

Letters

Explains why objection filed

Dear Sir:

On Sept. 20, 1980, I personally filed an objection to an amendment to the Town of Midland's Official Plan and zoning By-Law to raise the height limit for buildings in Midland from thirty-five (35') feet to over one hundred and forty (140') feet.

Because of this, I have been painted by the local news media and other adversaries as the fall guy for stopping a Fourteen Million (14,000,000.00) Dollar development in the Town of Midland.

In the six (6) months since filing my objection, no one from the Planning Board, from Town Council, the B.I.A., or the Chamber of Commerce has cared to ask for my reasons.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, 1981, I volunteered to attend at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board, and was very reluctantly heard.

Briefly stated, I outlined my objections, which, in my opinion, were not fully or accurately reported by the local news media. In the interest of clarification, the reasons for my objections are as follows:

1. Such a development is in direct contravention to the major planning documents for the Tiny-Tay Peninsula, namely, the Peninsula Plan which provides in its shoreline policy paper (Section 3.6 - Visual Environment) "any development on the shoreline should be visually compatible with the shoreline character...Building mass as inconspicuous as possible and integrated into the landscape."

2. A development with four (4) fourteen (14) storey complexes is in direct contravention to the recently approved Official Plan (1978) and Zoning By-Law (1979) which were passed in view of the problems and visual drawbacks as posed by high-rise development in the downtown core area in the last five (5) years.

3. The development as proposed by Annedol Investments Limited is contrary to the stated intention of the Plan being designed by the Business Improvement Area businessmen who

wish to see a historical theme in our downtown core. High-rise development is a product of the 20th Century, not the 15th and 16th Centuries.

4. Any major commercial development on the waterfront must be coordinated with the development of the commercial core or our town centre will continue to deteriorate in light of the continuing developments in the Township of Tiny.

5. Finally, from various public agencies, including the Supreme and County Courts of Ontario, the Sheriff's Office, and the Town of Richmond Hill and City of Barrie I have been able to determine that one William S. McCord has been associated with numerous Ontario corporations in the Town of Richmond Hill and in the City of Barrie which, in both communities, have seen their projects become bankrupt or put in receivership as recently as December of 1980.

There are approximately One Million, Five Hundred Thousand (1,500,000.00) Dollars in outstanding Judgements against various corporations in which a William S. McCord has been associated.

For five (5) years, I have spent thousands of dollars and hundreds of man hours to see a development in Midland that would not only enhance our community economically, socially and otherwise, but which would be environmentally and aesthetically in keeping with the quality of life we enjoy in this part of Simcoe County.

While I am not an elected representative of this or any other community, I feel strongly that the aforementioned information must be known to our Planning Board and Town Council as well as to the members of the public.

Hopefully, these issues will be taken into consideration fully by our Town Council prior to this communities commitment to this development.

Yours truly,
John P. Gorman

Unemployment: another view

Dear Sir:

The other day I decided to call in the election campaign offices in Midland.

They all are within walking distance of each other.

What I wanted to learn and discuss was what do the candidates think of the unemployment situation.

I didn't get much of the information I wanted to hear.

As I understand it, they all want employment but they are not sure what would stimulate it.

Well, suppose we all do some thinking and perhaps help them in passing along some ideas.

Maybe we could start at the reason we don't manufacture as much as we used to could lie in the cost of our production compared with other countries.

For instance, if our wages are higher and higher, the manufacturer has to charge more for his product.

If he charges more to the retailer, so the retailer has to get more also.

If the retail price is more than the same product that has been imported from countries where labour is cheaper, that product can sell at the store for less and that is the product we buy.

Could it be that unions, while they have done a

Midland Jaycees win praise

Dear Sir:

The members of the Midland Fire Department wish to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the Midland Jaycee's for their donation of Rescue-Extrication Equipment to the Fire Department.

The undertaking of a project of this nature and size speaks most highly of its membership. This thank-you further extends to the individuals, organizations, and businesses who so supported the Jaycee's in their endeavour.

Jaycee's were not only successful in purchasing the equipment as outlined in their Save-A-Life Campaign booklet, but also raised enough money to exceed their goal and provide the modification necessary to the Departments Rescue Van.

The list of equipment donated to our Department is large in number and rather than list individual pieces, we will be holding an Open House at the Fire Hall for display purposes to the public.

The Midland Jaycee's will be hosting this Open House in conjunction with the Fire Department, with the date set for March 14, 1981. The equipment will be set up for display purposes from 1200 hours to 1700 hours.

In closing, we would like to wish the members of the Midland Jaycee's continued success with future endeavours, and remind the public, that, the Jaycee's motto of, "Working For A Better Tomorrow", has been highly exemplified in this area.

Thank you,
Hal Belfry,
Deputy Fire Chief,
Midland Fire Department.

Pleased to receive permit

Dear Sir:

Since I'm now a resident of Midland, I wish to express my thanks to the municipality for giving the physically handicapped residences of Midland the opportunity to apply for a parking permit.

I have applied and received a permit in the mail the following day. I am a volunteer co-ordinator and do business in the downtown area, therefore, this permit is very much appreciated, and I would like to thank Mr. Gerry Morrison of the parking authority for his co-operation.

I would also like to thank Mayor Moreland Lynn and council, for giving me the opportunity to present my proposal in regards to receiving support for our association's aims and objectives.

Ray Lalonde
Volunteer Co-ordinator

Tiny-Tay Huronia Handicapped Association

Campuses needed

Dear Sir:

Georgian College, Barrie, makes money retraining people for Manpower Canada some 25 cents on the dollar.

The college it appears apparently felt it could increase that profit margin by withdrawing its services from Midland and concentrating in Barrie and Orillia.

The Midland area deserves better treatment. Job retraining should be sustained in Midland in better housing and a more school like atmosphere.

A permanent commitment could possibly be obtained from Georgian College by Midland, or the County School Board providing the site for a respectable building.

It means alot to an individual, otherwise denied access to College or University to have the privilege of attending and graduating from an extension of Georgian College.

Surely these people warrant more consideration.

Sincerely,
Verne Rumney.



Just what the pharmacist ordered

Frank Shulman, left of Midland presented Bud Lewis of Arcade Guardian Pharmacy in Midland with a wooden plaque Monday morning he designed for him. Shulman says Christopher Moreau of Waubaushene helped him on the final details for the work. The sign will hang in the pharmacy department of the King Street store.

The Simcoe County Roman Catholic
Separate School Board

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Will take place at
SACRED HEART SCHOOL
241 Elizabeth St., Midland
on

Wednesday & Thursday,
March 11 & 12

Please call the school, 526-2111, for a registration appointment. Proof of birth date is required for registration.

W. P. Bolger
Director

N. J. Dillon
Principal

M. Ronan
Chairman

MONSIGNOR CASTEX SCHOOL
Old Penetang Road, Midland

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

& Parent Information Evening

Wednesday, March 11, 1981,

7:30 p.m.

Children born 1976 are eligible for Kindergarten in September 1981.

Larry Bowers
Principal
526-2831