

At long last

Captain Greg Leigh of the bulk carrier Sir James Dunn dons his top hat to pose with (from left) Doug Wright of the Midland Harbour Commission, Midland town clerk Fred Flood, Mayor Moreland Lynn and chief engineer Dan Leslie following presentation ceremonies aboard the Dunn on

Monday. The traditional top-hat presentation is made to the captain of the first ship of the season entering the harbour. The 680-foot Dunn arrived with its 600,000-bushel cargo of grain Saturday -one of the latest first-arrivals on record.

Kramp 'disappointed' at TTPPB's fate

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

Area Board Chairman Peter Kramp was involved with the joint planning body from its inception, and served twice as its chairman. His signature follows the foreward to the "Peninsula Plan" drafted by the Board in 1978.

Kramp describes his personal feelings at the demise of the Board as those "of disappointment."

The Area Board "was good while it lasted, and was a great educational forum for the area," says Kramp.

The chairman notes that all SIX municipalities involved in the Board now have planning boards and are in the process of obtaining individual official plans, or actually have plans in effect. "This certainly wasn't the case when the Board

began," says Kramp. major The accomplishment of the Area Board has been the Area Plan, which "was the intent of the Minister at the outset, and was written into our charter as such," according to Kramp.

Grass fires quelled

Old Fort Road (Tay) Volunteer Fire smoke-Department eaters quelled a grass fire last Wednesday at the supper hour just as it was igniting a small shed near Old Fort's fire hall.

Saturday, firefighters from the same brigade snuffed out a grass fire on Con. 6.

The Plan is now with the Ministry of Housing, but will be repealed by Midland as one of the conditions for the dissolution of the Board by the Minister, Claude Bennett.

As planning moves increasingly to the regional level, Kramp regrets the repeal of the Peninsula Plan, "A plan in place would supercede other future plans, such as a county plan."

Under the new White

Paper on planning, area planning boards would be dissolved within two years in any case. The preamble to the White Paper states that "planning is basically a political process," according to Penetanguishene councillor Ray Baker.

Over its ten year history, the Area Board has cost participating mur icipalities close to half a million dollars.

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spent, and volunteered by participants must also be considered," says Chairman Kramp.

Kramp regrets the failure of the Area "to keep planning in our own area."

"Planning will become more and more a political thing, and politicians just don't have the time and lack in continuity necessary for planning," predicts Kramp.

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Puttin'on my top hat

Midland Mayor Moreland Lynn presents Captain Greg Leigh of the Canadian Steamship Lines bulk carrier Sir James Dunn with a top hat to mark the arrival of the first ship of the season into Midland Harbour. The presentation ceremony was made

Monday, the last day of a three-day stay for the 680-foot grain carrier. Monday night, the Sir James Dunn was off to Thunder Bay. Its Saturday arrival was one of the lastest seasonopenings on record.

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