. Tinv-Tay Peninsula Planning Board: R. Baker, L. Dion.

Penetanguishene School Safety Committee: F. St. Amant.

Penetanguishene Parks Community Centre Board: K.

Tannahill, R. Cascagnette.

Industrial Commission: R. Bellisle, D. McNee.

Sewer Rate Appeal Committee: Chairman of Public Works.

Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee: R. Klug, K. Tannahill.

Judgement reserved

A motion to tender for 10 trucks at an estimated cost of \$69,100 last week was postponed by the Simcoe County Board of Education.

The board decided to pass the matter to the budget committee and instructed it to determine the need for new trucks and the number of trucks that need to be replaced.

Alvin Gravelle, Penetanguishene and Tiny Township trustee, one of the trustees in favour of the delay, says the board was being asked to commit itself to an expense before the 1981 budget committee has had its first meeting.

The motion should be considered only after it is known what funds are available in the 1981 budget, he said.

The problem, he explained, is one of committing the board to expenses before knowing how much or how little leeway the board will have in setting its final budget for the year.

Trustees

Other trustees wanted more information about the trucks. It was pointed out that none of the trucks has mileage exceeding 55,000 miles.

The administrative heads of departments were asked if they had investigated leasing. The trustees were told that studies in the past had not shown any advantages to a school board in leasing. Boards cannot, as can businesses, write off the cost on income tax as an expense.

The board was told the administration's objective is to trade in a vehicle after four years to get a good trade-in allowance and to avoid costly repairs.

The board was told that while application was made last year for six or seven new vehicles, the board allowed the purchase of just one. The board's fleet numbers 26 vehicles.

Citizen briefly

Winterama

a 10-gallon hat affair

Penetanguishene's Winterama theme this upcoming year is Western, as in cowboys.

Businesses are going to be encouraged to put on events with a western slant.

About 20 people, including representatives of the Legion, the Lions, the French Centre, Curling Club, and Daughters of Isabella attended a noon hour dinner meeting yesterday to plan the annual snow festival.

Float makers will be asked to give their entries a western slant. On ice activities and amusements for the children have a high priority.

Explosion insurance increased to \$5 million

As of Jan. 1, 1981, buildings owned by the Simcoe County Board of Education will be covered against losses due to explosions of boilers by a \$5 million per accident insurance policy.

The limit of the current policy, a \$2 million policy, expires Dec. 30. Premium for 1981 for the \$5 million policy is \$8,920.

The policy covers damage resulting from the explosion of other pressure vessels in addition to boilers, and from losses of exploding mechanical and electrical equipment.

The board was told one "problem" occurred in a Bradford school but that it was minor and the only case in the board's history.

Classroom electrical system to be updated

A maximum of \$1,500 will be spent to bring the electrical system of Midland's Parkview Public School craft room up to date, the trustees of the Simcoe County Board of Education decided last Thursday.

An intermediate special education class has been using as a craft room the former industrial arts classroom.

The board also accepted tenders of slightly over \$21,000 for energy programmers, to be installed in Innisdale Secondary School, Portage View School, Bradford Public School and Andrew Hunter School.

Times for skating have been expanded

The Penetanguishene Arena will be holding some additional public skating times during the upcoming holiday season: Dec. 22, 23, 29, 30 from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. On Dec. 24 and 31, public skating will run from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

In addition to the extra skating periods, the regular Friday and Saturday public skating will be held. Regular prices will be in effect on all days.

Georgian Manor party a success

Georgian Manor held its annual Christmas party for the members of its crafts department on Tuesday, in the Senior Citizen's room at the Manor and it was a success.

The party is held each year in appreciation of the work done by craft members who make many items and donate them to the Manor for sale at fund raising events which are held throughout the year. It's the Manor's way of thanking all those individuals, said a spokesperson.

The three hour party featured sing songs and carolling and was highlighted by the presentation of a small gift to each of the craft department members at the party.

Tenders called for new depot

Transportation and Communications Minister James Snow announced that tenders have been called for a patrol yard building on Highway 27 at the Barrie patrol yard, junction of Highway 400.

Tenders will be opened for this project at ministry headquarters in Downsview Jan. 14, 1981.

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