

LOANS: to be made available to tourist operators

by Murray Moore
Minister of Industry and Tourism, Larry Grossman, in Midland yesterday morning, announced that loans will be made available to operators of tourist accommodations who want to buy new and better room furnishings.

Last year a survey was begun by the ministry that has graded the province's tourist accommodations on a sliding scale, Grossman said. The study is nearly complete.

Loans will be available so that operators who wish to improve their position in the rating scale can do so by buying such things as television sets and new furniture, he said.

Grossman appeared at a Tory fund-raising

breakfast in Midland at the invitation of Simcoe East MPP Al McLean. About 50 people attended.

The Simcoe East Progressive Conservative Riding

per cent of the \$300 million that is projected to be spent in Canada in this decade on energy and energy-related developments.

His ministry will be working to see that

tourist projects, such as a large ski resort in Sault Ste. Marie. The development of harbours and theme parks will be another area of special interest.

Tourism is a \$7½ billion industry in Ontario, Grossman said. The provincial government is spending \$11 million a year on its Yours to Discover campaign, up from \$6 million three years ago.

Following yesterday morning's breakfast at the Windrifter, Grossman toured Midland harbour aboard the OPP motor launch General Williams before going to Midland Industrial Park to visit Fabulous Formals.

He then planned to attend a noon luncheon in Orillia.

Money for new and better room furnishings

Association finished the last provincial election with a \$9,000 deficit, riding association president Larry Miller said.

Grossman predicted that Ontario will get 40

small and medium businesses, as well as steel-makers Dofasco and Stelco, share in that money, he said.

Another branch of the ministry will be lending financial support to new



Thorough check

Earlier this week Penetanguishene firefighters were called to Penetanguishene General Hospital on two occasions within minutes of each other. There was no fire on either occasion. Seems a direct alarm to the

local answering service became faulty triggering the calls. Firefighters made a thorough check of the hospital each time just to be on the safe side.

Tiny Twp. reeve says Midland doesn't need 2,600 acres town seeks

Midland does not need the land it wants to annex from Tiny Township, it has yet to produce its written argument for its annexation of 2,600 acres of Tiny Township, and it has yet to service and develop the land it peacefully got from Tay Township, Tiny Township Reeve Morris Darby said, speaking this week against Midland's annexation bid for Tiny Township land.

Although the annexation bid has not proceeded beyond Midland's making application to the Ontario Municipal Board for 2,600 acres of Tiny Township along Highway 27. Tiny Township has set aside \$100,000 in its 1981 budget to fight an annexation.

The township has in addition retained lawyers specializing in annexation cases, and consultants, to be brought onto Tiny Township's side if needed, the reeve added.

The Wednesday Midland and District Rotary Club meeting was the scene of the reeve's speech. He was invited to present the township's side, as Mayor Moreland Lynn was asked to present the town's side a week earlier.

Darby said that the section of Old Penetanguishene Road south of Hugel Avenue "falls under the jurisdiction of the Town of Midland and was acquired through an annexation agreement with the Township of Tiny as well as a 100 foot buffer strip lying immediately west and adjacent to the Old Penetang Road."

In 1971 the township approved the building of the Old Penetang Road north of Hugel Avenue so that access could be gained to the then-new Huronia District Hospital and Monsignor Castex School, he said. Maintenance under the agreement fell to Midland, the reeve said. Fire protection for the hospital and the school is provided by Midland and financed by Tiny Township under another agreement.

A week earlier Mayor Lynn said Midland taxpayers were providing fire protection and winter snow clearance on Tiny's side of the border.

Reeve Darby suggested that a referendum be held, as allowed under the Municipal Act, for the purpose of determining the amount of support in Midland for annexation.

The reeve cited two other annexation disputes and their costs by way of example of how expensive such

disputes can be for the parties involved.

The five-year dispute between Barrie and Innisfil has cost in the area of \$1 million to \$1.5 million. An annexation bid in Owen Sound has cost around \$750,000, the reeve said.

...tells Rotarians he's heartened

Reeve Darby also said he was heartened by two recent Ontario Municipal Board decisions. In a decision involving Chatham and its asking for "a substantial amount" of commercial and industrial land, "only a small portion of industrial land was approved, and not any land covering commercial malls."

A club member suggested to the reeve that his second example of an OMB decision that seemed favourable to Tiny Township in this case was not favourable as it seemed from the reeve's version.

Darby had said that New Liskeard had applied to the OMB to annex a portion of the Township of Dymond township land including a large shopping mall, farm related commercial development, two hotels, two residential subdivisions, the township's municipal offices, a school, and a golf course among other developments, and that the application had been completely denied.

The Rotarian suggested to the reeve that the two areas were not close in terms of the two areas being physically joined by municipal services.

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Animated speaker

Ontario Minister of Industry and Tourism Larry Grossman, known for his animated addresses, spoke yesterday morning in Midland at a Simcoe East Progressive Conservation Association "fund-raiser". The event took the form of a breakfast at

the Windrifter. Grossman later toured Midland's harbour facilities and the industrial park including Fabulous Formals before moving on to Orillia for a noon luncheon.

Barrie should get 500 job plant: Grossman tells Tories

The federal government should stop meddling with Volkswagen and allow it to build a parts plant in Barrie that would create 500 jobs, Larry Grossman, Minister of

Industry and Tourism, said in Midland yesterday.

The foreign car company wants to take advantage of a federal government deal through which the

government would drop duty charges, which amount to 14.3 per cent, if VW will build a plant in Canada, the minister said.

The German car manufacturer decided

Barrie was the place where it wanted to put its plant, but the federal government then tried to steer VW to another area, where unemployment is high, according to Grossman.

Business gains support

Penetanguishene town council this week voted to support a proposal by Mary Garthside that, if approved, will allow a marine and oil burner repair service at 205 Fox Street.

Before the business can be established, the zoning of the property in the town's official plan must be changed to marine commercial from neighbourhood residential.

An amendment to change the zoning in the town official plan is beyond the power of the town planning board and the town council. Application must be made to the province. If the change is challenged, an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing could result.

No objections were received by the town planning board at its meeting during which the proposal was explained to the planning board. All affected property owners were notified ahead of the meeting, but no objections were received.

The town council acted Monday on a recommendation from the town planning board that council approve in principle the Garthside application to amend the official plan and zoning by-law.

The next step is for Garthside to prepare a draft official plan amendment and submit it to the town for review.