

# Water will flow

Tiny Township Council has cleared the way for water to flow in the whole Georgian Sands subdivision.

According to Executive Secretary Marie Cousineau, at last Wednesday's meeting, council instructed their consultant, Ron Robinson, to go ahead with all the paper necessary for the expansion of the water system in the subdivision to commence.

The project, under the Local Improvement Program, would see all of the lots in the subdivision fully serviced.

Although the plan is proposed in three stages, Cousineau said the council has given their approval for the first phase which

would see the upgrading of the water mains on the already serviced lots in the subdivision and the modification of the three wells that supply the water.

Although council has instructed Robinson to start going through the proper channels to get all of the approval necessary from various agencies, notices of the work and the announcement of a public meeting are being sent out to all the lot owners in the subdivision.

Cousineau said under the program, 50 percent of the owners in the subdivision must approve the plans before any of the work can be started. If the meeting scheduled for May 24 at the Municipal

Offices gets the taxpayers' approval it will probably be another year before the actual work on the system is started.

Objections to the plan must be received by the township by June 30, or the complaints will not be registered.

Out of the \$669,000 cost for the project, the township will pick up \$85,000 of the tab with the remaining \$584,000 being paid by the owners.

The charge to an average size lot owner will be \$2,800 in a lump sum or \$530 over the next ten years, according to Cousineau.

Cousineau added the final stages of the project could be another two or three years away.

## NSWMA's April meeting set for next Tuesday

Members of the North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA) will gather in Penetanguishene next week for their first session in two months.

The association cancelled their March meeting, pending the arrival of three documents requested by Tiny Township council and provincial arbitrator Michel Picher at a Jan. 31 mediation meeting in Toronto between the NSWMA and Tiny council. The three reports, a study on the

feasibility of engineering a landfill site in Perkinsfield next to the existing Pauze site, a study on Energy from Waste, and a report on the process used in evaluating the sites, along with a short list of reasonable alternatives to site 41, were to be in the hands of the mediator by March 15.

April's meeting of the representatives from the six municipalities will be next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the council Chambers of the Municipal Office.



### MPP stops for chat

Simcoe Centre MPP Earl Rowe (right) took time out of his hectic schedule last Wednesday to lunch with the North Simcoe Progressive Conservative Association Secretary Anita

Dubeau (left). Rowe was in Midland for a radio talk show on CKMP's Coffee Club and the taping of a half hour interview at MacLean Hunter TV Cable Six.

## Campaign support fantastic

Support for the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre's membership campaign and fundraising drive has been "fantastic," campaign workers report.

During their second week on the phones for the Wye Marsh, campaigners raised over \$3,000, nearly \$1,000 more than the first week's total. They are particularly proud of having raised \$1,085 in one evening.

Irene Desroches, campaign team manager, says the improvement is due partly to the team's growing confidence and partly to an increased public awareness of the campaign. "Word's getting around," she says, and team member Lori Hebner adds, "Quite a few people say they were waiting for us to call."

The campaigners admit they were apprehensive at first, because telephone campaigns are unusual in Simcoe County; however, the reception has been warm. "The grumps are few and far between," says Peggy Hattenborough. "Most are extremely nice people."

Mary Thysell says that she's been surprised at the number of local people who have enjoyed programs and activities at the Wye Marsh and are consequently "very supportive" of the Centre's bid for funds.

"People are generally very aware of what we're trying to do at the Wye Marsh," confirms Irene Desroches.

One exception is a lack of awareness of the Centre's winter programs, understandable because this is the first year the Centre has offered snowshoe hikes, cross-country skiing, guided nature walks, films and activities every weekend.

Parents, especially single parents, are among the most supportive, says Mary Thysell. "They want a safe, healthy place for their kids to go,

activities that don't cost much - just what the Wye Marsh offers."

Many people contacted in the campaign are worried about issues such as water pollution, garbage dumps, road salting and dwindling wildlife. Seniors are particularly concerned, as they remember the "good old days" of a clean environment and plentiful wildlife, and are happy to support conservation. Pensioners usually can't afford large pledges, but will often send a gift in memory of a deceased husband or wife who was a nature lover, adds Hebner.

One 82-year-old gentleman had a special request - he was looking for someone to go cross-country skiing with him! His wish will be granted - the campaign teams plans to ask Bridget Laurin, the Marsh's leading wildlife interpreter, to give this new Friend of the Wye Marsh a special, guided ski tour of the winter trails.

The campaign team makes an average of 350 calls each evening, but gets through to only half of those called. During the day, the team is busy sending out follow-up letters to those they missed as well as thank-you letters and pledge cards to those who promise support.

One supporter was so enthusiastic that he brought his cheque out to the Centre on the evening he was called; others are slower sending in their pledges.

"We're so enthusiastic and fired up that we hope people will send in their pledges quickly, to keep the ball rolling," says Hattenborough.

The team expects to complete their calls in the Port McNicoll and Victoria Harbour area by week's end and then move on to other Simcoe County communities, where people are waiting for a call and a chance to help the Wye Wildlife Centre.



### Fanfare at Le Caron

Don't miss the action at Ecole Secondaire Le Caron this evening at 7:30 p.m. It's the second and final night of the school's variety production "Au bout de tout". This bevy of masked beauties (from top to bottom) Carrie Reid, Chantal Cote, Lisa Dorion, Karen Borley, Claire

Marchildon, and Sara Marion, will be taking to the stage this evening, along with over 50 other students from the school. Tickets for the performance are still available and are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors.

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## Lottery fever strikes

Lottery fanatics are making a real go of the Penetanguishene Centre D'Activites Francaises latest endeavour to raise money for activities at the centre.

According to Director Frances Picard, about 200 of the 300 packages of lottery tickets have been sold to date.

Those interested in getting in on the 12-month lottery have less than two weeks left to get their year's worth of tickets.

Tickets are purchased in books of 12 with each having a cost of \$10, or \$120 for the whole year.

Picard says the tickets can be purchased in a lump sum or with post dated cheques.

The draws for a grand prize each month of \$1,000 will start April 4, and run every first Friday of the month after that.

Picard says anyone who wants a ticket, should get them now because the closing date for getting tickets is Apr. 3.

If this year's lottery is a success, Picard added she will look into continuing this as a fundraiser for the centre.

For tickets or information call Picard at 549-3116.