

Town council meeting highlights

The town of Penetanguishene was in the enviable position of having a surplus of \$82,041 in 1981. Finance chairman Art Stewart reports that the town "has had a surplus for 18 of the last 19 years."

The surplus, created by an increased interest rate on unpaid taxes and unbudgeted taxes from a new industry (Tech-form), will be applied to capital expenditures, new expenditures and a surplus for the 1982 budget.

Accounts

Parks and Recreation Accounts to March 15 totalled \$7,195, General Government \$10,720, Fire \$2,992, Police \$4045, Public Works \$17,674, Miscellaneous \$23,838, Payroll \$42,242 accounts were approved Monday for a grand total of \$116,457.

Solicitor

Paul DeVillers has been retained at an annual fee of \$7,000 to act as the appointed

solicitor for the town. This is an increase of \$1000 over last year, but the first increase in the retainer in four years.

Debentures

Debentures in the amount of \$141,000 will be issued by the town to cover the cost of the Fox Street reconstruction and land purchased for the Public Works Department.

MTC Subsidy

The MTC has authorized a total of 260,000 in subsidies to the town for 1982. This is a slight increase over 1981.

Police Report

The police report for February shows no fatal vehicle accidents or sudden deaths. There

were no persons arrested, although 207 complaints were investigated, and five premises were broken into. Total value of property stolen in February was \$6,440, and \$3,825 in stolen property was recovered.

Oops

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Frances St. Amant reported to Penetanguishene council Monday night that town police will not enter into an agreement with Midland for the use of their dispatch services.

Penetanguishene had been negotiating with Midland for the use of their dispatch system. Midland had set a price of \$12,419 plus benefits for the salary of one Civilian Radio Operator to man the dispatcher.

St. Amant reported that the proposal was rejected, and that the question was under study by her committee.

A system such as the one used in Kincardine is being looked at by the Public Safety Committee.

Chief Dennis Player explained yesterday that "The communications system we have in Penetang is inadequate, and in order to get funding from the province we need twenty-four hour dispatch service."

The Midland offer was rejected due to "prohibitive costs" Player said.

"A substantially less expensive radio system with telephone interface is being looked at now," said the police chief.

The interface system would allow telephone calls to the police to be switched directly to cruiser radios when no telephone operator is on duty.

"Many small forces including Kincardine are using this system," said Player.



And the winners are...

The Penetanguishene Elementary School Girls' Basketball season wrapped up a week ago Tuesday at E.S.P.S.S. with the final game between Corpus Christi and St. Joseph's. At the final buzzer it was Corpus Christi taking home the trophy to the tune of 14-7 over St. Joseph's. Back

row left to right Coach Ken St. Amant, Lisa Forget, Lisa A. Dusome, Ruby Deganaar, Lesley Martin, Lannette Payne and Lisa M. Dusome. Front Row left to right are Tracy Juneau, Tina Chapman, Jenny Cowan, Aimee Marchildon, Cheryl Bisshop and Cheryl Laliberte. —Photo by Bob Murray

Six month jail term

A 17-year-old Midland teenager Rory Allan Smith was sentenced to six months in jail during his appearance in Midland Provincial Court, Monday morning.

Smith faced a total of eight charges in connection with break-ins in Penetanguishene, Midland and in the local OPP coverage area.

One of those break-ins is said to have occurred at 17 Burke St., March 10.

There, a home was forced open and items valued at between \$450 and \$500 taken. Most of them have since been recovered, Police Chief Dennis Player announced Monday.

Meanwhile Const. Claude Monroe arrested and charged a 19-year-old Robert Street East man Gerald Wallace Beaudoin, Sunday morning with break and enter and with possession of instruments for the purpose of a break-in after police responded to a burglar alarm at the Dock Lunch at 6 a.m.

And police in town are still investigating the theft of a projector from ESPSS valued at \$200.

As well officers are conducting an investigation into the shooting and wounding of a pet dog owned by a Lower Road, Mental Health Centre, man.

