

It's the word Midland, BIA have been waiting for from Bennett

Midland has received approval-in-principle for a \$150,000 loan to undertake a beautification project under the Ontario Main Street Revitalization Program. Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Claude Bennett announced, Aug. 31.

These loans may be used by municipalities and local business improvement areas to undertake streetscape and parking improvements.

Approval in-principle means that an eligible municipality has an acceptable project, but certain conditions must still be met prior to final approval and the issuing of funds.

Midland proposes to improve public portions of the streetscape within certain portions of the business improvement area (BIA). The over-all plan includes lighting improvements together with street and sidewalk surface renovations, and the installation of street furniture and planters with trees and shrubs. Improvements will also be made to a municipally-owned parking lot.

The Main Street Program is designed to help Ontario communities with a population of 35,000 or less upgrade and improve downtown areas using the BIA concept as a starting point.

By setting up a BIA under the Municipal Act, merchants and business people may designate and tax themselves for improvements to streetscapes and related facilities.

To qualify for Main Street funding, a municipality must have:

- a maximum population of 35,000 as of the date of application;
- an approved official plan;
- a property maintenance and occupancy standards by-law;
- demonstrated support by council and the public-at-large; and,
- an active BIA.

In addition, the town must demonstrate that it has the necessary financial and administrative resources to oversee a proposed project.

The Main Street program is one of the province's actions to assist municipalities and the private sector in community renewal activities. These "Ontario Renews" programs include downtown and main street revitalization, neighborhood improvement, housing rehabilitation and property maintenance.

Don't touch the flowers

A Penetanguishene man has been arrested on a charge of public mischief in Midland after town police there saw a man pulling flowers out of planters on King Street at 1:10 a.m. Tuesday.

Brian Hoy, 33, of 10 Wolfe Street, Penetanguishene, was charged with mischief to public property.

He is scheduled to appear in Midland Provincial court on Sept. 14.

CNIB brass' plan make people aware

\$16,000 must be raised by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind during its October campaign in the Huronia District in order to provide necessary rehabilitation and support services to 77 visually impaired and blind persons in this area.

Campaign Chairman, Dean Nicholls, has announced that through the courtesy of Budd Watson, and the Budd Watson Gallery an "Awareness Night" will be held on Friday, Oct. 2, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Local blind and visually impaired people will be displaying their art, handicraft, and hobby work.

A display of appliances such as talking book machines, talking calculators and watches, braille and other aids will be available.

Admission to "Awareness Night" will be \$2. There will be a door prize of a Budd Watson photograph, value \$200, awarded during the evening.

Wine and cheese will be made available to compliment the night by the Huronia District Association for the C.N.I.B.



Rest stop

Master Corporal Wally Zimmermann of the third Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment in Europe rests his feet before completing the last four km of the 160 km Nijmegen March in Holland. Zimmermann who has been with the Canadian Forces in Europe for two years, was one of the 219 Canadian military personnel to participate in this

65th annual event that gathered some 30,000 marchers from all over Europe. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter and Marianne Zimmermann of Victoria Harbour. All military personnel participating had four days to complete the march and were required to carry 10 kg on their back.

Combine fun and learning at library

Pierre Germain combines fun and learning in an hour long presentation of "Pierre et le Papillon" at the Midland Public Library on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m.

A Francophone from North Bay, Pierre Germain tends to strengthen our Canadian culture with his original French songs. After an English explanation his music seems to leap the language barrier for all to enjoy.

Although "Pierre et le Papillon" is a children's concert, he delights an audience of any age with his humorous presentation of songs and sing-a-long.

MPP's Report

by Allan McLean, MPP
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Some of my constituents have expressed an interest in establishing a District Health Council, and my colleagues from adjoining ridings, George Taylor, from Simcoe Centre and the Honourable George McCague, from Dufferin Simcoe, and I have been conferring on this subject.

The first step in establishing a District Health Council is the formation of a steering committee. This is usually made up of both providers and consumers of health care, representing all areas of the District.

