

# Sparks fly over mayor's 'veto' of ad

It is the feeling of Reeve Bev Day of Midland that Deputy Fire Chief Hal Belfry "who has done a good job should be made chief."

The reeve's comments were made Monday night at council during a lively debate over the pros and cons of advertising in the Toronto Star and Globe and Mail for a new fire chief now that Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge has resigned.

"We should watch spending," Reeve Day stressed. However his comment fell on deaf ears when council later is the evening agreed to advertise in both local newspapers and only in Globe.

The topic heated up earlier in the meeting when Alderman Bob Jeffery wanted to know who, if any, had the power to veto his committee's plans to advertise locally and in the Metro press.

Jeffery detailed how last week Mayor Roach had ordered that no ads be placed in the Toronto papers since it could cost the town as much as \$800 or more.



Bev Day



Patrick Kearns



Miles Blackhurst

Before the subject was put to rest Alderman Patrick Kearns told the mayor, "You meant well. And you are reprimanded for thwarting the committee."

Mayor Roach didn't take the reprimand sitting down. According to Mayor Roach, "I've done my duty as mayor of this town to see that we don't overspend."

Alderman Jeffery suggested the mayor's timing was wrong "and inappropriate."

It's understood the matter will come up again next month when local policy-makers hold a causes meeting at town hall to set out priorities for the coming year.

As for advertising for a new fire chief, Alderman Kearns stressed, Midland wants

the "next fire chief to be the very best we can get. If a hometown boy (Belfry) should get the job he'll have stood the test if he is hired."

Belfry has served the town as a volunteer firefighter for two years and as a full-time fireman for the past 10 years, three of them as the town's deputy fire chief.

Since last October when former Fire Chief Terry Lethbridge was off work on compensation, Belfry was in charge of the department although only this week named acting fire chief until the town hires a new one later this year.

As for having veto power, Alderman Miles Blackhurst was quick to suggest during the debate "that no one has that power on council."

As for cancelling the original ads Jeffery had the last word as he slammed the mayor, "It seems to me the democratic process was side-stepped."

He added, "I'm a little upset, the chairman has some authority, in the past two meetings it seems to me the chairman has been bumped."

## Queen's Park newsletter from MPP shows Housing starts backed by province

by AL McLEAN  
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SIMCOE EAST

One of the Government programmes, started last year, to give an opportunity to those who were interested in buying a home - which in turn would free rental accommodations for those who wished to rent - has resulted in help for many of my constituents in Simcoe East

who were thinking about buying their own home and took the opportunity to make use of this newly announced programme.

The results are now in on the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Renter-Buy housing stimulation programme and the figures look good. I think that it has done the job that was intended. This programme offered a \$5,000 interest free loan to first time home buyers.

Recent figures show that more than 16,000 applications flowed into Queen's Park from across the Province, making the Renter/Buy programme one of the most suc-

cessful housing initiatives ever undertaken in the Province. From Simcoe East alone there were 87 applications for loans.

Of all the applications received, nearly 60 per cent were from renters, while the remainder were first time home buyers. Economists believe that the programme will result in between 37,500 and 40,000 man-years of work in construction and related trades. In addition, there are expected to be increased sales of refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, carpets, furniture and other items required for new homes.

In Simcoe East,

Orillia led the way with 33 applications. Oro Township had 20, Medonte Township 12, while there were 5 applications from Mara. Coldwater and Midland each sent in three applications, and Tay Township and Orillia Township had four. Lastly, but by no means least, Rama Township sent in two applications and Victoria Harbour accounted for one.

I am pleased that so many residents from Simcoe East took ad-

vantage of this Provincial programme. Area builders and outfitters are certain to benefit, as will stores selling major appliances.

It is heartening to know that at times like these so many people can and do take advantage of interest-free loans and get a roof over their heads.

Another bright spot during the life of this programme is that, except for the addition of a few temporary per-

sonnel, the entire Renter/Buy programme was handled by existing staff at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

On average they dealt with 500 calls a day - proof that Ontario's public service is equipped to meet almost any challenge!

Feb. 1  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 68 general meeting and steak supper, supper 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m., general meeting 8 p.m. \$4.50 per person, members, spouses, and friends.

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LIC: RWP992 **\$7,495**

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LIC: OAC013 **\$4,595**

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