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Keeping them in stitches

Wendy Dusome, left, shows Visiting Friends Lola Dusome from Penetanguishene and Sandy Stewart from North Bay how to make a change purse

using an Irish stitch. The two girls took part in the Historic Naval and Military Establishments Visiting Friends program Wednesday and Thursday. For two days,

boys and girls spent time at the historic site dressed in period costume and learned skills of the time.

Sherk Construction low bid

Fox Street focus of council meeting

A recommendation from public works committee chairman Ray Baker that the bid of Don Sherk Construction to reconstruct Fox Street from Robert Street East to Wolfe Street be accepted was the major item on the agenda of the special meeting last night of Penetanguishene town council.

Sherk Construction submitted the lowest bid of four: the local company bid \$323,979. Beamish Construction of Thornhill bid \$344,628.50. Arnott Construction of Collingwood bid \$396,942.50.

Lamco Construction of Gormley, the company that rebuilt Wolfe Street last year, submitted the highest bid, \$427,651.84.

Total estimated cost of the street improvement project is \$411,317. After subsidies from the Neighbourhood Improvement Program and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications are subtracted, the town is left responsible for \$147,445.4.

Approval has already been received from the Ontario Municipal Board to debenture up to \$98,500, leaving about \$50,000.

In his written report to council heard by council after this newspaper went to press, Baker told council that the reconstruction of this section of Robert Street goes hand-in-hand with last year's work on Wolfe Street.

When council approved the work on Wolfe Street, it also approved the building of a storm sewer from the bay to Fox Street to drain the Wolfe Street area, and to permit the future extension of the storm sewer on Fox Street south.

A substantial amount

of surface water from as far as Harriet Street, Maria Street and Robert Street South finds its way through the present sanitary sewer to the town's sewage treatment plant, Baker's report said.

Also tests last fall showed a good part of the Fox Street sanitary sewer should be replaced.

1981 is the last year the town can take advantage of Neighbourhood Improvement Fund grants it has been assigned, without asking for an extension which would not be likely granted without a

good reason being submitted to the government by the town, Baker was told by town clerk, Yvon Gagnon.

The public works chairman quoted the opinion of Gagnon, saying that the work will cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000 more next year and that the large subsidies which total over \$260,000 might not be available next year.

Negotiations are also underway with the Water and Light Commission for the commission to pay \$20,000 of the town's share of the work.

Citizen briefly

Car fire at wrecking yard

Wednesday morning's fire alarm took Penetanguishene firemen to 13A Laurier Road in Penetanguishene, where a car was on fire.

The car was being wrecked by Saulnier and Mayer Scrap Metal on their lot, Fire Chief Ted Light said.

Permission for Lions carnival sought

A request from the Penetanguishene Lions Club for permission to hold a street carnival a week from today was one of two items on the agenda of the special meeting of Penetanguishene town council last night.

The club wants to close Robert Street West from Main Street to the town hall, from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The carnival would be similar to the carnivals put on by the club in past years, the letter from the club said.

Police auction of bicycles tomorrow

Tomorrow at 11 a.m., 20 unclaimed bicycles and some other property turned into or found by the Penetanguishene Police Department, will be auctioned.

The items that will be sold can be inspected today between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tomorrow's auction will be held in the municipal parking lot at 10 Robert Street West.

Penetanguishene, Tiny councils to meet Tuesday

The councils of Penetanguishene and Tiny Township will be meeting next Tuesday at Tiny Township's invitation to discuss the problem of the freeze on development in the township instituted in the spring at Penetanguishene's request.

Tuesday's meeting will be the second meeting of the two councils on the subject. Nothing official was said after the first meeting beyond the fact that neither side had changed its position.

It was understood at the conclusion of the first meeting of the two councils that they would meet again after some time had passed.

Active patient days in PGH down

Active patients as a group spent fewer days in Penetanguishene General Hospital in the year ending March 31, 1981, than in the previous year, according to a hospital report.

In the year ending March 31, 1981, 15,014 active patient days were recorded, compared to 15,997 days in the previous 12 months.

Chronic patients as a group, however, spent 2,569 days in the hospital in the year ending March 31 1981, a quadrupling of the number from the previous 12 months, when 535 patient days were recorded.

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