

## Council meets

Tiny Township council will hold their final September meeting tomorrow at the Town offices on Balm Beach Road.

The public session begins at 10 a.m.

This will be the final council session for Councillor Harry Hunt who submitted his resignation to Township officials last month at a special meeting.

## Count down

It took officials at the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce office at the Town Dock almost five months to count to the number 10,000.

Last Wednesday morning the office staff greeted their 10,000 guests of the season.

According to Chamber Secretary Joyce Sauve, Michael Croft was the 10,000th visitor to the Information Centre since the doors opened to the public on May 17 of this year.

This year's total is a substantial increase over previous years.

Last year 7,667 visitors made their way to the Chamber's kiosk on the Town Dock.

## Celebration

The administration and staff at the Penetanguishene General Hospital (PGH) are gearing up for another festivity to mark the institution's birthday.

PGH will be holding another 75th anniversary celebration on Saturday, October 25. All present and past employees, volunteers and associates of the hospital are invited to call 549-7431 for future details.

## Housing on hold

Before developers in the Tannery Cove Subdivision along the waterfront in Penetanguishene can commence with plans to build multiple family dwellings just north of Grew Boats, environmental concerns will have to be addressed.

At last Monday evening's Planning Advisory Committee meeting, the Town's Planning Administrator Paul Hodgins gave an update on the request by developers for rezoning of the old Norse Boat property to allow for the construction of condominiums and townhouses.

Hodgins, who has written to various government ministries concerning emissions of chemicals into the air from the fibreglass plant at Grew Boats, said they are looking for some sort of regulation governing this problem.

Hodgins added it isn't just a matter of being potentially hazardous to someone's health but whether people would actually move into the area because of the strong odours in the atmosphere near the plant.

Hodgins explained when the proposal for the subdivision was first approved by council, the Norse Boats Works building acted as a buffer area between Grew Boats and the new subdivision. With the tearing down of the buildings there is nothing to separate the two areas.

Before PAC will approve the developers rezoning request from Commercial Marine classification to a Neighbourhood Residential designation they will have to find out exactly what the government's stipulations are on how far a residence must be located away from such a manufacturing plant, according to Hodgins.

# Council gets approval

The Town of Penetanguishene made the move last night, that the North Simcoe Arts Council (NSAC) was waiting for before going ahead with a proposal for an arts complex to be constructed on the Town's waterfront.

At last night's open Town council session, Penetang officials gave their seal of approval to donating a parcel of land to the NSAC to house their proposed arts centre.

NSAC President Kamran Khozan first went before council at a caucus session two weeks

ago and was given their approval in principle to a proposal for the creation of a centre that would house a theatre/music hall, workshops, a public library and museum.

Penetanguishene Mayor Ron Bellisle told the council during their discussions that the motion passed by council on the recommendation of the Town's Arena, Parks and Recreation Board, would show the arts council their intention to donate the land, so NSAC officials could go ahead and hire all the necessary people to start getting the pro-

ject off the ground.

Bellisle said he was pleased with the publicity the Town had received since the announcement of the proposal, adding, "it has certainly put the Town of Penetanguishene on the map."

Although the council has agreed to donate the site for the arts complex and convention centre, the arts council and the Town have yet to determine the location and the amount of land necessary.

The exact dimensions of the centre and size of the parcel of land needed will be determined by the arts council through a scientifically conducted feasibility study regarding the seating capacity of the centre.



## #10,000

Michael Croft (right) of London, Ontario got a real surprise Wednesday morning when he visited the Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce's Office on the Town Dock. Chamber Secretary Joyce Sauve had a very

special welcome for the visitor. Croft was the 10,000th person to make their way into the information centre since the doors opened in May.

## Dock work

After the Federal government has already subsidized the Town of Penetanguishene over \$14,000 worth of work on the Town Docks, the Arena, Parks and Recreation Board have agreed to spend even more money on the harbour facilities this year.

At last Wednesday evening's meeting of the Board, members decided to take a portion of the money that has come from the Smallcraft Harbour Ministry and finish repairing the Town Docks.

According to Board Secretary Ron Marchildon, the \$14,000 already spent covered repairs and relocation of the floating docks, new anchors for the docks and repairs to some areas of the breakwall.

The Board is presently awaiting reimbursement for the expenditure from the government to cover the work already completed and once it arrives will be put towards the repairs to the T-docks, explained Marchildon.

Marchildon told members of the board Wednesday, the T-docks have to be repaired because of the potential hazard with some of the timbers being in bad shape.

The board secretary said the group decided to pick up the tab on the further renovations since they couldn't see the federal government giving the Town any more money next year for dock repairs in Penetang.

Marchildon explained the Town will not be picking up the tab, as the money will come from revenues from the operation of the harbour.

# Local man is appointed head of group

Officials from Simcoe County Council announced last week that one of their employees had been elected as President of the Ontario Association of Homes for the Aged.

In a press release, Chairman of Simcoe County Council's Social and Family Services Committee Eldon Bell, announced that Administrator of the Georgian Manor, Bob Morton, had been chosen to head the province-wide organization.

In an interview yesterday morning, Morton, administrator at the Penetanguishene home for the past seven years, said he was happy about his appointment as head of the association that represents non-profit providers of accommodations and service to over 30,000 seniors and community services for many thousands more in the province.

"It is exciting that a little guy from a place like Penetang can be the head of such a vital and vibrant organization," said Morton.

The 38-year-old administrator, director of personnel at the Huronia District Hospital

prior to his appointment at the Manor, has spent the last year preparing for his one-year tenure as president, holding the position of president-elect with the association.

Morton said he is prepared to spend an average of two days a week on association matters that could take him to meetings at the head office in Toronto or to various parts of the province visiting different regions.

The Tay Township resident said he is look-

ing forward to his year, adding he is looking at the appointment as a learning experience.

In his inaugural address last Tuesday at the association's Annual Meeting and Conference in Hamilton, Morton addressed the 1,200 delegates on hand, outlining the association's role in assisting the government to develop the appropriate mechanisms and legislation to provide health and social services for Ontario's elderly.

# Hospital to release plan

Officials at the Penetanguishene General Hospital (PGH) are preparing to release a strategic plan for the institution in the new year.

According to Assistant Executive Director Doris Shirriff, the plan which is currently being completed will be an extensive evaluation of the hospital's services which will include recommendations for possible expansion or improvement of the facility.

Shirriff said the Board of Directors started the undertaking in January of 1985 with the

development of a Mission Statement for the 75-year-old hospital.

In June of this year an extensive study of the services available at PGH, services needed by the community and possible developments was completed and now 12 different alternatives for the hospital are being examined.

Shirriff would not release any details on possible areas of change that will be dealt with in the report that will be made public early in 1987.