

# Reeve of Tay issues Christmas message

It is this time of year that provides us with an opportunity to assess our development over the past year. It is also a festive time which we all can experience in our own individual way.

There has been a high level of activity in municipal operations with the Township of Tay over the past year. I feel that Council has been moving ahead quite positively over the last number of years and many projects have reached fruition this year.

With the second full year of operation of the township planning department we are now much closer to finalizing the comprehensive zoning by-law before the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Township hired a new Treasurer this year and the Building Inspection Department became full time as of April 1st. Some by-law enforcement is also handled by this department.

To meet present and future needs of better municipal government, your council authorized an expansion of the municipal building this year which will be completed in January, 1982. This addition will add both office and storage space. The cost of this addition was budgeted for over the past two years.

Construction of a new concrete bridge over the North River on the 13th Concession was completed this year. This will improve transportation in the south eastern sector of the municipality.

The largest improvement project in the history of the Township has just been completed in Waubashene. The \$1,800,000 waterworks project includes a

supply facility, distribution system and a storage facility. Along with this major project,

the Township was able to perform a major road improvement program in Waubashene with

the balance to be completed in 1982 subject to available financing.

Associated with the waterworks project has been the creation of a new community waterfront park adjacent to the new water treatment facility.

The Township entered into a joint agreement this year on the operation of the Coldwater Arena, with the Township of Matchedash and the Village of Coldwater. This is one more indication that Tay wishes to cooperate with her neighbours as was evidenced earlier by the Waverley Community Centre joint agreement between the Townships of Tiny, Tay, Flos and Medonte.

The Township became an active partner in a Simcoe County

Historical Society project this year to commemorate the Hogg Bay Trestle. I am proud to say that our administrative staff were instrumental in working with M.T.C. and the Society to obtain permission to erect a monument in Victoria Harbour Park along Highway No. 12, and the Road Department

arranged for the massive stone and construction of the concrete base.

The plaque now recognizes an important segment of our local history.

These are some of the activities we have been involved with this year. I believe it is evidence of the Township progressing in these

times of rapid change. The Township must be prepared to meet these changes in a positive way to help ensure good local government at a sensible cost.

On behalf of Council and Staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

## Chief's warning being heeded, for the most part

It would appear most cross-country skiers and snowmobilers have heeded Police Chief Ernest Bates' warning to stay off ice-covered Little Lake in Midland.

However several snowmobile tracks were visible Sunday close to shore at the lake.

And it appears several snowmobilers were responsible for knocking over floral arrangements at the Catholic Cemetery next to the park on the weekend.

Tracks could be easily seen skirting around tombstones in the cemetery, however several snowmobilers, it seems, had slammed into plastic-encased floral arrangements.

## Guess who was here on the weekend?

One of Santa's many helpers made a brief visit to a children's Christmas party, hosted by members of Tay Township's Old Fort Road Volunteer Fire Department last Saturday afternoon.

The following morning the Jolly gent from the North Pole attended a similar event hosted by members of the Midland Industrial Hockey League at Midland Arena.

And to round out the weekend, Sunday afternoon, our Santa attended Midland Secondary School teachers' children's Christmas party.

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