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Rescheduled

The second meeting of Tiny Township council, that was originally slated for Oct. 29, has been moved ahead to meet the councillors busy schedules.

Council's second monthly session will be held on Oct. 23 in the council chambers of the Municipal Offices on Balm Beach Road.

The public assembly is to begin at 10 a.m.

OMB hearing

Representatives from Tiny Township are preparing for the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing next Monday afternoon that will decide the fate of a proposal of Tiny council to construct a \$650,000 addition to the present Municipal Offices.

Officials from the OMB will be on hand in the council chambers of the Municipal Offices on Balm Beach Road at 1 p.m. on Oct. 20.

An objection to a proposal, that would see the 20-year-old building expanded to sufficiently house all the full-time employees of the township, was laid with the OMB in Toronto by Lafontaine resident Anthony Lancia.

The president of the Tiny Township Ratepayers Association, Lancia, has criticized the municipal officials' proposals for a number of reasons.

Lancia has based his case on the financial burden the addition would have on the taxpayers, the lack of details on the total scope of the proposal, a lack of minutes from council meetings during 1985 and 1986 dealing with council's proposal, the failure on the part of the Township to reveal the cost of the project to the taxpayers over a ten year debenture period and the fact that no public meetings were held by Tiny council to disclose the full proposal to the municipality's ratepayers.

The hearing is open to any interested person who wishes to attend.

Open house

Penetanguishene Fire Chief Ted Light is calling this year's Fire Prevention Week one of the most successful ever.

Light said the turn out from Monday to Thursday at the Fire station was excellent.

"It was about the best we've ever had since I can remember," said the chief.

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Light estimated over 200 area residents went through the station viewing all of the department's equipment.

"A lot of people are surprised to see all the equipment and resources we have," said Light.

Members of the local fire department were on hand at the station on Robert Street W. to greet the public nightly from 7 to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Police report

Penetanguishene Police have charged a Midland resident in connection with a NSF cheque that was cashed in the Town last week.

According to Police, a suspect has been charged with false pretenses after a food premise in the Town was frauded out of \$280.30.

Area FLEC elections set

Over 100 area residents and educators were on hand last Wednesday evening at the Brian Orser Hall in the Penetang Arena for information on the implementing of Bill 75 that was passed by the Legislature earlier this year.

Later this month, French language school supporters will be taking part in an election that will abolish the now existent French Language Advisory Committees (FLAC) of the Simcoe County Board of Education (SCBE) and the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board (SCRCSSB).

The amendment to the Education Act, that provides for the governing of French language education in school boards across the province, calls for the abolishing of the FLAC while calling for the establishment of

a French Language Education Council (FLEC) which will have control over all matters pertaining to the French language schools and instructional unit.

Superintendent of Schools for the SCBE Rod Rankin and Educational Officer for the Ministry of Education Roger Davidson were in attendance at the meeting to explain everything about the legislation, from why it was legislated to who is a French language school supporter.

After explaining why the legislation was brought about Davidson went on by explaining who is entitled to vote in the upcoming elections or who can stand for nomination to the board that are outlined under Section 23 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Under the Canadian Constitution, a French language school supporter entitled to a vote is someone meets one of three qualifications. They are an individual whose first language is French and is still spoken today, has received his or her primary instruction in French in Canada or is a Canadian citizen who has one or more children attending or who has attended a French language institution or one or more French language instructional units.

Davidson, warned a French Language Instructional Unit (FLIU) is a class conducted in the French language and not an immersion course.

In this area the SCBE have chosen to elect three members to the FLEC who will be responsible for the planning and establishing of the FLIU, the administration and closing of FLIU, the admission committee, the planning, establishment, implementation and maintenance of programs and course in the FLIU, the recruitment and assigning of teachers and administrative and supervisory personnel and entering into agreements in respect to the FLIU.

In Simcoe County the SCBE has chosen Oct. 23 for the election of the FLEC. It will be held at St. Joseph's School at 7:30 p.m.

Supporters of the Roman Catholic Separate School Board will have their voting day on Oct. 26, but the location and time have yet to be decided.

Under the present legislation any member of the SCBE or the SCRCSSB could choose to move over the FLEC if they meet the criteria of a French languages school supporter.

Although one member of the SCBE has the qualifications Rankin stated the trustee has not indicated he would do so. On the other hand, SCRCSSB trustee Gabe Marchand has announced he will move over the FLEC of his board.



Fire inspection

This may look like a surprise fire inspection by Midland's Public Satety Committee Chairman Alderman Buzz Brown (left) and his counterpart from Penetang Reeve Art Stewart (centre), but it isn't. Brown and Stewart were just two of the hundreds of area residents who made their way through the Penetang Fire Station to see all the department's equipment. Fireman Tim Stewart (right) had the honours of giving the pair the grand tour during last week's Fire Prevention Week.

Town says bye to angels

After 9:30 a.m. today, visitors to the Town of Penetanguishene will not be greeted to the Town by the familiar sight of the Ontario and Quebec Angels erected in 1921.

The 65-year-old Angels, a gift to the Town from resident Gerald Lehaie, are to be removed from their pedestals along highway 93 so they can be repaired.

According to Heritage Penetanguishene Chairman Michelle Quealey, despite the fact all of the money needed for the repairs has yet to be obtained, the group is going on faith and confidence that they will be able to raise the remainder of the money to cover the cost of the repairs to the Angels that is estimated at \$20,000.

Heritage Penetanguishene is hoping 50 percent of the bill for the restoration will be paid through a government grant, but they have yet to receive word on their request to the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

Quealey added through Tag Days held in

August, private donations and canvassing local businesses, industries and service clubs, the group has already half of the Town's share of the repairs, \$5,000. After completing their canvass, the group is hoping to have all the money necessary without doing a door-to-door blitz of the Town. Final decisions on the funding of the facelift to the two historic statues will be made at the Heritage Penetanguishene meeting on Thursday evening.

The Town has hired metal conservator Craig Johnson of Ottawa to restore the figurines that have been badly damaged over the years.

"If we don't take them down now, they won't come down until next year and then it will be 1988 before we see the angels finished," said Quealey.

The chairman added she hoped the weather holds up to allow the angels to be taken down this morning.

Hall of fame

A committee, led by former Penetanguishene Mayor Vince Moreau, interested in honouring local sporting figures by organizing a Hall of Fame will hold their first formal meeting tomorrow evening.

According to Moreau, the group which includes Mike Dubeau, Ken Tannahill, Paul DeVillers and Gerry Murphy will meet with Penetang Arena Manager Ron Marchildon at the Municipal Offices at 8 p.m.

The former Mayor said the group will be discussing the location of the Hall of Fame and the ways and means of selecting candidates to be honoured in the project.

Moreau, an ardent sports fan, came up with the idea of the Hall of Fame some time ago and has been busy getting approvals

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