

Stewart fails bid

Cooper picked as county's warden

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Reeve "Russ" Cooper of Rama Township has been elected Warden of Simcoe County for the coming year.

Warden Cooper was elected by a majority of County council Tuesday in Midhurst, defeating his rival candidate, Reeve Art Stewart of Penetanguishene.

Cooper had run unsuccessfully for Warden in 1980, but was elected Tuesday on what has become a traditional second attempt.

A procession of councillors was piped into the chambers at Midhurst for the annual roll-call vote at the 140th inaugural meeting of County council.

Warden Cooper was nominated by County councillors Gary and Pridham. He had served as chairman of the General Government committee last year, and has been involved in politics for twenty-two years.

In his supporting address, nominator Gary described Cooper as a man of integrity, "worthy of joining the ranks of past Wardens

of Simcoe County."

Penetanguishene Reeve Art Stewart's name was proposed by Councillors Andrade and MacDonald. Andrade characterized Stewart as a "fair and forthright man" who as Warden would be "a leader of conscience and flexibility".

In the voting which ensued, a majority of the 40 County councillors including Midland representatives supported Rama Reeve Russ Cooper.

Art Stewart of Penetanguishene received the votes of Tiny and Tay delegates.

Some of the 40 County councillors cast more than one vote, according to the assessment of their municipality, bringing the total number of votes to 62.

Scrutineers determined that Russ Cooper had obtained the necessary majority and he was "duly sworn" under oaths of office and allegiance administered by Judge A.M. Carter.

Judge Carter wished the newly-inaugurated Warden a "successful and significant year of achievement" in spite of what he termed "the

coming year of social and economic unrest."

Warden Cooper pledged to support greater social, health and children's services, and expansion of the County Museum and archives in the coming year.

Agriculture, tourism and industry will receive encouragement as well, said Cooper. He also proposed to call on government ministries' expertise in the development of County landfill sites, saying "Health and the environment are priorities if we are to survive into the 21st century."

Following the Warden's inaugural speech, past Wardens, Rama Council, M.P. Ron Stewart and M.P.P. Al McLean were recognized.

M.P.P. Al McLean congratulated Warden Cooper on his election, and predicted that "we'll be seeing a Warden from Penetanguishene in the near future."

County Council then recessed for a brief reception at 2:20 p.m., following which elections of committee heads were conducted

by ballot.

Penetanguishene's Art Stewart was defeated in his bid as chairman of the General Government Committee by Deputy Reeve

Whiteside of Essa Township.

Other committee heads elected or acclaimed are: Flos Reeve Gerard Moran, Property and Protec-

tion; Ralph MacDonald of Creemore, Roads and Transportation; Jim Wales of Tosoronto, Health and Environ-

ment; George Buie of Vespra, Social and Family Services; Ed McDermott of Adjala, Culture and Recreation; Walter Carr of Matchedash, Agriculture Planning and Development.



Unusual mishap

This lumber truck took several hours to get righted after it rolled over at Highway 27 and Yonge Street yesterday at noon. Traffic for a time

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