

# Hamilton is back on local cable television

After five years, Hamilton television station CHCH is back on the television screens of Maclean Hunter Cable TV Ltd. subscribers.

The independent Canadian television station's signal appeared on local cable subscribers' screens on Channel 14 one week ago.

Particularly pleased are Toronto Maple Leafs hockey team fans. They have missed CHCH's regular broadcasting of Leafs games.

Maclean Hunter recently obtained permission from the Canadian Radio

and Telecommunications Commission to take the CHCH signal from a satellite.

When CHCH was offered here up to five years ago, the signal was received by means of an antenna. The distance between Midland and Hamilton meant that the reception was often poor. At times the signal vanished from viewers' screens.

Five years ago the American Public Broadcasting System channel replaced CHCH here. The Hamilton station signal was dropped because of a large number of unsatisfied

customers, and associated service calls, program manager Frank Myers dropped to make room for CHCH. As well, soon an Ontario Legislature channel, and a French TV Ontario channel will be added to the service available to basic fee customers.

The cable TV premium service offers Much Music, the Life Channel, will be added.

No channels have been First Choice, Nashville, The Sports Network, Super Ecran (French First Choice), and Arts and Entertainment. Next

month a seventh channel, which can be programmed to act as a converter, can receive CHCH. A majority of local subscribers fit a part of that description, he says.

The addition of CHCH will mean a 66 cent a month extra charge to basic fee subscribers.

The CHCH signal is one of eight signals, four Canadian and four American, available by satellite to communities in northern Canada. Only recently were cable companies not in the North permitted to take a particular signal from the satellite.

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## Fire department opposes council

Members of the Victoria Harbour Volunteer Fire Department are petitioning the Village's council opposing the recent proposal by Reeve Bill Varney to abolish the existing committee structure and establish an executive committee made up of the five members of council.

Last Tuesday evening, a delegation from the volunteer fire department, headed by member Robert Larmand, attended the regular council session to voice their dissatisfaction with Reeve Varney's suggestion that would have the department dealing with a five-member executive committee rather than just one councillor.

Larmand, who attended the meeting along with 14 other firefighters, presented a petition containing the names of all of the members of the brigade to the council.

In his deputation, Larmand said since the formation of the volunteer fire department in 1956, it has operated under the present system where all administrative decision-

making and planning are dealt with solely by the council representative.

Reading from the petition, Larmand stated, "This system has given us a good working relationship and a positive attitude with council through this chairperson."

"We feel this system has worked for 30 years and can work for another 30 years with few problems occurring," Larmand went on.

Following Tuesday's meeting, Fire Chief Jack LaChappelle said the reasoning behind the petition is because the volunteer fire fighters feel it is much easier for the department to deal with just one councillor rather than five.

Presently Councillor Paul Charlebois is the council's representative for the fire brigade.

"When the department needs something I deal with Charlebois and then he gets what is needed," said LaChappelle. "He deals with the rest of council. It is much easier that way."

## Y campaign kick-off

Canvassers for the Midland YMCA met at Boatworks on Thursday afternoon to receive a pep talk from Chairman of fundraising, Jim Worts. The two week blitz kicked off with 55 canvassers being given pledge cards before heading out into the community to collect funds from industry, business, professionals and residents.

The theme for this year's campaign is "Catch the Spirit", and according to barometer at the town dock, the goal is \$65,000.

According to the YMCA Director Austin Mathews, the Midland Y has a yearly budget of \$700,000. Mathews also stated the \$65,000 for this year represents an 11 per cent increase over last year.

Several industries from the area have already been contacted by the committee responsible, led by Hudson Leavens and Kirk Weldon. Bill Norman and Kevin Pursell are heading up the business campaign while John Gibson, Richard Thomas, Fred Hacker and Jim Cready will be calling on the pro-

fessionals for contributions. Special contributors will be contacted by Bill Hartman, Clay Young and Andy Markle.

Heading up the special events fundraising projects are Bryson McQuirter, John Saunders and John

## RC board election

Two of the three members of the French Language Education Council (FLEC) of the Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board (SCRCSSB) are to be elected.

The third FLEC member will be Gabriel Marchand, an elected separate school board trustee who has exercised his option to be a trustee who is a FLEC member.

School board trustees, who have French language education rights, had the choice of being a FLEC member.

Revision of the Education Act provides for the election, for the first time, of three trustees to provincial school boards, trustees who shall be responsible for operation of minority

Brown.

The local Y's Men Club raised slightly over \$16,000 for the operation of the Midland YMCA last year and according to Chairman Tony Osler, the Y has asked for \$20,000 from the 38 member group this year.

language education.

Approximately 1,000 of the county separate school board's 9,200 students attend schools in which French is the language of instruction.

Oct. 23 is the date for the election of the three FLEC members of the Simcoe County Board of Education.

The Separate School Board FLEC election will be held on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. in the hall of St. Ann's Church, Penetanguishene.

Marchand is a former chairman of the Separate School Board. He has represented the Tiny Township-Penetanguishene area since the formation of the board in 1969. He has been a part of many major developments in French language services of the board.



## Expansion unveiled

Building of Bayweb Limited's new printing plant in Elmvale got underway last Friday. The plant should be completed by next May

and will mean 75 new jobs in the Village. Shown in front of the plant's newly unveiled sign are, left to right, Chuck Wadge,

Bayweb General Manager, Ruth Markle and Andy Markle, Bayweb President.

## Tiny expansion given final go ahead

"I'm not here to play King Solomon," A.J.L. Chapman of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) told the audience at the hearing regarding Tiny Township's proposed municipal office expansion, yesterday.

"If you don't like what your elected representatives are doing," he told objectors Anthony Lancia, president of the Tiny Township Ratepayer's

Association, and Eleanor Palmer, president of the Deanlea Beach Ratepayer's Association, "then use the rule of representative democracy, and throw them out at the next election."

The OMB representative approved the Township's plans to build a \$650,000 addition to the municipal building on Balm Beach Road, but on the condition that council specify the cost ceiling in its legislation.

The proposed bylaw currently does not mention cost, and the OMB hearing chairman says it should.

"It is loose, in that it has no reference to the maximum amount of money to be borrowed," he told the Township Administrator Guy Maurice. "No where does there appear to be a cap on this."

The OMB interprets provincial laws that specify an elected body must seek

provincial approval if it wants to borrow money that could not be paid back before its term of office ends.

OMB hearing Chairman Chapman told the Township that construction can begin once the Township council approves the revised bylaw.

Another change Chapman stipulated was the quote on square footage of the addition. Since the first draft of the bylaw, the

Township's architects, W.M. Salter and Associates, have reduced the square footage from 3,102 square feet per floor to 2,977.

Chapman agreed with the Township's expressed need for more office space, and he even joked about the lack of toilet facilities in the building.

"I happened to be in there (the men's room) when someone came in, and I couldn't get out," he said.



## Winning entry

Huron District Hospital (HDH) Administrator Gord Kee (left) is seen here with the winner of the HDH Logo Contest. The competition is part of the hospital's 10th anniversary celebration. HDH employee Sue

Hurley won the overall grand prize as well as the top spot in the staff category. Hurley is \$250 richer for her efforts. Second place went to hospital's Director of Respiratory Therapy, Rod Ashworth.