

A raise for smoke-eaters

by Eileen Hocken
Port McNicoll's volunteer firefighters approached Council at their last meeting with a request for more money.

As Reeve John Moreau said, "They acted like gentlemen and we saw no reason to not treat them like gentlemen. They said they wouldn't let the village down if they didn't get the raise."

Council agreed to their request and the firefighters will be getting an extra \$800 for the year. This isn't too much considering the raise will be split between the 16 firemen.

The firefighters usually approach Council every year for a little more money to help them keep up with inflation. "They gave us a professional presentation and their demands weren't too high," said the reeve.

He also said Council had no qualms about increasing the firefighters' stipend. "They work on a point system and at the end of the year they divide up the funds. They only make a about \$300 a year."

"We have one of the best volunteer fire departments in the county."

Port McNicoll will be pleased to know that the portion of their property taxes that cover the administration of the village will not be going up.

According to our village clerk, Alex Hancox, there will be a slight increase in the education levy. The increase will be about 2.2 mills. What that means in dollars and cents is not known at this point.

Mr. Hancox said that town expenditures are up a little over last year due to increased labour and material costs, but that this is offset by a slightly higher tax base.

No large capital works programs have been planned for this year. The last large project was the construction of our Community Centre, and judging from the way it has been used since it went up, this definitely was a worthwhile project.

Mr. Hancox said the budget figures should be complete by the end of the month.

A number of Port McNicoll Public School students have been involved in a gymnastics program over the past three months while others participated in the Music Festival last week.

The school decided to give the parents an opportunity to see and hear the students who have worked so hard in these two areas.

On Monday, May 17 at 7 p.m., the school held a program of music and gymnastics.

A reminder that Port McNicoll Public School will be holding its second annual Giant Garage Sale on May 29. Please show your support by saving whatever you can and donating it for this sale.

The proceeds will be used to help the Grade 8 students on their trip to Ottawa in June. Your help will certainly be appreciated.

Port McNicoll Recreation Board are sponsoring a car wash on May 22 in front of Elsa's Cafe on First Avenue. A small fee of \$1 will have that car you own sparkling clean.

Port McNicoll Brownies will be having their Fly-up on May 19 at the Community Centre at 7 p.m. Relatives and friends

are invited to attend this special ceremony. Refreshments will also be served.

The Brownies who are flying up are asked to prepare a pair of wings to be worn on their backs for the ceremony.

On May 26, the Brownies and Guides will be attending the special concert service at the Martyrs' Shrine in Midland. Drivers are needed, so if you can help out, please call one of the leaders.

The end-of-year Banquet will take place

at the Community Centre on June 7 at 6:30 p.m. This is for the Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders and their guests.

This pot-luck supper is an annual event, a nice ending to a busy year in the Guiding Organization.

The Brownies will be going on a weekend camp at Camp Monitomo on June 4, 5 and 6. The girls have already received their personal kit list which is to be followed when the child's luggage is

packed. For the Guiding year end wrap up, the Guides are having a Dial-a-Movie Party at the home of one of the leaders, Mrs. Jane Armstrong. This will be from 12 noon until about 8 p.m.

A five day canoe trip to Kilarney has been planned for some of the Port McNicoll Scouts for June 24 to 28 inclusive. About 10 to 12 of the youngsters will be going.

A patrol camp is to take place also on May

28, 29 and 30. The boys will be hiking from Port McNicoll to a place near Sturgeon Bay.

Port McNicoll Cubs and Scouts took part in the District Church Parade on Sunday. They met with other Scouting groups in the area and marched from the Midland dock to St. Paul's United Church for special services.

On April 30, Akela Marv Wright took two of his Cubs, Patrick Bottineau and Dwayne Henna (winners of the District Kub-Kar Rally

to the finals at Base Borden.

The boys didn't place, but thoroughly enjoyed themselves nevertheless. The race was a little confusing at times, but was carried off quickly.

Port McNicoll Cubs will be attending a weekend camp out on June 4 to 6 at Awenda.

The Banquet to round off the busy year in Scouting in Port McNicoll will take place at the Community Centre on Wednesday, June 16 at 6 p.m.

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