

## SCBE opens account to buy a home

Simcoe County Board of Education might own its own home in three years.

Wednesday evening, trustees voted to transfer \$70,500 from a reserve working fund for secondary schools to a reserve fund for the purchase of the education centre, which is located at 99 Ferris Lane, Barrie.

After transfers of similar amounts in the next two years, the board will have enough money on hand to buy the building, if it wants to at that time.

The board's budget this year hit a new peak, slightly over \$100 million. Salaries account for the bulk of the budget.

Trustees also this week rejected for a second time a request from the French Language Advisory Committee that the board pay the cost of transporting Ecole Secondaire Le Caron students each schoolday morning from Midland Secondary School to their school in Lafontaine.

Some Le Caron students attend an art class in the first period of the day at MSS. They travel there on regularly scheduled buses. Parents have been paying the cost of their transportation from MSS to Ecole Secondaire Le Caron, which lacks an art room.



## Wires will disappear

Midland PUC electrical advisory committee chairman Kevin Lyons, left, and PUC chairman Claude Buck stand on dirt from a trench into which will go the overhead wires in the

background. Tuesday's ceremony marks the beginning of a PUC program to modernize the downtown Midland electrical distribution system.

## CCBU asks if high school one reason for higher tax

Questions put by a representative of the Concerned Citizens for Bilingual Unity (CCBU) to the Simcoe Board of Education Wednesday, including the question, "Is the building of a new high school in Penetanguishene one reason for a higher education tax" are to be

answered in writing by the board's director of education.

CCBU member Corry Allsopp also wanted to know if the board made the final move to the Ministry of Education that lead to permission to build a school;

If the Ministry is subsidizing the cost of

the school, with money from provincial taxes, "which derives from our education tax money, are we not paying for a school we do not want?"

Will the board stop the French program at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School, "thus depriving the students there of a bilingual education, in order to force them to go to Ecole Le Caron? Would FLAC (French Language Advisory Committee) not try to promote this to step up their enrolment?"

The CCBU's main concern, Allsopp said, is that when the board faces the cost of providing French education in two schools in Penetanguishene, that the French program at ESPSS might be changed.

The board was asked to give its assurance that the current French program at ESPSS will be left as it is.

## Animal control employees at seminar

On May 6, two people from the Huronia Animal Control Centre attended a seminar for animal control officers and pound keepers. They were among attendees from about 50 municipalities who during the day visited a \$320,000 animal shelter.

In April, 46 complaints and investigations were recorded for Penetanguishene.

the lake likely drains into the town's watershed.

The town is concerned about the nearby presence of the Caughey Wrecking Yard, and a gravel pit and sludge dumping site, licensed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Simcoe County District Health Unit, respectively.

As a result of the meeting, both the ministry and the health unit will be apprised of the town's concern. The ministry will be asked to start checking the water in the lake.

Because of the outcome of the meeting between the two planning boards, council voted last Monday to withdraw its objection to Tay Township's new zoning bylaw.

## \$50 spent to fight Bell increase

Penetanguishene's council is sending \$50 to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to be used by the Consumers' Association of Canada to oppose Bell Canada's most recent application for rate increases.

Approval for Bell as of Sept. 1 would mean \$138 million extra revenue in 1981, and about \$550 million extra revenue in 1982.

At its April meeting, council went on the record to oppose the increases. Last Monday

Deputy-reeve St. Amant pointed out that it was "a matter of putting our money where our teeth are, or something."

Town of Midland council decided at an earlier meeting to opt not to send any money.

## Objections satisfied after Tay and Penetanguishene boards meet

A meeting of the planning boards of Tay Township and Penetanguishene lead to a settling of Penetanguishene's concern about Tay Township's new zoning bylaw.

Penetanguishene last November expressed concern about the new zoning bylaw's effect on Fuller Avenue, St. Andrew's Lake, and the township's definition of legal non-conforming uses.

As a result of the meeting, Tay will recognize that Fuller Avenue will need to be widened in future.

St. Andrew's Lake's water quality is a concern of Penetanguishene because the town has a lease on rights to the water from the federal government, and because water from

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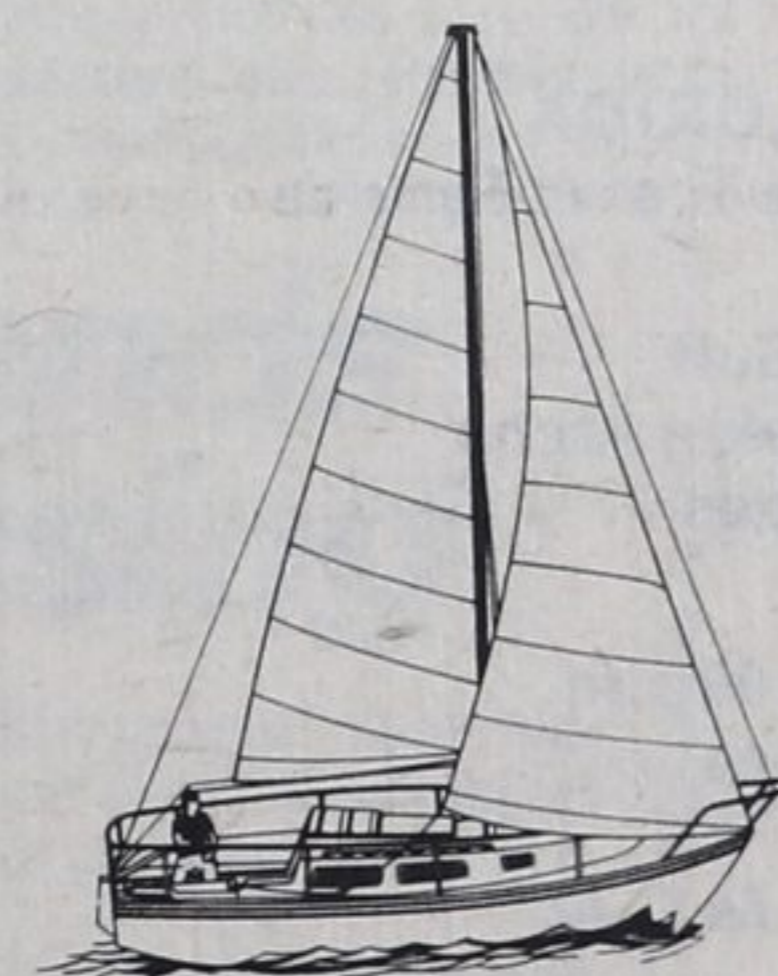
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