

# Reeve sets record straight

# Port McNicoll

by Eileen Hocken  
There has been a certain amount of controversy over the proposed new library building which Port McNicoll plans to put up in the future.

Despite news to the contrary, some of the residents are still worried that their tax money will go towards this project.

Reeve John Moreau sends this letter in an effort to answer some of your questions:

Over the years many concerned citizens have complained about not knowing what has been going on in their village by their elected council.

I will not try to list or tell you everything at this time but I would like to tell you our position on a proposed new library and our reasons for needing one.

Firstly, we should recognize the public library as a necessary social institution which it has now become, performing the major functions which it already carries out. These functions are:

1. Providing a community facility for continuing informal education beyond formal schooling alongside its traditional role as back up to the school library.

Such facilities have become almost as necessary as schools in a world in which rapid changes in technology, ideas and social and political conditions throughout the world soon made many of the things learned in school obsolete.

Moreover many of the things we need to be aware of are not covered in the standard school curriculum. For many years now, educators have been pointing out that, in order to cope well with today's world, education has to be a life-long pursuit.

Public libraries need to be recognized and adequately supported as the primary resource they have already become, in implementing that notion.

2. Providing a community facility for recreational resources. Library resources are as important a recreation facility as parks, arenas and playgrounds and are particularly necessary to enhance citizens' "quality of life" as people have more leisure time outside the work place and live longer after retirement from the work force.

The public library's role needs to be recognized particularly at this time by the people of Port McNicoll for the reasons I have mentioned above.

We have approximately 500 local citizens presently using these facilities on a year round basis.

We hope to have many fund-raising events over the next year or so to raise the necessary money to build this library. Your library Board is presently selling bricks at \$2 apiece and have raised around \$1,400 at this time.

We are meeting this Thursday, April 23, with the representatives from "Wintario" in hopes that they will see fit to assist us in funding this building.

When the money is raised the new building will be located behind the village offices, facing Fourth Avenue. It is not this council's intentions of using a penny of taxpayers' money and I think we owe a big debt of gratitude to council's representative, Mr. Leo Copeland, and the entire Library Board for taking on this major project and hope everyone gets behind them 100 per cent.

Donations can be left at the village office, the Library or the Lucky Dollar Store. The Library Board have intentions of canvassing the village and numerous letters have been sent to surrounding municipalities and several big companies.

Please get behind this project with your financial help and support, we can do it.

Let's build some community pillars. We have a good school and nice Churches. How about a Library?

Yours truly  
John Moreau (Reeve)

**EGG HUNT**  
Despite cold, windy weather, almost 100 people - kids, moms and dads - showed up for the Easter Egg Hunt put on by the Port McNicoll Recreation Board on Saturday, April 18. This fun event took place at our Javcee Park.

Cards with numbers on them, had been hidden different places in the park for the kids to find. The cards were handed in and prizes corresponding with the numbers were given out.

Lori-Anne Kirdeikis won the biggest prize, a large Easter bunny. Those not lucky enough to find cards were given consolation prizes, so everyone went home with a little something.

For you kids who have been wishing for another Scavenger Hunt, you're in luck. The Recreation Board is planning another in the near future.

Grade 8 classes will

be holding a garage sale in the parking lot and gymnasium of Port McNicoll Public School on Saturday, May 2.

If you have anything you wish to donate, it would be most appreciated. April 29 and April 30 have been set aside for the collection of articles. Anything which you might have can be left at the school office.

An appeal for donations has been sent out to the members and friends of Bonar Church. Their faithful old furnace has turned temperamental.

During the cold spell of this past winter, the furnace, according to Rev. Al Farthing, "began to collapse with symptoms of old age".

It "drank oil with wild abandon" (\$700 worth in one month) and required "major surgical repairs just to keep it barely alive" (about \$300).

The finance committee has met and decided that their "old friend" should be given a retirement. They have determined to end their reliance upon their "old friend" and "its growing thirst for the delicious black gold of the Middle East".

They wish to convert from oil to natural gas. They feel that as well as being a cleaner, more efficient fuel, gas should save them a great deal of money over the years ahead.

The finance committee would like to install two furnaces, one upstairs, one downstairs, in order to heat the building to maximum efficiency. The cost of this system will be \$6,000.

A sub-committee consisting of Mr. Jack Zummach, Mr. Robert Richardson and Mr. Dan MacRitchie, will co-ordinate the project and would be pleased to answer any questions.

**BROWNIES**  
Port McNicoll Brownies and Girl Guides will be selling cookies this Saturday, April 25, starting at 10 a.m. The girls are to meet at the school. Drivers are needed. Your help and support would be greatly ap-

preciated.  
Port McNicoll Recreation Board will be holding a dance on Friday, April 24, at the Port McNicoll Legion from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. for our 13-17 year olds.

Admission price is \$1 per person.  
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at a special Mass and Ceremony at Sacred Heart Church tonight

at 7:30 p.m. to those eligible to receive this Sacrament.  
Most Rev. Robert Clune, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, will be the officiating Prelate. At the conclusion of the

ceremonies, there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. Bishop Clune will meet the members who have been Confirmed and their families and friends.



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This week is special for people like Joyce Cannon, seen above on the job scanning some correspondence in a Penetanguishene real estate office. This week secretaries across Canada and the United States are recognized during National Secretary Week. She has been a secretary since 1959.