The animal had been shot twice during the early hours of last Friday.

And the quick action of town police is said to have thwarted a possible break-in at Corpus Christi School at 2 a.m. Sunday. An alarm in the school sounded after one window in the building had been smashed.

It is believed those responsible fled on foot within minutes of the crime as it took police only two minutes to arrive on the scene.



Centennial spirit

Laurette and Albert Blondin of Penetanguishene spiced up last week's Senior Citizens' Centennial gala at the Penetanguishene Legion Hall with some fancy Centennial attire. Their costumes are part of several the couple have from Canada's Centennial celebration 15 years ago.

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Councillors Bob Klug, Don McNee and Ken Tannahill opposed the return on the basis of the resulting delay, and councillor McNee accused the majority of "a snow job." Councillor Ray Baker was not present.

Reeve Stewart denied at council that the "additional information" had anything to do with language. The recommendations of the Finance Committee will be presented at the April 12 caucus meeting of council, which will be open to the public for voting on the book issue.

A delay of more than two weeks will make the publishing schedule "much, much tighter" Brian Murrant said yesterday.

The target date for printing of the centennial book is June 14. Ten weeks are needed by the printers, and the manuscript should have been ready by the first week of April.

Murrant said "all contacts we have made across the community and outside the town indicate that a book to record the history of the town that is worth keeping and representative of all segments of the community would be well received."

Assemblée annuelle

Un bon souper nous attend au Centre d'activités françaises lors de l'assemblée annuelle le mardi 30 mars à 18h30 (6:30). Mme. Gerard Maurice sera la cuisinière donc il n'y a aucun doute que ce sera excellent! Il y aura un prix d'entrée de \$6 la personne pour défrayer le coût du souper. Les personnes qui préfèrent assister à l'assemblée seulement seront bienvenues vers 20h00 (8 p.m.).

Voici un bref aperçu de la soirée: Lecture et adoption de l'ordre du jour - Lecture et adoption du procès-verbal de la réunion annuelle de l'année dernière - Présentation et adoption des rapports d'activités 1981-82 et rapports financiers pour la même période - Présentation et

adoption de la programmation 1982-83 et des prévisions budgétaires pour la même période - Rapport des réunions du Conseil d'administration du Centre par le président - Amendements aux Règlements du Centre (s'il y a lieu) - Dissolution du Conseil d'administration - Nomination d'un(e) président(e) et secrétaire d'élection - Election des membres du Conseil d'administration - Election à huis-clos de l'exécutif du Conseil d'administration par les nouveaux membres - Cloture de la réunion et dégustation de vins.

Pour plus de renseignements n'hésitez pas à contacter soit Basile, Serge ou Ghisele au Centre, 549-3116. La date limite

pour réserver des billets pour le souper est jeudi le 25 mars.

Souper Gastronomique

Bravo Serge et les jeunes du cours de cuisine française: John Currie, Jacqueline DesRochers, Annette M. Lesperance, Jean DesRochers, Raymond DesRochers, Christine DesRoches, Jennifer Currie, Charles Desroches et Thomas Belcourt. Tout, mais la je dis bien TOUT fut délicieux, bien présenté, bien servi, bien accompagné et même bien desservi!

La nourriture avait un goût exquis; le service de table fut impeccable; la compagnie très agréable; la musique de Basile Lafrenière accompagnée de son père fut juste "ce qu'il fallait pour couronner

cette belle soirée". Toutes les tables étaient prises, le téléphone a sonné jusqu'à la dernière minute. Malheureusement nous n'avons pu accommoder tout le monde mais ne perdez pas espoir, un autre souper gastronomique sera préparé et servi par les mêmes personnes le 8 mai.

Les ayant vu en action cette première fois presage quelque chose de super SUPER la seconde fois!

Visiteurs Distingues

Quelques sept personnes de Paincourt, Toronto et Woodstock nous visitaient en fin de semaine et ont pu jouir du souper gastronomique et du spectacle de vendredi soir dernier.