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Tiny wants new well in service

by MICHELE GOUETT

Tiny Township will now be demanding that the Ministry of the Environment stop putting off the turning on of the new water system in Perkinsfield.

At last week's meeting of the council, Wednesday afternoon, the five member council passed a resolution to send a letter to the ministry demanding that the new well be used.

According to Tiny Reeve Morris Darby, at the advice of only a very few Perkinsfield residents the ministry has delayed changing over the water system to the new well that has been ready for use for some time.

Tiny Township Deputy-reeve Dr. Peter Brasher said after the well had been completed the ministry and a Niagara Falls, New York based researcher did some tests on the water to determine whether the water supply was safe to drink.

According to Brasher, although the ministry of the Environment was satisfied with the results of their own testing, the report from Advanced Environmental Systems (AES) in Niagara Falls showed conflicting results and a number of the ratepayers asked the ministry to look further into the water before the new system was turned on.

At the request of the ratepayers the ministry, AES, and another laboratory in Ottawa, Beaks Laboratories, have conducted further tests on the well.

According to Brasher, the results of the test were to be in the possession of the township prior to the Nov. 12 municipal

election. At the present, Tiny has received the results of the tests from the ministry and the Beaks Laboratories but are still awaiting results from the New York firm.

Brasher says he can not understand why the ministry is waiting for the results from the U.S. when the results of the two Ontario reports show no unacceptable levels of toxins or heavy metal in the water.

According to Brasher, the only chemical found in the water at a higher level than the norm, is manganese. Although it is higher than recommended, Brasher says a person would have to drink gallons of water, and not just a few glasses, a day before it would reach a toxic level causing damage to a person.

Even though Brasher says members of the community who are against the use of the well are arguing that this high level of manganese is harmful, Brasher quoted medical documents showing that manganese was an important element needed in the body for certain enzymes to function properly.

Reeve Morris Darby said council and a number of the 100 residents in Perkinsfield who will be affected by the new water system are fed up with waiting for the Ministry to give approval to the new system.

Brasher added he can't see why the Ministry would even wait for the American results when the top laboratory, Beaks, in the province is giving the go ahead to the well. As a result of the pressure put on the Ministry by the township, the council hopes to have the new well in operation as soon as possible.



It's me with Santa!

Little Michael Dubeau is shown with you know who from the North Pole. Santa was on hand, Sunday afternoon, at Penetanguishene fire hall for the

annual volunteer firefighters association Christmas (kiddies) party.



Penetang residents take the oath

Georgian College Law and Security students Julian Melynk (left) and Brad Pearsoll (centre) took the oath of secrecy in front of Penetang Police Chief Robert Cummings in the Chief's of-

fice, Thursday morning. The two will be getting some hands-on experience at the police station this week.

-Photo by Michele Gouett

First meeting 'round corner

Penetanguishene's lawmakers will hold their first full session of the new council on Monday night in the council chambers of the Municipal offices at 7:30 p.m.

This is the first meeting since the new nine member council of Mayor Ron Bellisle, Reeve Art Stewart, Deputy-reeve Frances St. Amant, Councillors Ray Baker, Bob Cascagnette, Lionel Dion, Don McNee, Bob Sullivan, and Ken Tanahill, were sworn in at the inaugural ceremony last Monday night.

According to the Town's Administrator Yvon Gagne, the agenda for the meeting will not be that large since not all the standing committees of the council have been struck.

The administrator added that because all of the resolutions brought to council come from the recommendations of the standing committees, there will be no new business during the meeting.

The session will consist of the usual paying of the town's accounts with the new members finishing up some business held over from the previous council.

Learning police work

It's called: hands-on training

by MICHELE GOUETT

Penetanguishene residents may have noticed two new faces riding along with members of Penetang's Police Force over the weekend.

The pair, 28-year-old Julian Melynk and 20-year-old Brad Pearsoll, are accompanying officer's from the Penetang force this week to gain some practical experience in police work.

According to Penetanguishene's Police Chief Robert Cummings, the two

second-year Law and Security students at Georgian College in Barrie will not actually take part in official duties of the officers they are assigned to, but will be observing police procedures in the hopes of gaining some insight into actual police work.

The two Penetang residents will put in a total of 128 hours with the local force as part of their course at Georgian.

In a short ceremony in the Chief's office on Thursday morning, Melynk and Pearsoll were sworn in by Cummings, while also taking the "Oath of Secrecy."

Chief Cummings warned the two police hopefuls, that if any information is divulged about police proceedings while they are working with the Penetang force, they can be charged with a breach of secrecy.

Police Chief Cummings said this is not the first time that the Penetang force has taken on students in this manner. In years past, other local law and security students have done their practical experience portion of their course with the town police.

At the end of the week, Police Chief Cummings will be responsible for grading the two students on their performance with the local force which will go on their school record. Cummings also added this grading is very important often potential employers will contact him for information about students who have had work experience with his force.