

Port McNicoll

by
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On Dec. 14 a Christmas party and dance was held for all the municipal employees. It was unfortunate that we had a snow squall, so that all the employees could not be present. Nevertheless, it was a most enjoyable evening. Reeve John Moreau, Nelson Baumgardner and David Travers of the Public Utilities Commission, presented Gordon Duggan with a unique clock (made out of an old electric meter) in recognition of Gord's 25 years of service to the village.

Port McNicoll council held its regular monthly meeting on Dec. 17.

Among the delegates were members of the Anglers and Hunters Club. They wish to purchase a town lot and erect a structure for a club house. Reeve Moreau told them that their request would have to go before the Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, as they will have to give clearance for possible re-zoning and water and sewage hookup. This will be looked into.

Tom Savage wants to see a village sign on the new truck purchased for Parks and Recreation. This will be done.

James Morrison queried the status of Silver Birch Crescent. Reeve Moreau will be speaking to engineer

Port McNicoll fire confined to one bedroom

Damage estimates may go over \$2,000 following a Saturday afternoon fire in the bedroom of a Port McNicoll home.

Volunteer firefighters rushed to 468 Haye's Ave., at 5:20 p.m. to find twin beds and a clothes hamper burning fiercely.

Fire Chief Gord Duggan has identified a portable electric baseboard heater as the source of the fire.

Peter Smith and water line maps will be checked. Accounts totalling \$174,025.43 were okayed for payment.

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be held in the Community Centre on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help, please plan on attending. They need help with broomball and basketball. Ross Cameron completed the drafting of the revisions to the Community Centre guidelines.

Pat Armstrong was

congratulated for being elected the new vice-chairman of the North Simcoe Waste Management Association, and also chairman of the recycling program. Reeve John Moreau will be available as his alternate.

Reg Quesnelle requested that I remind everyone of bylaw 571 which restricts parking of vehicles on streets within the village between midnight and 7 a.m. A \$5 fine will be issued for the first offence. Towing charges will be added if there is

a second offence. This bylaw is to facilitate the removal of snow from our roads. Our cooperation will be appreciated.

There will be an advertisement posted for new members to join the Library Board. Anyone interested - contact the village office.

A \$50 donation was sent to St. John Ambulance by way of thanks.

Several names were put forward in a discussion about the Outstanding Achievement Awards

program. This is yet to be decided.

I wish to thank all of the people within the village who have come forward with news about the many happenings here. Due to illness within my family, I will not be doing this column for a while.

However, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Christmas Day fire

There were no injuries, but a Christmas Day fire has left five people homeless on Christian Island.

The single storey frame house is still standing, and it may be repairable, but the interior and contents were completely destroyed by fire while Faith Marsden and the others were out visiting around 5 p.m. on Dec. 25.

Band Office spokesman Alfred Monague reports, a wood stove is the suspected source of the blaze.

With the help of family and friends, Marsden has been able to continue with her well known duties as superintendent of the Island's Day Care Centre and organizer of many other important recreational activities.



Christmas Day stocking stuffer

This year the stork delivered Tim and April Whitehead of Midland their Christmas present instead of Santa Claus. Proud mom April, shows off her little bundle of joy, Stacey Robin Whitehead, born shortly before 7 a.m.

Christmas morning at Huronia District Hospital. The Whitehead's first child, a bouncing baby girl weighing 7 lbs., 3oz. was the only Christmas baby born in the area.

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