

General insurance increase means \$43,138 jump for town

by MICHELE GOUETT
The Town of

Penetanguishene will be facing an increase of over \$40,000 in its insurance premium when its 1986 policy comes due in May.

According to Penetang Treasurer Shirley Bellehumeur, after contacting the town's insurance broker Wayne Erdelac of the Frank Cowan Company, the broker estimated the municipality's premium would jump \$43,138 this year to \$90,577.

Although the increase is quite high, Bellehumeur said the boost in the rates is being felt right across the board and not just in

Penetang.

Bellehumeur explained the substantial change in the premiums is a result of the large court awards in liability suits that have affected the insurance industry tremendously.

In the estimates received by the treasurer for the town, a large portion of the \$43,138 climb is for liability coverage, which has tripled from \$15,708 in 1985 to \$47,806 for this year's policy.

Because of the lack of municipal insurance brokers in the area, Bellehumeur said she could not foresee the council tendering the insurance contract.

"We are best to stay put," said Bellehumeur, "Frank Cowan is one of the best municipal insurers in the business."

Although the treasurer has looked into the increases, council will not deal with the jump until getting down to budget

in the spring.

According to Bellehumeur, the taxpayer will have to make up for some of the jump with increased taxation. She added that most of the increase would be covered in the town's capital expenditure.

"The increase will affect taxes to some extent," said the town's treasurer, "but not to the extent that the premiums increased."



A chop off the old block

Eight-year-old Jeremy Kasper (right) was among the 30 admirers of martial arts master Wally Platt (left) on hand at Kasper's Goju Ryu on Saturday afternoon. Platt, a Canadian karate

champion, visited Penetang to give a two hour seminar on the techniques, as well as the philosophies, of the ancient art of self-defence.

Politicians unenthusiastic on riding boundary change

by MICHELE GOUETT

A proposal to change the provincial electoral boundaries is not getting a lot of support from local politicians.

At the present time, the Liberal government is looking into revising the boundaries, to create five more provincial ridings, in the hope of making equal by population the areas governed by the provincial MPPs.

Locally, Penetanguishene, and Tiny and Flos Townships, would be removed from Simcoe Centre riding and placed in part of Simcoe East riding, forming a new electoral riding called Simcoe North.

Although Simcoe Centre MPP Earl Rowe says the changes would alleviate some work for him, he adds that he would not want to see the boundaries altered, unless he was sure the constituents he was losing were as well served as they have been in the past, and that the move was not creating more hardship

for any member who would have his riding size increased.

Basically, with the proposed change, the three municipalities to the north of Elmvalle that are served by Rowe would be under the jurisdiction of MPP Allan McLean, significantly cutting down the riding he describes as 90 miles long and at some points 35 miles wide.

The MPP said that although the proposal was brought before the members of the Legislature in the fall, it could be some time before the Legislature passes a bill.

According to Rowe, as of last week there was nothing on the agenda for the next sitting of the Legislature dealing with this matter.

Penetanguishene Mayor Ron Bellisle says the changes would have no great significance on Penetang, since the representation for the riding would be in the south end in the new riding, as it is under the present boundaries.

Penetang Reeve Art

Stewart agreed with Bellisle, adding that proposals that were put forth years ago dealing with boundary changes would be more beneficial to the municipalities in question.

According to Stewart, earlier plans for boundaries saw a whole new riding being created, taking in from Wasaga Beach, Tiny, Flos, Midland, Penetanguishene, over to Coldwater to the east.

"The changes are not improving anything; instead of being in with Barrie, we would be in with Orillia," says Stewart.

"We have nothing in common with a city when it comes to representation. A

representative could relate better to three towns and a number of townships rather than having a city in there too."

Tiny Township Reeve Morris Darby says he doesn't think such a move would better serve the people of his township.

Darby says he is concerned for the people, adding that if anyone can show him how Tiny would benefit from the move, he would support the idea.

Although there has been some discussion in the Legislature about the proposal, it is believed that it will not be brought before the members for a vote for at least another three months.

Another \$100 bill this weekend

Holders of Penetanguishene Winterama '86 souvenir buttons have another chance this weekend to be the lucky winner of a crisp \$100 bill.

Saturday night's draw in Royal Canadian Legion Branch 68 is the second of two early bird draws being made, before the grand prize of \$1,000 is drawn during the Winterama festivities.

Buttons can be picked up from most retailers in Penetang, or from members of the Huronia Quota Club, for \$2.

The final draw will be made on Feb. 15.

Penetang couple win bridge game

by M (PETER) SHAW
The Midland YMCA was the setting on the evening of Jan. 15 for a very enjoyable progressive contract bridge game, held in

conjunction with Winterfest. The top scores were swept by players from Penetanguishene, with Beatrice and Romeo Quesnel winning the championship trophy,

with +2,240 points; and Johanne and Milton Cameron winning the runners-up trophy with 1,950.

The winning pairs

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Dump mediation meeting moves to Toronto

Members of the North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA), along with Tiny Township Council, will be heading to Toronto at the end of the month for a mediation meeting with arbitrator Michel Picher.

At the request of Tiny and the NSWMA, Picher called the meeting in the hope of bringing the two factions closer together on Association matters.

In a letter to NSWMA secretary Yvon Gagne, Picher stated the purpose of the

meeting is "to bring all of the elected members up to date and to permit further discussion, involving both the consultants and legal counsel of the members of the NSWMA, including Tiny Township, respecting the alternative courses available in furtherance of the Environmental Assessment Process."

Presently, the NSWMA and Tiny Township are at odds over the replacement site for the Pauze landfill site that has been slated by the Ministry of the Environment to be closed by

October of 1987.

Although Tiny is a member of the association, it has spoken out strongly, as a council, against the Association's purpose to use a parcel of land in the southern part of the municipality that is owned by Wayne Johnson.

Last month Tiny released a report to the Association in opposition to the proposal for a second landfill site to be placed within the township.

Tiny has openly favoured the use of the 80

acres of unused land that is adjacent to the present dump site in Perkinsfield.

Another area of dissension between the two sides is the lack of financial support by Tiny for its share of the Association's 1985 budget.

According to Gagne, the Tiny Council is \$55,156 in arrears for last year's payment.

Although the agenda has not been set, Gagne says these matters will probably be put to the table for discussion when they meet on Jan. 31, at 9:30 a.m. in the Prince Hotel.