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One hotel all town can handle?



Mickey Mouse and friend

A very large, coloured snow statue of Mickey Mouse was one of the sculptures created this week at Penetanguishene's Mental Health Centre for

the centre's annual Carnival. That's staffer Jean Abbott with Mickey.

by Murray Moore
Port McNicoll doesn't have to worry that Penetanguishene will join it in a competition to attract the \$14 million waterside hotel Annedol Investments wanted to build in Midland.

Mayor Ron Bellisle said this week he doesn't think that the town could support a second project.

He suggested that Annedol Investments took a second look at the Midland location and decided that the demand wasn't there after all.

Annedol Investments dropped the project for Midland because a formal objection to their published plans meant appearing before the Ontario Municipal Board. The project's backers didn't want to wait, even though they felt they would win permission to proceed.

Bellisle said he hopes that the town will be meeting with its developer within two or three weeks to discuss changes in parking arrangements.

The more important question of whether the town will sell or lease the land between the town dock and the sewage treatment plant is also outstanding.

The town would prefer to lease the property for a 40 or 50 year period, but it is also willing to consider selling. "We don't want them to pack their bags and go," Bellisle explained.

Tuesday evening the town's development and housing committee met to discuss parking arrangements in the general area of the town dock. It has proposed that the hotel place its parking to the south, rather than to the north, reasoning that parking on the south would be more manageable in the winter.

If the hotel's parking area is moved, it might mean the moving of the hotel's main entrance as well.

The committee's suggestion has been forwarded to the developer's architect for comment. The mayor expects a meeting will be arranged soon.

Citizen briefly

Mayor wants town's name left out

Mayor Ron Bellisle is upset that the group who demonstrated last Friday on Parliament Hill with a coffin filled with suckers represented themselves as from Penetanguishene.

Three of the older members of the group of about 10 people, six of them students from Ecole Secondaire Le Caron, don't live in the town, he said.

If the supporters of the unilingual French high school "want to put on stunts and make themselves look ridiculous, in my eyes," he has no objections, he said, but they shouldn't involve the town of Penetanguishene.

No mishaps

related to blizzards

During this week's blizzards, both Tuesday and Wednesday nights of Midland and OPP were not called out once to probe any major mishap due to the inclement weather, reports community services officer Const. Murray Cooper.

School fate for now in director's hands

The question of whether a unilingual French high school will be open on John Street in Penetanguishene next September is still very much a matter for speculation.

Irving Harris, director of education for Simcoe County, said yesterday that the status of the school is "very much up in the air at the moment, and I can't give you very much information about it."

Harris said he is in the process of gathering information about the John Street property, as he was directed to do by the Simcoe County Board of Education. He couldn't estimate when he will have in hand all the information needed to make a decision about the property.

The Ministry of Education in addition will have to give its final agreement to any decision the board's concerning building of the school.

Officially the construction of the temporary school is to start in the early spring. On that schedule the school would be open in September, possibly late September.

The Ministry of Education decided to build the temporary school on its vacant John Street property, marked for a future elementary school, after town council refused to review its denial of an application to rezone land next to the town's bilingual high school.

Harris was unable to say whether he will be in touch with the Ministry with his findings before March 19, the day of the provincial election.

Valentine Tree local school project

Students at Corpus Christi School are making a Valentine Tree this month. The Valentine Tree is a Canadian Save The Children fund idea. Youngsters earn money doing odd jobs and donate it, as little as a penny, to CanSave. With every donation they can hang one valentine on the Valentine Tree.

The money will be used to help underprivileged children in selected countries around the world, and in Canada.

Wednesday second holiday for lucky few

Some students at St. Joseph School did not have to go to their school Wednesday. They did not go to school on Monday either, but for a different reason.

Monday all of the school's pupils had the day off because the school furnace was not running. Wednesday, because of icy rural roads, school buses did not run in the country.

All rural elementary and high school students here and in Midland had a free day.

Annual figure skating show tomorrow

The annual Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club Carnival will be held tomorrow at the arena. Performances are at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

A special appearance will be made by Orillia's Tracy Robertson, who placed first in the novice division in the recent Canadian championships at Halifax.

The theme of this year's carnival is Holidays on Ice.

Today's Friday the 13th!

Don't look now but today is Friday the 13th! We would like to remind you to guard against black cats crossing in front of you, avoid walking under ladders and steer clear of broken mirrors.

Unsung heroes

Legion has large part in Winterama

Unsung heroes behind this year's Winterama are the members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 68, Penetanguishene, and the members of Branch No. 68's auxiliary.

Winterama committee members say the local legion gave a "generous" cash donation to get the committee going.

The women's auxiliary has provided money to donate to the Midland Pipe and Drum Corp, which will be in the Winterama parade.

The committee also has free use of the Legion's hall for meetings.

The Legion is sponsoring the store window painting contest and has put up substantial cash

prizes for the painters who are judged to have created the three best window paintings.

In the Legion on Winterama Friday a \$1.50 a plate bean dinner will be served upstairs starting at 6 p.m. A dance will follow the dinner. A bingo game will be held downstairs, starting at 8 p.m.

Starting at noon on Saturday the Legion will be having an open house, with another dance in the evening.

Legion member Phil Duval is a full member of the Winterama committee.

Next Tuesday at 7 p.m. the committee will meet in the Commodore Hotel. It is looking for at least six volunteers.