The steering committee holds public meetings to inform people of the purpose and functions of District Health Councils, (DHC's) and test the public's reaction to establishing one.

The steering committee also advises the Minister of Health on the formation of a Council, the best size for it, and recommends nominees for the initial membership.

The Ministry of Health believes that no one is better able to assess and co-ordinate the health care resources of a community than the people who live and work there. That is why the system of DHC's has been developed.

Each community has different health care needs because of its geographic and demographic makeup, and each community develops its own system accordingly. A DHC plays a vital role in helping Government establish priorities and allocate resources fairly.

A DHC has no direct control over health services; its function is to assist community needs, plan a co-ordinated health care system to meet those needs, and to advise the Minister of Health about changes required in the community.

A DHC usually has 15 to 19 members. One-third of them are appointed for a one-year term; one-third for two years, and one-third for three years. No member may serve more than six years. The members of a DHC work on a volunteer basis, and

Health Council has merit?

represent providers of health care, consumers, and members of local government.

DHC's are funded by the Ministry of Health to cover the salaries of staff, administrative expenses, and the expenses of Council members when on Council business. There are currently 24 DHC's operating in Ontario, and they serve 87 per cent of the population.

In the 1979-1980 fiscal year, the cost of operating these Councils amounted to less than one-tenth of one per cent of the total amount spent on health care.

I'd like to take this opportunity to announce that I am having a barbeque at my farm on Highway 93 at County Road 11 at Dalston, on Saturday, Sept. 12.

To those people who worked, donated, and canvassed on my behalf, and who have not received their invitations because of the recent mail strike, please accept this as my personal invitation.

Hope to see you on the 12th!

Whipper Watson will be guest speaker

Whipper Billy Watson, well known to wrestling fans and a big supporter of charitable causes, will be speaking in Midland late this month.

Watson will be the guest speaker at the annual meeting of the board of Huronia District Hospital.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting, which starts at 8 p.m. on Sept. 28.

L.I.V.E. on the move

Planning to take protest right to nation's capitol

Since the action group L.I.V.E. (Lower Interest (Rates) Vital (To) Economy) was formed by Midland home owner Stan Dion several weeks ago it has grown by leaps and bounds.

L.I.V.E. is dedicated to pressuring the Government of Canada to force money lenders to lower their interest rates when it comes to home mortgages.

In recent days Dion has spoken on a number of talk shows in the province as well as appearing with his wife at the Inn on the Park where more than 1,200 angry home owners vented their emotions on the same subject.

The Toronto Sun which organized that meeting is prepared to pay half the cost of sending 20 buses to Ottawa on Sept. 15 when the Trudeau government's caucus meets.

Dion said yesterday he's hoping the Metro newspaper "will make some arrangements with us...we are working out the details now and should know later this week if they'll help us pay for buses to go from here and Orillia to Ottawa to protest increasing mortgage rates."

Dion put his house up for sale this week to prove the point that things are getting a bit tight.

Just before press time Bev Dion was informed by The Toronto Sun that it would pick up \$14 of the \$24 each it will cost to bus protesters from this area to Ottawa later this month.

"People can leave their money with us at 58 Fifth Street or drop off their money at Century 21's office on Midland Avenue," Bev Dion said.

'The gift of life'

Blood donors remember this date

Wednesday, Sept. 9 is the date members of the Huronia Branch of the Red Cross have set aside for their fall blood donor's clinic.

It will be held at the Penetanguishene Legion and NOT the Midland Legion as previously announced.

Late last week officials were advised of a change in locations after it was learned Midland Legion had been booked by

another group.

In any event organizers hope there will be a good turnout for next Wednesday blood donors' clinic in Penetanguishene.

The clinic will operate from 1:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The target is the same as last time...325 pints of blood.

Next week will provide you with the best opportunity to give "the gift of life."

Bring along your friends, cohorts, family members etc and make it a major event.

Giving blood is important. There are people counting on you.

Don't forget the time and the place...Penetanguishene Legion, Wednesday Sept. 9 from 1:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. We'll see you there.