

Retraction

Contrary to the article MTC cuts off Tiny's grants, published in editions of the Midland Time and Penetanguishene Citizen on Tuesday, Nov. 18, Tiny Township Council has not been cut off of provincial funding for misusing money granted for roadway construction.

The story erroneously stated the Ministry of Transportation and Communications had discontinued subsidizing the municipality for building shoreline roads for improperly using the grants, which is not the case.

Tiny officials, in fact, were not allocated further funds because they had used all the money they were entitled to under the grant structure.

Since the subsidy was first allotted to the township, the provincial government has changed the grant structure and under the present conditions the township is not entitled to further funding this year.

We are sorry for any inconvenience or misunderstanding this error may have caused.

Contract signed

Tiny Township Reeve Morris Darby got the expansion of the Municipal Office underway this week when he signed the bylaw approving the building contract.

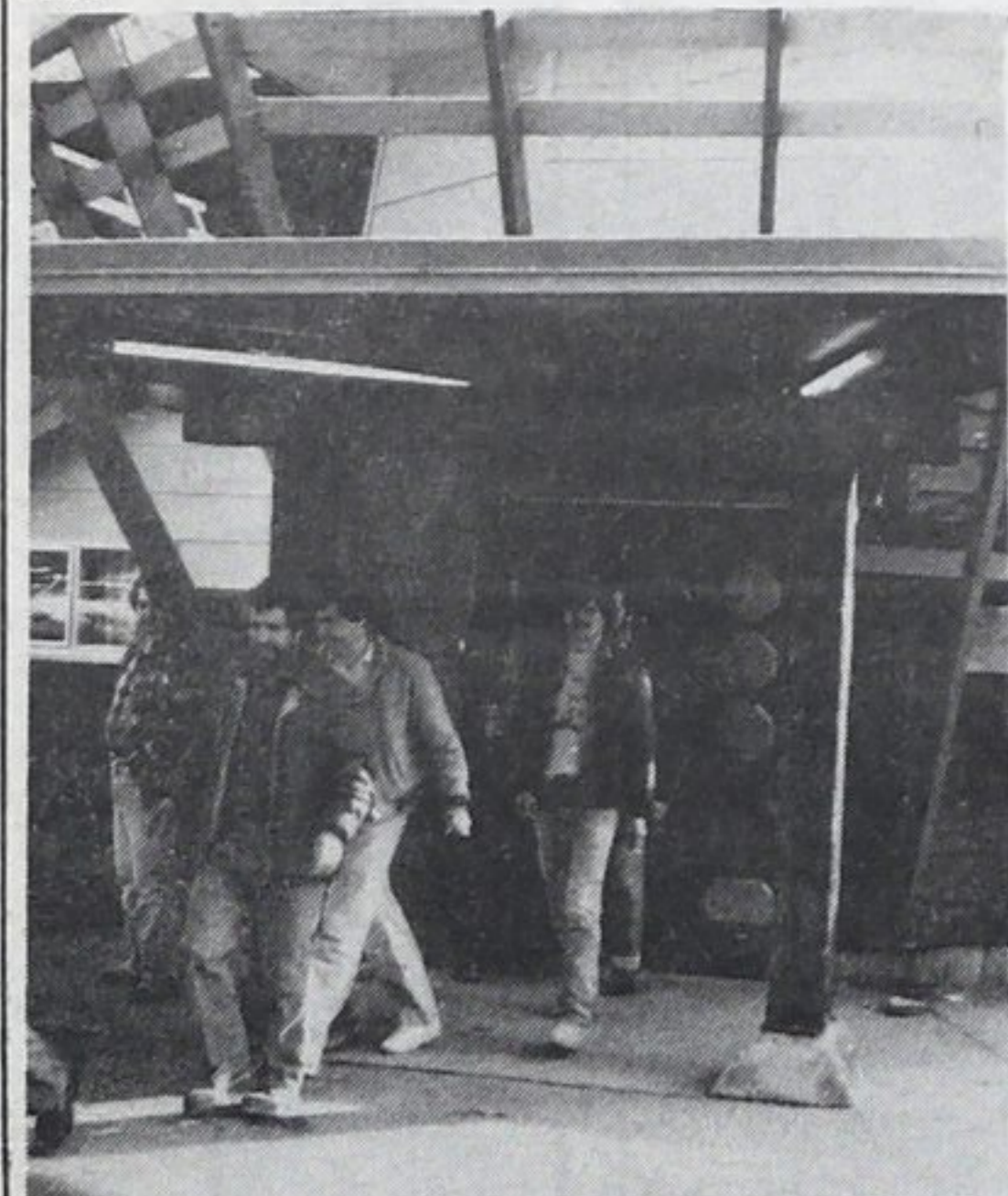
Last week, the township council awarded Bertram Brothers of Barrie the contract worth \$428,000 to build a 5,954 square foot addition on the 20-year-old building.

