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Fox St. complex gutted

Bay Moorings Dining Lounge left in ruins

by Doug Reed

Cause of a raging inferno that ripped through and destroyed the Bay Moorings Dining Lounge on Fox Street in Penetanguishene early yesterday morning has yet to be determined by a member of the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office who was called to the scene yesterday by Penetanguishene Fire Chief Ted Light.

Fire officials intended to sift through the ruins left in the wake of the terrible blaze in an effort to pin-point the fire's cause which is said to have unofficially caused an estimated \$500,000 damage to the popular Fox Street structure and \$300,000 to its contents.

Details surrounding the stubborn conflagration are still to be sorted out, however it is known the fire was discovered shortly after 2:30 a.m. a short time after a Penetanguishene policeman on patrol had checked that area of town.

According to the same policeman, Const. Art Lizotte, "by the time we got the call and arrived at the scene the north end of the building was all in smoke."

Most members of Penetanguishene's volunteer fire department arrived on the scene seconds later to battle the five-hour-long blaze.

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Mopping up

This exhausted Penetanguishene firefighter was one of nearly 30 Penetanguishene and Midland firefighters who battled yesterday

morning's inferno that gutted Bay Moorings Dining Lounge on Fox Street to the estimated tune of \$800,000. More pictures on Page 3.

Harvesting answers from MNR

What natural resources will Dufferin County, Simcoe County and South Muskoka need in the next 20 years?

How much forest, fish, wildlife, sand and gravel and other minerals, provincial parks and recreational areas are needed?

Local Ministry of Natural Resources' staff have proposed some answers to those questions and will present them for public comment at open houses this summer.

The first set of open houses in June will display for comment the background information and documents used to prepare draft district land use strategies.

The second set of open houses in August will present for comment the district land use strategies. These strategies will include recommendations for the integrated management of natural resources in Huronia District for the next 20 years.

W. Dan Mansell,

Huron District Manager, said the schedule of open houses to present the background information will be:

June 10, Port Severn Community Hall
June 15, Midhurst, Simcoe County Administrative Building
June 21, Orangeville, Court House

All open houses are from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

He said the background information to the strategies will be the most complete, up-to-date look at the state

of local resources that has ever been presented.

The open house displays will include resource maps, photographs, resource inventory reports, statistical information, provincial park master plans and other recreational area documents, plus data on

local forests, fish, wildlife, mineral resources and public lands and waters.

District staff will be on hand to explain the material and record comments.

District land use strategies are the local components of the ministry's Coordinated Program Strategy for southern Ontario.

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VON sets some sort of record

Simcoe County Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses made a total of 2,950 nursing visits last month in the county. That's 184 more than in April of 1981. VON officials were told at their May meeting in Barrie.

Braddock encouraged by campaign results

It now appears, Midland Salvation Army will top the \$23,000 mark as funds continue to rickle in from last month's Red Shield Campaign in North Simcoe.

This year's goal is \$25,000, the same as last year's. In 1981 the Army raised about \$23,000 thanks to the more than 200 canvassers who blitzed North Simcoe communities during May.

Just about as many canvassers were out this year, reports L. Ray Braddock of the Midland Salvation Army.

Another meeting for RC board this month

Next regular meeting of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 16 at 8 p.m. at the education centre in Barrie.

Still looking for attacker

Penetanguishene police are still investigating an indecent assault case that occurred last Saturday morning at 9 a.m. on Main Street.

Police say they have a good description of the man who attacked an 18-year-old Penetanguishene female.

They now have a composite drawing of the suspect which they intend to circulate.

St. Patrick reunion

If most of the over 500 graduates of, and 45 former teachers at, St. Patrick's School don't turn up a week from Sunday for the school's first reunion, it won't be because they didn't know about it.

Reunion organizers have contacted all but about 10 of the 550 graduates, and all but three of the 45 teachers.

Gilbert Moreau, a student at the school in its first year, 1952, will deliver the welcoming speech.

Plouffe Family member star of show

A member of the original cast of the old CBC series The Plouffe Family, comedian Le Pere Gedeon, will be the main attraction of this month's Centre d'activites francaises Festival des Quenouilles.

Also appearing at the Penetanguishene Curling Club on June 26 will be Julie Laporte, a Franco-Ontarian who took second place in the Grand Bay Song Festival.

Half loaf is better than none?

by Adrienne Graham Gardner
Midland has offered to settle costs awarded to Tiny Township as a result of their attempt to quash the town's Feb. 8 annexation bylaw in the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Tiny's Toronto solicitors advised council Wednesday that Midland has offered to settle for \$1,500.

Tiny had requested \$3,000 to cover legal expenses to prepare for the April hearing. Midland withdrew their annexation bylaw before the hearing date, and Tiny was awarded costs by the court.

Tiny has the option of accepting Midland's

offer or of applying to have costs "taxed" by the court.

The taxation process can take from four to six months, and the amount taxed is usually between one third and one half of the bill of costs submitted.

Tiny's legal fees in this case were \$2,950.

Reacting to the report by Tiny's lawyers, Councillor Ron Hamelin said "It seems a bit unfair, since we were successful against the Town of Midland."

The report on Midland's offer will go to Tiny's finance committee for further review before a decision is made by council on whether or not to accept the \$1,500 settlement.

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The need for blood never takes a holiday

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