



Solicitor General recognizes Penetang man's work

If you live in Penetanguishene, you may recall being visited last summer by one of three summer students who worked for the Penetanguishene Police Department from May to August to launch the Block Parent program in the community. The group's team leader, Peter Juneau, a 21-year-old graduate of the Law and Security program at Georgian College, was recognized for his community service work Nov. 5 by the top law enforcement official in Ontario, Solicitor General George Taylor.

Juneau received the Solicitor General's Crime Prevention Award along with 13 others nominated from southern Ontario. It was presented in Toronto during Crime Prevention Week, which was held last week. Juneau was nominated by Penetanguishene Police Chief Robert Cummings, his former boss, friend and mentor.

As a result of the team's legwork, the Block Parent program is now established in Penetanguishene. Across the community, there are 680 volunteers who now serve as Block Parents, providing a watchful, protective eye over the town's children. Juneau's partners last summer were Tim Rudd and Nickolas Sklar. Juneau is well along on his quest to become a police officer. The other two are completing the Law and Security program.

Right now, Juneau is still taking physiotherapy after an operation on a troublesome shoulder. The therapy ends in December. Juneau passed tests required for all prospective police cadets. He was advised to have the shoulder problem corrected and, now that it is nearly taken care of, he hopes to enter the Ontario Police College in Aylemer next year. He comes highly recommended by the Penetang police chief.

"I felt Peter had done a masterful job in setting up the program," the chief said. "I felt he deserved some recognition for his efforts this summer." He cited the way Juneau carried out planning for

Block Parents and establishing personal contact when the three visited every home in Penetang to explain what they were trying to do. A committee of Penetang citizens now oversees for running of the Block Parent program. The chief noted that had the job of establishing the program been left to members of the force it would have been many more months before Block Parents was established here.

Yesterday at the police station, Juneau described his summer work as "a remarkable opportunity to put forward your own ideas, using the training received at college." "It gave us an insight into what police work is all about," Juneau said. He wanted to become a police officer because he is interested in helping other people.

Chief Cummings said: "I'm confident he will be an asset to any police force."



Remembering the fallen

Canada's war dead were remembered on Sunday, November 11, Remembrance Day, in gloomy wet weather in Penetanguishene. Members of the Royal

Canadian Legion Branch (68) honoured the fallen in a simple ceremony at the Penetanguishene Cenotaph in a scene repeated in thousands of cities, towns and

villages across Canada, shortly after 11 p.m. Residents of Penetanguishene witnessed the ceremony and Legion parade in a bone-chilling cold.



Young generation

Among those who witnessed Remembrance Day ceremonies at the

Penetanguishene cenotaph on Sunday morning were Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Guides and Brownies from Penetanguishene.

Tribal rep accepting feds' plans

by PAUL SANDERSON

While Canada's National Native leaders are publically expressing disappointment over the new Federal Government's Throne Speech, the executive director of the Georgian Bay Tribal Council Roger Jackson has accepted the Tories' plans and is now busily preparing for the Federal-Provincial First Ministers' Conference on Aboriginal Rights in Ottawa next March.

Jackson believes, the national leaders, who were upset over the government's failure to address specific native issues in the speech, may have missed the encouraging over-all thrust of the Conservatives' position.

After reviewing several times a video tape he made of the Throne Speech, Jackson is content the new government has re-affirmed the agenda of First Ministers' Conferences scheduled annually until 1986, originated by the previous Liberal Government.

Although Canadian Native Peoples are comprised of three distinct groups, Status Indians, Inuit, and Metis and Non-Status Indians, each with a unique set of concerns and problems, Jackson claims, governments always tend to consider them as one homogeneous group called aboriginal peoples.

When he attends the March conference, with the three local chiefs from Parry Island, Rama, and Christian Island Reserves, Jackson intends to make a point of addressing agenda items separately to each of the three native peoples' categories.

The issues of the entrenchment of Native Peoples' rights in the Constitution, Indian self-government, and the laws pertaining to band members, among others, will be discussed at the next First Ministers' Conference.

Despite a history of in-fighting at previous constitutional conferences, the leaders of Canada's National Native organizations have pledged to present a united front at next year's talks.

O'Hara replacement likely on council in December

A new councillor will likely be sworn in in Penetanguishene December 17, Penetanguishene clerk-

administrator Yvon Gagne predicts. John O'Hara attended his last municipal caucus meeting Monday

night. He resigned from council to become the new secretary-manager of the Huronia Airport Commission.

Centre running out of money

Contact Information Centre receives about 10,000 telephone calls a year from Huronia residents inquiring about that community services are available in Midland, Penetanguishene and other centres in north Simcoe County.

Contact says it is running out of money to operate the centre located in Edwards Village Mall in Midland and "needs emergency funding."

Contact is one of over 60 general information offices operating in Ontario. It offers free information and referrals to persons inquiring about such things as meals-on-wheels for the elderly, child care, consumer problems, pensions, service clubs, legal services, education facilities, lodging, and other community services. It has operated for 11 years. "The existence of the Centre over the

past 11 years indicates the need for the continuation of these services, especially in an area with a high senior citizen, single parent, and unemployment ratio," an information sheet from the centre states.

Contact receives a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture for just under \$10,000. In the last fiscal year, the federal government provided about \$6,500 and the Town of Midland provided \$6,000.

Penetanguishene donated \$100 to its operation. Two are hired full-time at the centre. Contact needs \$15,000 over the next six months to fill basic operating requirements, it says.

Community groups and individuals interested in getting more information about Contact and its operations are encouraged to call the centre or drop by the Edwards Mall.