

# Union members being gagged? Doesn't come as surprise: OPSEU

Dalton Chapman, an official with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union at Orillia, said yesterday he wasn't surprised of a management position being taken in Midland these days concerning the current contract dispute between the town and its inside and outside workers.

Chapman was commenting on a report that a Midland union official was advised he couldn't talk union business while on town business.

The revelation came to light late yesterday morning after this newspaper made an attempt to be brought up to date as to the future of contract talks between the union and the town.

The local union official declined to discuss the current situation aside from informing this newspaper he

couldn't discuss the matter during normal working hours.

A conciliation meeting in Orillia earlier this week failed to reach any mutual agreement after talks produced a "no board report."

Conciliator Trevor Stevenson is to report his findings to the Minister of Labour who is expected to sign that report next week.

The union will then be in a legal position to strike 16 days later. However either side can call for mediation.

The Ontario Public Service Employees Union, according to Chapman, represents about 50 municipal employees in Midland. They are comprised of public works and water pollution treatment plant personnel, parks and recreation employees and technical and administrative

staff.

At issue is a new contract, the town seeking a two-year agreement while OPSEU members are looking to a new one-

year pack.

Management according to Alderman Richard Platt has offered a similar contract to the one police in Midland approved some

weeks ago. That pact has already been turned down by union members who voted not long ago to withhold their services if their demands aren't met.

## Day undaunted after caution...

Although he received a mild slap on the knuckles Monday night by several of his colleagues, Deputy-reeve Bev Day of Midland indicated he planned to stand by his policy of making council-related documents available to constituents in the town if they requested them.

Both Mayor Moreland Lynn and Reeve Catherine Dion verbally pinned the deputy-reeve's ears back after Alderman Ian Ross wanted to know how former council member William Ogilvie had received a document

pertaining to legal advice the town had received concerning the Norene Street local improvement saga.

Day was told there are certain documents that should be kept confidential especially those coming from the town's solicitor.

The mayor went so far as to warn Day to consider that policy however the deputy-reeve stood by his guns having previously said that it was his policy "to let anybody see my documents no matter if they are for or against" (what council is doing.)

# You can volunteer but not be legislated, council told

Any member of Midland council who is willing to sit as a member of the Huronia Social Planning Council can do so, but Midland councillors were told Monday night there's nothing in local bylaws to legislate them to sit on the planning council.

The matter was discussed at some length this week after the planning council had

sent the town a letter back in June inviting an elected official to sit on the Huronia Social Planning Council.

In other town council business, a motion was approved calling on both the provincial and federal governments to eliminate the right to strike by unions who upset essential services in Canada.

Copies of the resolution are to be sent

to local MPs and MPPs as well as to both the provincial and federal cabinets.

And most local lawmakers expressed their collective concern regarding a federal government decision to store non-toxic nuclear waste in a dump site at Base Borden.

Although Alderman Richard Platt termed the topic "a motherhood issue" most of his

colleagues around the council table took a different view and when the debate concluded council voted 7-2 in favour of informing the federal government of its opposition.

Both Platt and Alderman Joe Blake didn't endorse the resolution. Platt summed up the saga as being filled with "a fair amount of emotion" but

where "logic is at a discount."

However Alderman Bob Jeffery saw it differently as he called attention to the plight of residents who lived near Love Canal and other locations where toxic chemicals had been previously dumped.

Alderman Bev Day painted the issue "as politics" since the nuclear waste will be located "in a Conservative area" by a Liberal government.

# Landfill site hearing adjourned by OMB, Tiny informed

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Tiny Township has been notified that the Ontario Municipal Board hearing of the appeal by Eric Pauze for the rezoning of his property to allow expansion of the sanitary landfill site has been adjourned "sine die".

This means that no

date has been set for a rescheduling of the hearing. The adjournment was requested by Pauze's lawyers, and will allow them additional time to prepare their case.

Tiny Township had denied the rezoning application for the landfill site expansion, and had asked for an

environmental assessment of the area involved.

Earlier this spring a Ministry of the Environment preliminary study found the site to be one of 11 in the province considered "dangerous." Contamination from the improper management of household and industrial waste were suspected by the Ministry to have in-

filtrated the ground water "both on and off site."

The contract of the Midland Penetang Tiny Landfill Site Committee with Pauze for the use of the Perkinsfield site expires in September, and the Ministry as early as November of last year was "alarmed over the fact that we have no clear indication as to what will transpire after that date."

## Five charges laid after cycle reported stolen

Following the abandonment of a crashed motorcycle, and a report of theft of the same motorcycle, charges have been laid against two Midland teenagers.

William Dunn, 16, of 1002 Glen Eagles Crescent, has been charged with public mischief. He is the owner of the stolen motorcycle. He reported its theft the day after the evening it crashed near Manly Street and Robert Street at 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Keith Moreau, 17, of 661 Manly Street, has been charged with failing to wear a proper helmet, careless driving, failing to remain at the scene of an accident, and having improper plates on a vehicle.

Town police on patrol that evening saw the motorcycle go into the ditch.

The driver and passenger fled the scene. Yesterday town police said Moreau was the driver at the time of the accident.

## Car wash tomorrow

Weather permitting members of Midland Junior Civitan Club will be out in full force

tomorrow at Zeller's staging a car wash.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Local beauty trying for CNE title

Susan Kinnear of Midland, aged 23, will be representing Midland in the upcoming Miss CNE contest in Toronto. Kinnear was chosen Miss Midland last year and will be trying to first make the top 15 in the Toronto competition which will then be narrowed down to five, the winner being chosen from that group of finalists. Kinnear, who works for Parker's on King Street in Midland will leave for Toronto on Tuesday. She has been given her choice of formal attire for the contest by Midland's Fabulous Formals, Kinnear choosing a bone-white chiffon and polyester jersey gown with a lace-trimmed overblouse and ruffles at the shoulder, throat and wrists.

## Insurance

Midland council earlier this week endorsed an amended finance committee report which sets out new rates the town will be paying in future for its overall municipal insurance coverage.

The insurance package with the firm of Gervan and Jones covers such items as crime insurance, non-owned automobile insurance, municipal liability insurance, spray liability insurance, errors and omissions liability insurance, property insurance, etc.

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