

New plant means cleaner water

by MURRAY MOORE

Victoria Harbour's sewage treatment plant was opened Wednesday with the prediction that Severn Sound will be cleaner as a result.

The plant will replace private septic tanks in Victoria Harbour and in the Robin's Point area of Tay Township. The plant can process an average of 2,400 cubic metres of sewage in a day, and can serve a population of 4,000.

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There are 1,800 people in the immediate area.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent to modernize old sewage treatment plants, and to build sewage treatment plants, in Ontario. The Victoria Harbour plant is

about the last on the list of projects.

The federal and provincial governments have spent over \$1.6 billion to improve the quality of the Great Lakes water since 1971. Phosphorus, which promoted the growth of

algae, which in turn took oxygen from the water, has been reduced by 50 per cent. A change in the ingredients of detergents has helped cleanse the Great Lakes.

Tay Township and Victoria Harbour paid \$800,000 of the sewage treatment plant's cost. The province's share was \$4.7 million, and the federal government's share, \$2.6 million.

North Simcoe news briefs

We hate to needle you but...

In addition to the regular immunization clinic, the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1:30 until 4:30 p.m. the local Health Unit office at 578 King St. will have a registered nurse available to give injections every Friday from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

These clinics will be held to accommodate parents of those school children who require immunization in order to meet the standards set up by the Provincial Government in Bill 142.

Legion Weeks set

Next week, Sept. 18-25, is Legion Week across Canada.

The special week will afford Legions from coast to coast the opportunity to tell their story and the role(s) they play in community life.

Top notch report

Huronian Animal Control's shelter in Tiny Township has been given yet another clean bill of health following a recent inspection by the Veterinary Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food.

A report filed following the visit noted: animals were housed in clean, comfortable cages in a well ventilated building.

The report also drew attention to the fact that the animals were receiving "good care."

Both management and maintenance of the pound was excellent, the report concluded.

Tay reaches into coffers

At the Sept. 8 meeting of the Tay Township Municipal Council, the following accounts were passed for payment.

General accounts \$448,544.89; Fire Department accounts \$3,545.98; Water Department accounts \$1,289.77 and Recreation Department accounts \$1,225.63.

Total of all accounts passed for payment was \$454,606.27.

Also passed by council for payment was Payment Voucher No. 8 for the Roads Department in the amount of \$67,582.46.

Hands-on session HED set

Huronian Emergency Day is planned for Huronia District Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Medical, nursing and paramedical staff from Midland and district hospitals are being invited to take part in this day-long information-sharing session.

Telecare training starting

Persons interested in becoming a Telecare worker will be interested to know that a training program begins Sept. 26.

Telecare describes itself as "a ministry of listening and caring. Trained telephone workers available to anyone who calls and wants to share the burdens of their life. We are there to listen and care."

The training course takes 50 hours over 13 weeks and two Saturdays. Subjects include listening, loneliness, alcoholism, suicide, grief, and community resources.

Telecare in Midland began on March 29, 1981, and operates 24 hours a day. A telephone worker is expected to work at least two four hour shifts in a month.

More information may be obtained by telephoning 526-7836.

Brrr! Time to turn on your furnace

It would appear fall has arrived a wee bit early, if the cold temperatures we have been experiencing each morning for the past few days is any indication.

There were reports of frost appearing in some rural areas in North Simcoe two days ago. Brrrr!

Today's Quote

"A sore back we can all do without these days, unless it has been caused by a pat, that is!"



Plant opening

Included in the ribbon cutting party at the opening Wednesday of the Victoria Harbour Sewage Treatment Plant, along with federal and provincial government representatives, were

Simcoe East MPP Al McLean, second from left, Tay Township Reeve Bruce Tinney, centre, and Victoria Harbour Reeve Doug Jackson, right.

Beware please, harmless students, don't shoot!

York U. to conduct geography survey in Coldwater district

During the week of Oct. 3-7 landowners in and around the Coldwater Valley may meet up with groups of three or four students doing a geography project from York University in Toronto.

The project goals are to make a map of the landforms of the valley and surrounding uplands and to assess the effects of the Ice Age and later geological events on the formation of the present landscape.

Student groups will be travelling the road network of the area, looking at road cuts and river banks for evidence of the types of soil beneath the landscape, but where these are not available, they will make soil tests and slope readings by hand auger in fields

close to the roads.

To obtain prior permission for access to scores of landholdings could take up most of the four days available for the work, so the students have been asked to request permission only when the owner's location is obvious and close to where they wish to enter a field.

Should landowners come upon these groups with no prior knowledge of their plans, the students will carry a letter of introduction and will explain their work.

"The university wishes to thank landowners in anticipation of their co-operation. Enquiries may be directed to Professor Ian Brookes at (416)-667-2371 before or after Oct. 3-7," a press release on the subject stated this week.

Incineration, landfill, reclamation — all remain on NSSLC list

by MURRAY MOORE

Incineration, landfill, and reclamation are options being considered by the North Simcoe Sanitary Landfill Committee, says its chairman.

The committee, charged with finding a site for this area's next dump, is also still considering the merits of keeping the area's present dump open, as well as the merits of opening a new dump in one of three sites in Tiny Township or one site in Tay Township.

The committee continues to investigate the higher costs of incineration, and of reclamation, because of the interest shown by some residents of "paying a little more now" to avoid problems in the future, NSSLC chairman John Lackie said.

Lackie said he and Percy Ehler, the committee's technical consultant, have met twice with the committee's consultants since the open houses held last month in Tiny Township and Tay Township.

The committee is also waiting for the Gartner-Lee hydro-geological report on the present dump. The report is expected this month or early next month.

Lackie said the points he wants to make to people are that the next dump will not be operated by Eric Pauze Construction, and that the next site, even if the dump stays outside Perkinsfield, will be operated safely.

Some people have suggested to the committee that Perkinsfield be provided with a water system, the present dump be closed, and dumping continue on adjacent land.

The present dump has been ordered closed in October of 1984 by the Minister of the Environment.

Landfill is inevitable no matter what choice the committee makes, Lackie said. Incineration leaves 25 per cent of the garbage as ashes. Reclamation leaves 70 per cent of the garbage for disposal.