

Area board not buried yet BUT-

The ending of an era

by Adrienne Graham Gardner

The final process of winding down operations of the Tiny Tay Peninsula Planning Board has begun.

At their April 29 meeting, with a quorum present, the Area Board was able to pass a resolution requesting dissolution of the planning body by the Minister of Housing, Claude Bennett.

Due to the boycott of Area Board meetings by Tiny and Tay township representatives since 1980, "It's been damned hard to get a quorum," in the words of Penetanguishene councillor Ray Baker.

Tiny and Tay requested permission to withdraw from the Area Board in 1980, alleging that urban interests were overshadowing those of rural participants in the planning policies of the board.

The Minister of Housing has agreed to dissolve the board, once three conditions are met. The Minister asks that all six municipalities involved in the Area Board pass resolutions supporting its dissolution, that Midland as the designated municipality pass a bylaw formally repealing the Area Official Plan, and that a professional audit of the Board's finances be done.

Mayor Moreland Lynn of Midland reports that resolutions from all six municipalities have not yet been received by the town office. Although Midland, as the designated municipality, could go ahead and request dissolution, "that wouldn't be polite," says the mayor.

Lynn estimates that an additional month will be needed to collect the six

resolutions before Midland council can pass a bylaw requesting the repeal of the Area Plan.

Outstanding accounts with Tiny and Tay townships will be recovered by the Board through its surplus fund which dates back prior to the withdrawal of the rural municipalities.

Tiny's unpaid portion for Board operations for 1980 and 1981 is \$12,709, while Tay owes \$3,826, based on equalized assessment. Other participating municipalities may receive a refund from the surplus accumulated by the Board.

Meanwhile, the Board will keep \$5000 in the bank for month-to-month operations, until the final dissolution is ordered by the Minister.

An offer by the town of Penetanguishene to provide facilities to house the Board's library of planning information has been accepted. Furnishings and equipment owned by the Board are to be offered to Penetanguishene for the sum of \$1000, in appreciation of the long-term use of the town's chambers and facilities by the Board.

Although the whole Area Board will not meet again, an executive committee will invite participating municipalities to examine Board files to determine what documents are to be kept.

The building at 14 Robert Street West, which was home to the Area Board, has been rented by the town of Penetanguishene to a legal firm. The Area Board office manager will be retained until the final dissolution of the board on a month-to-month basis.

Forces report serious accidents

Two people from Sudbury riding a motorcycle were seriously injured in an accident on Highway 69

last Friday evening, and the drivers of a van and a car that collided in

Midland last Thursday were seriously injured, local police forces report.

Midland OPP report that Roger Larocque and Giselle Larocque were injured when the

motorcycle they were riding collided with a car that pulled onto the highway and stopped in their path.

Last Thursday at 8:20 a.m. a van driven by Ivan Bumstead, 25, of

Russell Street, and a car driven by Patricia Thayer, 34, of Fifth Street, collided in the intersection of Dominion Avenue and Fourth Street. Bumstead has been charged with failing to stop.

Obituary

A native of Wyevale, late of Penetanguishene, has died at age 81 at Huronia District Hospital. The late Thomas McTague, of 11A Robert Street West, Penetanguishene, passed away on April 19, 1982 following a brief illness.

Father Richard Jacobsen officiated at

the funeral mass held in St. Ann's Memorial Church on April 22. Interment in St. Ann's Cemetery, Penetanguishene.

His wife, Annie McTague of Penetanguishene, and his daughter Mary Kameka of Penetanguishene survive him, as do his

grandsons Brian, Don, Larry, Derrick, Randy and Lem, also his sisters Lillian Treleaven of Mount Forest, Mary Westmore of Orillia, and Helen Docteur of Florida.

His brothers Joseph, Carl, and Jack predeceased him.

The late John McTague and the late Mary Ellen Stanton

were his parents. His wife is the former Annie Jean Boyd. Sudbury was his home for the majority of his life.

His grandsons Brian Kameka, Don Kameka, Larry Kameka, and Derrick Kameka, and his nephews Henry McTague and Peter McTague were his pallbearers.

First-class service

With the coming of spring, many people in Huronia are sporting new motorcycles. Even the O.P.P. are getting into the act. Provincial Constable Brandon Weir of the Midland detachment was out patrolling Highway 93 just north of Vindin Street, on Tuesday afternoon, on a new Kawasaki Police 1000 motorcycle which was recently acquired for use in the Midland Detachment patrol area. The motorcycle which is specially built by Kawasaki for police use will be put to good use this summer by Constable Weir and his counterpart Provincial Constable John Vanderende as they share the motorcycle detail on a rotating basis. The motorcycle is a valuable tool to police in high density traffic areas and are now being equipped so that hand held radar sets can be used on them. So if you see this unit sitting at an intersection, he might not be just observing traffic.

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