

Recycling comment

Penetanguishene councillor Lionel Dion, who is also a representative on the North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA), says the public's participation in the recycling program has been disappointing.

"The recycling committee is not happy with the public's participation," he said, "and it is hoped council will back recycling by advertising in the paper and letting people know they're behind it."

Pendeco to grow

Penetanguishene Town Council gave its seal of approval to the expansion of the Pendeco subdivision last week.

Council passed a bylaw allowing for the subdivision of property on the southwest corner of Robert and Dunlop streets.

The chunk of land, according to council, is to have only single family homes built on it. Zoning is now technically classified as R2-5, which stipulates a lot size of at least 60 feet by 120 feet. The extra stipulation prohibits the building of duplexes.

Expansion denied

The proposed expansion for Penetang Bottling Company is on hold for now.

At its meeting last week, Penetanguishene Town Council decided to send the expansion matter back to the Planning Advisory Committee for further study and discussion.

The expansion involved rezoning the adjacent land. Presently, a house stands there, and it is owned by the company. The company wants to make the lot smaller to allow for a bigger driveway to accommodate trucks turning on the property.

Presently, that area of town needs storm and sanitary sewers. The town hesitated on giving the expansion the go-ahead because of the proposed changes in the area and the zoning complications.

Town loans \$1.5 m

Penetanguishene's Town Council decided to borrow \$1,500,000 last week.

The bylaw says the town needs the bank's funds until enough taxes are collected to meet the town's expenditures for the year.

Last year, although authorized to borrow more, the town's treasurer borrowed only \$500,000.

According to a provincial formula to determine how much a municipality may borrow, the town can afford almost twice the amount, at \$2,957,123.

Accident victim

A Honey Harbour man died on Dec. 24 when the snowmobile he was driving collided with an airboat.

Steven Dufour, 30, was crossing ice in Honey Harbour's main channel, near Admiral's Marina, when his snowmobile collided with an airboat driven by Rafael Ahlang, 44, also of Honey Harbour.

Dufour was pronounced dead on arrival at Huronia District Hospital. The Midland Ontario Provincial Police investigation is continuing. The police report given yesterday said the reason for the collision was unknown.

Town adopts leisure masterplan

The Town of Penetanguishene now has an official strategy for arts and sports developments in town. Last week, Penetanguishene's Town Council officially adopted the final draft of the new Leisure Master Plan at last week's council meeting.

The final draft, slightly changed last month by groups such as the Arena Parks and Recreation Board and the Library Board, also included comments on the implementation program, unlike the draft that appeared earlier.

Again, the top priority and major expenditure is the relocation of the library. The cost is estimated at \$125,000, which is the municipal share only. The provincial government and its various agencies would furnish assistance through municipal and arts development and assistance programs.

Also deemed as a high priority is the development of capital costs projections for a new museum building. The needs of the museum, in the first draft, were not rated as particularly urgent. This change resulted from last month's meeting of the various boards affected, when the Museum Board

Edward Street costs \$2m

The Edward Street Improvement Area now is the subject of an official plan, with costs estimated over \$2 million.

Penetanguishene Town Council also authorized the town clerk to apply to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for funding for the capital projects scheduled to be undertaken in 1987.

The cost of the improvement plan is estimated at \$2,082,000, but the town hopes the provincial government will split the cost 50/50 under the Ontario Neighbourhood Improvement Program.

According to the town's report, the area needs storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and new roads and sidewalks. The neighbourhood also needs more parks and open spaces and leisure facilities, the report's summary said.

The major thrust of the newly-adopted plan is storm sewers which will resolve a major storm water control problem, the report says. These Edward Street improvements will permit side street improvements on Maria and Harriet Streets which will lessen the volume of storm water entering the sewage treatment plant.

The plan's first priority is the Edward Street reconstruction, from Main to Harriet streets. This includes the construction of storm sewers, sidewalks, sanitary sewers and asphalt road and gutter.

Housing in that area also tends to be in need of repair, the report says. In fact, according to the report, a random survey of 50 of the 218 residential buildings has shown that approximately 30 per cent require repairs in excess of \$2,000. The majority of those repairs are roof-related, the findings show.

representative, Bob Klug, was encouraged to point out the urgency of change for the museum by both Steering Committee Chairman Michelle Quealey and Arena, Parks and Recreation Board Secretary Ron Marchildon.

Another high priority is the exploration of the possibility of developing an indoor pool. However, since pools are costly to build and maintain, the consultants recommended the town co-develop a pool and aquatics program with another agency or provider, such as the

Mental Health Centre.

The previously high ratings for parks improvements such as additional ball diamonds, or tennis courts are still rated as moderate or low priorities. The consultants report the demand for these services is not particularly high or soaring right now, but in five or ten years, the need may be there.

The Leisure Master Plan is expected to be the guiding document in the town's leisure policies.



Grand prize winner

Penetanguishene's Irene Pilon won the Lion's Club 200 Draw held just over a week ago at the Legion's Olde Tyme Country Faire. The \$1,000 cheque was presented to Pilon December 20, just in time for her to do some

last minute Christmas shopping. The Lion's Club past president Art Lizotte and current president Bob Devillers were proud to present their grand prize, which everyone has been waiting for since last February.

Happy New Year