

# Mayors to go to Ottawa, ILAP designation their goal

Midland Mayor Al Roach and Penetanguishene Mayor Ron Bellisle will lead a small delegation in early February to Parliament Hill to press for federal assistance for the two towns.

A local committee representing the two towns, their chambers of commerce, their industrial commissions, and the local labour

council, is to meet a Feb. 1 deadline to complete an ILAP (Industrial Labour Adjustment Program) application.

Mayor Roach said yesterday that the towns of an ILAP designation "can mean growth of our area for the next 20,30,40,50 years." Ray Baker, chairman of the committee which is

preparing the brief, is optimistic that an ILAP designation would help RCA sell its Midland colour picture tube plant.

A major feature of ILAP is the advancement of interest free loans, covering up to half the capital cost to an industry "for expansion, for restructuring and new product development."

The delegation headed by the two mayors is going to Ottawa as soon as an ILAP application is complete, to get "the earliest possible attention. We need action and we need it fast," said Alex Wilson, chairman of the manpower assessment and planning committee for the two municipalities.

The immediate benefit, as the committee members see it, is the opportunity for existing industrial employers in Midland and Penetanguishene to use ULAP money to regain ground they have lost, due to the poor market of recent years.

or to expand. New industries for the towns are also more possible, under ILAP, but not as immediately likely to contribute to the local economy as hiring or expansion by existing industries.

Penetanguishene recently felt it had attracted a new industry that would have employed several hundred people, but lost the industry to Kitchener. Kitchener is recognized under ILAP and was able to offer the industry an \$800,000 ILAP grant. Penetanguishene couldn't compete then, not being designated as an ILAP area.

An industry qualifying for an ILAP grant could have up to 75 per cent of its consulting costs paid, up to 50 per cent of its project capital costs covered by an interest-free, repayable loan, and a subsidy of up to \$250 per employee per week.

Mayor Roach described ILAP as being more than a band-aid, and the possible basis of a strong in-

dustrial base for years to come. When the Minister of Energy, Jean Chretien, visited Midland late last year, Roach approached him for his support in dealing with Edward Lumley, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Chretien assured the mayor that

he would do whatever he could to get the delegation in to see the proper minister, the mayor said yesterday.

Every manufacturer in the two towns has been asked to fill out a detailed questionnaire about his business. The results will be used to compile a com-

prehensive picture of the local economy, and how that economy has gone downhill in recent years.

If and when—Mayor Roach isn't thinking in terms of if, but when the towns are recognized under ILAP, individual companies will apply for grants individually.

## Power cut off at Balm Beach

Power was disrupted twice Tuesday in the Balm Beach area of Tiny Township, reports Midland OPP.

Both interruptions were blamed on gale-force winds which ripped through central Ontario.

In both cases at Balm Beach, broken branches and a tree that was knocked down by the high winds cut power.

Firefighters were called out at 2:15 p.m. and again at 11:05 p.m. after small fires were ignited from broken power lines.

## Letters

### Breaches in Act?

Dear Editor:

This letter is in regards to persons wholesaling and trafficking of fluid milk products in the Province of Ontario, illegally, outside the regulations of the Ontario Milk Act.

This situation was brought to the attention of the Milk Commission of Ontario a number of years ago. Information was given to the Milk Commission, and the Milk Industry Branch regarding these breaches of the Milk Act. Following this information a letter was sent to all processors and non-processors on July 25, 1980, from the Milk Commission. It indicated that only the processors or non-processor distributors could legally wholesale fluid products.

Following that letter and after conferring with Ontario Dairy Council, the Licensed Independent Dairy Distributors of Ontario took the position that at least some of these "agents" might be licensed in some way.

L.I.D.D.O. presented three briefs in that regard to the Milk Commission, Aug. 16, 1980, March 2, 1981, and July 15, 1981.

Viewing the agent question, and the continuing breaches of the Milk Act, in hind sight, we are now of the opinion that L.I.D.D.O. took the wrong route. In fact L.I.D.D.O., in accepting any kind of legalising of these so called "agents" and, of course the Milk Commission in condoning the continuing appointments of these illegal people was, and is, atrocious.

The Milk Commission should make sure the Milk Act is being upheld. It is their responsibility to see that the Milk Industry Branch police the act. They must prosecute people who knowingly are breaking the law.

There are firms supplying fluid milk products to people who have no licence, and those people are wholesaling that product. Some people are trafficking in fluid milk products to larger house accounts. They do not have a licence to buy and sell that product, via the Milk Act, nor do they have a P.C.V. licence from the Province to traffic or haul that product.

It is our opinion that people who sell fluid milk products to the ultimate consumer (caterers, home service, etc.) are deemed to have a shopkeeper licence and, do not require a processor or non-processor licence, from the Milk Commission.

Each non-processor has to make assurances to the Milk Commission, the Health Board, the Department of Agriculture to able him or her to have and keep a licence to distribute fluid Milk Products.

How long will the Province of Ontario allow the law to be broken before it acts against illegal agents?

Regulation 629—

104—No person shall supply for resale fluid Milk Products to, or pasturized Milk for, any other person who is,

(a) not a holder of a licence under this regulation;

or

(b) not exempt from the act or this regulation.

Sincerely,  
Chairman  
L.I.D.D.O.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene will be holding a **PUBLIC MEETING** On Monday, January 10th, 1983, at 7:30 p.m. in the council Chambers, 10 Robert St. W., Penetanguishene.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss **THE NORTH END DEVELOPMENT AREA**

**NORTH END REDEVELOPMENT AREA**

More specific topics to be discussed are Sanitary Sewers, Park Services, Phasing and Costs. All residents of this area are urged to attend.

Y.A. Gagné, A.M.C.T.  
Clerk-Administrator