

Guy Maurice speechless (almost) as colleagues honour their clerk

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A very surprised and visibly touched Guy Maurice was the object of a presentation ceremony held at the meeting of Tiny council Tuesday.

The ceremony was orchestrated, by Reeve Morris Darby, who had arranged to have two certificates earned by the clerk earlier this year mounted and framed.

At 4:30, the entire complement of Tiny Township staff filed silently into the council chambers while

Maurice had his back turned in conversation with the Reeve.

On turning around, Maurice was greeted with the grins of his staff and the press with their cameras ready. I have never seen Mr. Maurice caught off-guard before.

The Reeve then rose, unwrapping the two framed certificates. Commending the clerk for success in completing a course in Municipal Administration through the Extension Department of Queen's University,

he joked "I hope this doesn't mean we can no longer afford you."

The certificates were issued by the university in June, and entitle Maurice to use the letters A.M.C.T. after his name, signifying that he is a member of the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario.

Maurice's title at the township has also been changed. He is now called the Chief Administrative Officer, or more fondly the

"C.A.O."

Although assured by the Reeve that "If you want to make a speech that would be quite in order," Maurice appeared momentarily at a loss for words.

Quickly recovering from this unusual state, he managed to say "with the terrific staff here at Tiny, you can't go wrong."

Maurice has served as clerk at Tiny since September 7, 1968. As chief administrative officer he describes

himself as "basically in charge of the whole operation, under the supervision of council."

Maurice wins high points from this member of the press.

He is consistently well prepared, and displays a vast knowledge of township affairs. Although faced with an ever-increasing workload and responsibilities, Maurice is always courteous and attentive, in other words "the consummate C.A.O."



Clerk Maurice, left, Reeve Darby, right

Plant to close for three weeks Sagging market prompts RCA layoffs

Yet another lay-off has been announced for the RCA plant in Midland.

Late yesterday afternoon in a tightly worded news release, the plant announced another further reduction of approximately 90 production and support employees to be effective, Nov. 20.

The plant also announced that its operation will be shut down during the Christmas period.

Beginning at the close of business on Dec. 11 and ending Jan. 1, 1982, the plant will be closed.

Included in this three week period are six days that employees of RCA will receive as paid holidays.

During this down time, according to yesterday's announcement, new advanced testing and processing equipment will be installed in the plant to improve quality.

The plant news release adds that the current layoffs are necessitated by continued softening of the demand in the primary market for Canadian colour picture tubes.

RCA in Midland currently employs about 900 personnel.



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Here's a neat way to install Christmas decorations and lights on your Christmas tree...that's if it is the size of the one out in front of the library building in Midland. Here an employee of the Midland PUC is lifted up in a "cherry picker" to get to the top of the tree so as to string Christmas lights that were officially switched on last Friday night.

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