



Dig in

Ryan Warnock filled up on spaghetti in St. John's United Church in Victoria Harbour Saturday evening. The annual Spaghetti Dinner was held to raise funds for the church.

High water threatens area

About 50 beachfront residents in the Bluewater Beach area are experiencing the effects of one of nature's most powerful forces.

The steadily rising water levels are eroding almost all of the beach and, in many cases, are breaking down cement breakwalls originally installed to stop the waves of a high wind or storm.

Ministry of Natural Resources Regional Engineer Tom Kurtz says the erosion problem along the shoreline of Georgian Bay is becoming quite severe.

The waterfronts are all suffering from the rise in the water level and according to Kurtz, the Bluewater Beach area is the worst he has seen so far.

The Ministry is offering a special financial assistance program to aid beachfront property owners. The assistance is available from township offices at an interest rate of eight per cent repayable over a period of 10 years through taxes. The assistance program offers \$500 per shoreline metre of breakwall.

Coastal engineer Robert Nairn of Philpott Engineering Consultants, specializ-

ing in coastal engineering, says a banked breakwall made of fieldstone would probably be the most suitable manner of eliminating the erosion.

Nairn and his associates have been studying wave charts dating back over the past 20 years to try and determine the most suitable breakwater, how high it should be built, what angle and if a vertical wall will be needed in addition to the angled sloped wall.

Bluewater Beach residents Ike and Florence Brock are property owners being affected by the high water levels.

The Brocks say when they moved into their home in 1971 there was 150 feet of beach. Now 18 inches of water rests at the foot of their broken and crumbling break water.

Many of the shoreline residences show damage from the high water waves. The latest fear for the Brocks is the possibility of losing their well, situated about one metre behind a crumbling cement wall.

"The rising water levels will probably get to our home sooner or later if nothing is done to stop the water," say the Brocks. "It's even decreasing our

Bridge lessons for joy of it

People who are interested in learning to play bridge, and those who have some knowledge of the game, can take bridge lessons in the Midland YMCA.

Bridge is being taught by a local Joy of Bridge Club

representative.

"You can use this opportunity to sharpen your skills before the World Bridge Event sanctioned in Midland on June 14". For more information, telephone 526-9190 or 526-7828.

NSWMA looking for \$29,000

Although North Simcoe's Recycling Program has received \$46,000 from the Ministry of the Environment for the operations in their first quarter of the program, the Recycling Committee is still waiting word on whether or not they will receive another \$29,000 to cover their deficit.

According to Recycling Manager, Anne Desroches, the \$46,000, which was originally budgeted by the Ministry for the program, was received last week.

At the last meeting of the NSWMA Recycling Committee Chairman, Pat Armstrong told the members of

the association the deficit was a result of poorer collections and resale of recyclable garbage than originally anticipated when the budget was drawn up last fall.

Although the Ministry guaranteed the local program would be given \$46,000, the agreement between the two parties was any additional expenses would be reviewed by the Ministry and if the money was available the local program would be reimbursed.

Armstrong said yesterday he was confident that something would be coming

soon from the Ministry. The money comes at a time when the committee is waiting a decision from the Ministry on the programs 1986 budget.

A \$126,138 proposal has been given to the Ministry for this year's expenses.

This figure, Armstrong

told the NSWMA, was more realistic looking at the actual amount of recyclable materials that have been collected since the program started last October.

A decision from the Ministry is expected within the next few weeks, according to Armstrong.

Special invitation

The Midland Horticultural Society has issued a special invitation to the Friends of Sainte-Marie to attend meeting on May 26. Helen Skinner of the Toronto Garden Club, and

Century Home Magazine's garden department, will talk about early Canadian gardens.

That meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Calvary Baptist Church.

Tips for cycling

Each year the leisure sport of bicycling becomes increasingly popular. For parents this may mean taking young children along for the ride, but the danger of their falling off and injuring themselves is always there.

The addition of a child carrier can create a change in the load distribution and affect steering. So try practising with a similar weight load to get the feel of the bicycle before taking your child with you.

To ensure a safe ride for your child:

- make sure the child's weight is not greater than the manufacturer's recommended load;
- look for a seat with good safety straps that can-

not be released by the child and that prevent him from making unexpected moves;

- use seats that provide adequate foot protection;
- select a seat with a high back and side supports that prevent the child from swinging;

- ensure the seat is well-fastened to the bicycle frame. It should be solid and rigid enough to withstand swaying;

- consider the use of protective head gear. A suitable helmet will minimize head injury in case of a fall or an accident.

People of all ages sustain injuries while riding bicycles. The number one reason is a simple neglect of the rules of the road. All cyclists must take proper care and precautions and those with small children should be especially careful.

Know and observe all traffic rules. It's the first step for a safe and enjoyable ride for you and your child.

Since add-on carriers are not legal under the Highway code of most provinces, check with Provincial Authorities before using a carrier on the roadways.

PUBLIC NOTICE

North Simcoe Waste Management Association
Waste Management Program

A report entitled "Environmental Assessment, Phase 1 - Draft, Response to Comments" is now available for public information.

It contains copies of all comments received on Phase 1 of the Environmental Assessment during the review period which ended mid-December 1985. In addition, responses to these comments together with certain conclusions and recommendations have been provided.

The report can be examined at either the Municipal Office or Library in Midland, Penetanguishene, Port McNicoll, Victoria Harbour, Tay Township and Tiny Township.

For more information contact the Association Secretary, Mr. Y.A. Gagne, Penetanguishene Municipal Building, 10 Robert Street West, Penetanguishene, Ontario L0K 1P0. Telephone (705) 549-7453.

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