

# Varney to continue as Harbour reeve

"I am not going to resign. I am going to stay on and see if things are going to work out around here."

That is what the Village of Victoria Harbour Reeve Bill Varney, told the small group of people on hand last Thursday evening in the council chambers of the village's municipal office, in response to a petition calling for his resignation from office.

Thursday's session was the first meeting attended by the Reeve who has been on vacation under his doctor's orders, since Sept. 25.

During his absence, a petition containing over 300 names was submitted to the council calling for Varney's resignation for not living up to campaign promises made to the taxpayers of the village.

The petition was submitted on Nov. 10 by Victoria Harbour resident Maxine Dennis.

Although Varney was not prepared to make a public statement at the regular meeting, the Harbour residents had been told by Deputy-reeve Catherine Mackenzie, who

was acting for the Reeve, that they would receive some kind of response to their petition on Thursday.

Reeve Varney told Dennis that he was drafting a letter stating his position and that the correspondence would be sent to everyone whose name was on the petition, but Dennis said she was not satisfied with his response.

"I think you owe the people a public statement of why you didn't live up to your campaign promises," said Dennis.

The bearer of the petition told Varney he had cam-

paigned on the platform that he would abolish the position of administrator and since his election last year had done nothing about it.

Varney disputed the statement by saying he ran his campaign on a number of platforms, adding "nobody really lives up to all their campaign

promises".

The petition also called for the resignation of Councillor Mary Lou Mount, who resigned in September, even prior to

the petition being submitted.

A by-election in the village to fill the vacancy left by Mount is slated for Jan. 12.



## Unfamiliar site

Victoria Harbour Bill Varney (centre) was back at the helm at last Thursday evening's session of village council. The Nov. 27 appearance was Varney's first council since Sept. 25. The reeve has been on a leave

of absence under his doctor's orders. Councillor Bob Moreau, Deputy-reeve Catherine Mackenzie and Councillor Paul Charlebois were also on hand.

## Watling's students tested

On Saturday, the Tina Watling Dance Centre medal tests in jazz, modern, and tap were held at the Tina Watling Dance Centre. Aida Sutton of the British Association of Teachers of Dancing, the official examiner, stated at the end of the day that the students displayed "an extremely high standard". The following are the results of 34 medal tests with marks possible of fail, pass, pass plus, commended, highly commended.

Chantall Asselin, Pre-Bronze Modern, Commended.

Sherri Bain, Silver Jazz, Highly Commended; Bronze Tap, Highly Commended; Silver Tap, Highly Commended.

Michelle Caughey, Pre-Bronze Jazz, Pass. Renee Cingolani, Pre-Bronze Tap, Highly Commended.

Kara Fildey, Infant Modern, Commended. Erin Flaherty, Bronze

Jazz, Highly Commended; Bronze Modern, Highly Commended; Bronze Tap, Highly Commended.

Joanne Gallant, Pre-Bronze Jazz, Highly Commended; Bronze Jazz, Highly Commended.

Sherri Golisky, Infant Tap, Highly Commended. Brenda Key, Infant Tap, Commended. Leandra Lackie, Pre-Bronze Jazz, Commended; Bronze Jazz, Highly Commended.

Michelle Ladouceur, Pre-Bronze Tap, Pass Plus. Cheryl Marchand, Bronze Jazz, Highly Commended; Bronze Modern, Highly Commended.

Melissa Menaul, Infant Modern, Commended. Sandra Niblock, Bronze Modern, Highly Commended; Bronze Tap, Highly Commended; Silver Jazz, Highly Commended; Silver Tap, Highly Commended.

Kim Paddy, Pre-Bronze

Jazz, Commended; Bronze Jazz, Highly Commended.

Lisa Player, Pre-Bronze Jazz, Highly Commended; Pre-Bronze Modern, Highly Commended; Bronze Jazz, Highly Commended; Bronze Modern, Highly Commended.

Antonia Poullis, Infant Modern, Highly Commended.

Soulla Poullis, Infant Modern, Highly Commended.

Richelle Tavernier, Infant Modern, Highly Commended.

Monique Vallee, Pre-Bronze Tap, Commended.

## Auxiliary

The Penetanguishene General Hospital Auxiliary is sponsoring a Craft and Home Baking Sale in the Lower Hall and Board Room of the Hospital, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, December 11th.

## Harbour plan under review

The Village of Victoria Harbour is due for their five year review of their Official Plan.

At Thursday's meeting, the councillors gave their seal of approval to a recommendation of the village's Planning Advisory Committee calling for a review and revision of the Official Plan (OP) to be undertaken by village officials.

"We will be reviewing our general policies and defining where the village will be headed for the next five years, with five years already under our belts," said village Administrator Doug Jackson following the regular meeting.

Amendments to the village's OP are crucial to

the municipality at this time, in the terms of grant money available.

According to Jackson, the revised plan will include policies on community improvement projects for the village. Without this the municipality would not be entitled to any funding under the PRIDE program.

Along with general rephrasing a number of

areas and clarifying any areas of question, Jackson said, the village officials will also be reviewing the existing land use policies. Any recommendations in the present policies will have to be incorporated into the plan.

Jackson also stressed the fact that the update is very important at this time for the village with work already begun on a waterfront master plan and

pressure from the local residents for the building of a community centre.

Until the amendments to the OP have been officially adopted by council, these projects will be put on the back burner.

Jackson anticipates it will be quite some time before village officials with the help of PAC get the revisions completed and ready to be put before council for approval.

## Telephone directory funding

Contact Information Centre of Midland has received funding to produce a Community Services Telephone Directory. This funding will allow the centre to devise, implement, produce and distribute a relevant and professional-looking community services directory based on its recently automated database. The directory will be annotated

and will include all community services relevant to the geographic area of Midland and its surroundings.

The directory will not duplicate existing materials and will provide access to social and community services for the residents of, and visitors to, this area. The directory will be in a format that can

be updated and easily reproduced.

The directory will be sold for a nominal fee, since the funding received will offset much of the cost. Contact director Sandra Saddy hopes to have the directory complete and ready for distribution early in the new year. She is hoping to hire a researcher/writer to work on the project as soon as possible.

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