

Strike at community colleges continues students have mixed emotions about walk-out

by RICHARD HOLT

Full-time teachers at Ontario's 22 community colleges have been on strike for one week. This includes teachers at Georgian College in Barrie.

Issues in the strike are the creation of a formula for teachers to mark work outside of school time and class sizes.

Georgian College draws students from all over Simcoe County including the Midland and Penetanguishene areas.

Steve Mehaffey of Midland is a second-year Law and Security student at Georgian.

He understands, teachers are not just striking for money.

"I don't mind the strike, but I hope it

doesn't last too long", he said.

He has contacted his summer employer and intends to work until the strike is over.

Nick Sklar of Midland is also a Law and Security student at Georgian. He agrees with teachers, classes are too big.

"They should hire more teachers", he said.

Keith Robinson of Penetanguishene is a Tourism and Hotel Management student. He's not sure what the issues are in the strike and feels he doesn't have enough information to form a proper opinion.

His main concern is the disruption of his education. He still goes down to the college everyday to carry on with work left to them by the teachers before they went out.

His course is divided into two segments one of which is the academics which he is doing now.

He missed one set of mid-term exams because of the strike.

"The teachers and the Council of Regents should have sorted this out six months ago", he says.

"It's too bad some students may be losing their future. If the strike goes on for three weeks or more many students could lose financially as well in rent and one year leases, a lot are on a tight budget."

Pickets around Georgian have been stopping cars but are not barring access to the

campus. Part-time instructors with less than six hours of classes weekly will be coming in. Administrative personnel are supervising and assisting students who show up.

While many students support teachers in their goals, some have even joined them on the picket lines.

There have been some isolated incidents. The most notable was when a pickup truck struck two picketers causing minor injuries to one, but fracturing the skull of the other.

The second man is in hospital in satisfactory condition. The driver of the pickup was a worker on a building being constructed on the campus. He was charged by police who are now watching the picket lines.

Boundary fight: Midland counts on Minister to say yes

by MURRAY MOORE

Midland council has dropped its objection of Sept. 10 to a change of zoning in Tiny Township in the area of the township where zoning has been frozen by order of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

The council is waiting for a decision from Minister Calude Bennett on boundary negotiation. Last Thursday the provincially appointed fact-finder in Midland told the town's steering committee for boundary negotiation that his report will be delivered to the minister soon.

During Monday's council meeting Reeve Bev Day continued to speak against the town obtaining the Tiny Township commercial strip. The reeve expressed the fear that the town might be required to service the un-serviced property and that the cost would be "bankrupt" the town. The reeve threw out the figure of \$25 million and challenged the other members of

council to suggest a figure of their own.

Alderman Robert McLaughlin expressed his disbelief, but no other figure was offered.

The reeve admitted under pressure from other council members that he has no solution to the problem of Midland businesses closing, and Midland residents choosing to spend their money in Tiny Township.

When the reeve suggested that Midland go to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and to Tiny Township, to talk about the situation, other members in frustration told him that what he suggested is the same as boundary negotiation.

Steering Committee for Boundary Negotiation chairman Alderman Ian Ross estimated the cost of objecting to the zoning change, to allow a service station and repair bay to be built at the top of Hugel Avenue, to be \$75,000 to \$100,000. In order to object to the zoning change, the town would need the backing of expensive en-

vironmental study.

The same environmental study will be commissioned if the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing says that boundary negotiation can proceed. The cost, however, to Midland would be closer to \$25,000, Alderman Ross estimated.

As well, the Ontario Municipal Board will not delay the zoning hearing set for Nov. 15 and 16. Midland asked for a postponement, hoping that approval for boundary negotiation will be given in the near future.

During a break in the council meeting, Alderman Ross said a refusal by the Minister to approve boundary negotiation would be the end. Midland's only means of objecting to development it did not like on its border would be to go to the Ontario Municipal Board, and going to the Ontario Municipal Board is expensive, the alderman said. He could not see how the Minister could refuse the town's request for boundary negotiation.

Midland's attempt to add to itself the township's commercial strip began 3½ years ago during the administration of Mayor Moreland Lynn. The town asked for permission to negotiate a boundary change one year ago.

The council agreed that development at the top of Hugel Avenue will be a potential danger to the purity of the water in one of the town's main wells, also at that location.

Midland can service the commercial strip as money allows, Deputy-reeve Claude Buck said.

Midland is committed to building sewers and storm water drains, and the township is not. In the last 10 years on the Tiny Township side of the border with Midland a town has been built in a rural township, he said.

Midland is stuck with the cost of repairing Hugel Avenue, the road used by Midland's 12,000 residents to get to Tiny Township to spend their money, the deputy-reeve said. When Hugel Avenue is repaired, the cost will be borne by the

businesses which remain in the town.

Adding Tiny Township to the township's

commercial strip will not be a revenue wind-

fall for the town, Reeve Day warned. Half of the

\$1 million taxes collected in a year

would go to the school boards, he said.

Legion activity

by ALEX HUTTON

I am pleased to report that Royal Canada Legion Branch 262, Elmvale, has resumed its Fall and Winter programme of progressive euchre

parties on Monday nights at the branch.

Last Monday night saw the first party get underway. There were eight tables with many of our local senior citizens participating.

This Saturday Ace the Pace is back. This first fall dance will feature country and western music. He's got a great selection to play. Admission is \$3 per couple and dance time is 9 p.m. So get your

cowboy boots on and come on out. Bring your own snack.

Bingo is as usual on Thursday night at 7:30 p.m.

Details of Remembrance Day activities will be announced.

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