The proposed rear addition will add on office space and more washroom facilities. With two storeys, the addition allows for two committee rooms and five additional offices.

According to Guy Maurice, the township's clerk, his secretary has been using the council chambers as her office. When meetings are held there, she moves into Maurice's office.

The building was built in the 1960's when talk of regional government coming in was peaking. As a result, the township built a building that could be easily converted into something else if it had to be sold.

The original building plan did not allow for the growth of the four-member staff to 15.



Relief

TRW employees gave a sigh of relief when coming out of the Country Mill on Friday. The 400 workers voted 86 per cent in favour of returning to work after the two week strike.

Permanent customs at airport

The Huronia Airport has been given a much needed shot in the arm by the Federal government.

Last month, Revenue Canada officials announced their decision to change the ranks of the Perkinsfield air strip from a temporary customs service to the status of a permanent published customs.

Local government officials got word of the Federal government's move last week.

Economic Development Commissioner for the Midland Chamber of Commerce Matthew Parry, who was very instrumental in

getting the change made with the help of Simcoe North MP Doug Lewis, said the new status broadens the services available to the local area.

"The new customs and the proposed extension of the runway will make the service provided at the airport much better," said Parry. "It will make our area so much more attractive to potential industries."

Parry said he has been working on the getting the temporary status for the airport for almost a year and is very pleased with the

outcome of many meetings between local industrialists, federal representatives, his office and MP Doug Lewis.

"It's a stepping stone to help promote this area to industry," said Parry. "I got on the band wagon because many of the users were complaining about the delays in getting service at the airport."

The major change with the new status is the hours that custom services are available at the Perkinsfield. Customs services are now available Monday to Friday (excepting holidays) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Airport Manager John O'Hara is also very pleased with the government's move.

O'Hara said the major significance behind the change is that information that the airport has permanent customs will now be published in all government documents on airport services. This will help not only the airport itself, but the whole area.

Expansion underway

Penetanguishene Town council decided last week to change its official plan to accommodate the growth and expansion of Beacon Bay Marina.

At its meeting, Council decided to change the Beacon Bay Marina property from hazard land to marine commercial, to allow the marina to build additions and more buildings.

Although council has approved the change to the official plan, the town still must wait for final approval from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. The ministry will consider the reason for the amendment and the zoning change. Development at the marina cannot begin until the ministry okays the change, which will take at least three months, Town Planner Paul Hodgins said.

Marina owner, Rudyn Kasper, is also proposing dredging two basins and a channel to connect them to the bay. The basins and channel would provide an additional 255 boat slips, bringing the total to 455.

A similar proposal is being made to Tiny Township Council, since a small portion of the marina is located in Tiny. The necessary change in the township's zoning would be from environmental land to marine commercial.

An application to Tiny is also being made, so the lands will be located in Penetanguishene only. The owner says he would like to cut out the duplication of paperwork whenever he would want to build. As well, he would like to hook up to the sanitary services, to be offered by the Town of Penetanguishene.

Presently, no sewer or sanitary services are offered by the town. The town is planning to expand sewers within the next couple of years.

As well, the Simcoe County District Health Unit has said the septic system used at the marina fails to meet health standards.

Annexation negotiations between the two municipalities are beginning.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has already commented on the dredging. The MNR has laid out standards for bank stabilization and for a plug at the end of the channel to stop the silt from entering the bay near the spawning grounds.



Angel fund

Heritage Penetanguishene Chairman Michelle Quealey was on hand at the weekly session of the Penetang Rotary Club last Tuesday to perform a very pleasant task. Quealey had the honour of accepting a cheque from Rotary President John Arbour. The

club have become the "Save the Angels" fund's guardian angels donating \$3,000 to the very worthy cause. The town's share of the restoration is \$12,700. Already \$8,600 has been raised.

FLEC members sworn in

Newly elected members of the French Language Education Council (FLEC) for the Simcoe County Board of Education (SCBE) were sworn in at an inaugural meeting of the board last night.

At the special session at the Education Centre, Alvin Gravelle, Genevieve Roi and Basile Dorion were officially installed in their position.

The three were voted in by over 700 French language school supporters at Ecole St. Joseph's on Oct. 22.

The two separate school FLEC members will be sworn in tomorrow evening. Although there are three FLEC members for the Sim-

coe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, trustee Gabe Marchand moved over from his seat to the education council.

Simone Levert and Ernest Vallancourt were elected to the FLEC at a special meeting on Oct. 26 at St. Ann's Church.

FLEC members will hold their office until 1988 when a French Language Section will replace the FLEC.

Also at last night's meeting of the SCBE, a new chairman for the upcoming year was elected by the members. As of press time last night, the name of the replacement for this year's chairman, Linda Godhue, was not available.