



### Demolition soon

After almost six months of trying to cut through the red tape Port McNicoll officials can begin work on tearing down the re-

mainder of the Port McNicoll Tavern that was gutted by fire in April. Council received word last week from their solicitors on

how council can go about having the privately owned structure demolished.

## Zoning for Tannery cove subdivision reviewed

Penetanguishene's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) is considering whether the shorefront near the Tannery Cove subdivision should be commercial, as planned, or changed to residential.

The developer, Don Sherk, is requesting to change the land use in the Town's Official Plan and according to PAC Secretary and Town Planner, Paul Hodgins, two major issues must be considered.

The first issue is the compatibility with the surround-

ing land uses. The applicant wants to build townhouses next to the A.C.F. Grew plant. The committee reports that it's trying to ensure a conflict won't result from the differing interests of the residential and industrial communities.

The committee said it has sought the advice of various government agencies who have had experience in this kind of matter. Hodgins says this group includes the Ontario Ministry of Health, the

Ministry of the Environment, Environment Canada, and the Simcoe Medical Officer of Health.

Of the reports, Hodgins says the most significant comment comes from the Ontario Ministry of Health, "which effectively sterilizes it (the construction of townhouses)".

Hodgins continued to say the Ministry of the Environment's plan prohibits townhouse construction because it recommended there be a 300 metre

separation between Grew Boats and the nearest townhouse.

As well, if townhouses were constructed, public access to the water would be virtually eliminated, Hodgins reports.

Hodgins noted that Pene-

tanguishene's Official Plan aims at ensuring public access to the shoreline.

Hodgins says exploratory discussions will likely have to take place with the Ministry of the Environment, the builder and the Town.

### Christmas bazaar

The Bonar Presbyterian Church in Port McNicoll will be the site of a Christmas Bazaar this Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4 p.m.

Everything from home baking to crafts will be available. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome.

## Green light given

The Village of Port McNicoll council can finally start taking steps to have the remains of the burned Port McNicoll Inn torn down.

According to Port McNicoll Reeve, Village officials have finally received word from their solicitors on how to deal with the situation.

Councillors originally hoped to have some information at last Tuesday evening's council session, but Moreau said the three-page letter from their solicitors did not arrive until later in the week.

At last Tuesday's meeting, Councillor Regis Quesnelle said the Village council was doing everything possible to have

the hotel, that was gutted by fire in April of this year, demolished.

"This situation is not a nightmare that is just going to wake up," said Quesnelle, adding he was also attempting to contact the owners of the building personally in an effort to clean up the abandoned building.

"We were between a rock and a hard place," said Moreau. "We wanted something to be done, but we didn't want the burden to fall on the Village's taxpayers."

The Reeve would not say what advise the Village's lawyers gave him at their meeting Wednesday, but he did say there were a number of options the council could take.

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