

## FLEC hears arguments

More than 450 people travelled to Cundles Heights Public School in Barrie last Wednesday night to hear 11 delegations express their concerns to the French Language Education Council (FLEC) of the Simcoe County Board of Education (SCBE).

FLEC plans to phase out French language instruction at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene (ESPSS).

Of the 11 groups, six supported FLEC's move and five were strongly opposed.

Gilles Maurice, appearing on behalf of a group of francophone ratepayers, told FLEC its mandate is clear.

"You have made the first major decision to provide our children with quality education to which they have a right."

Jo Anne Borley, a member of the English Parents' Advisory Group at Le Caron, Penetanguishene's unilingual, French high school, concurred with Maurice.

"We recognize that the French fact in a mixed school does not enhance the cultural and linguistic needs of children and adolescents when part of the school, students, and

staff cannot speak the language," she said.

Public concern about the future of French language education at ESPSS has increased since FLEC made its decision to phase out French instruction at the bilingual high school on Feb. 23.

The council says the findings of a report prepared by Denis Chartrand, French language Supervisory Officer with SCBE, confirm that enrollment in French language courses at ESPSS declines between grades nine and 13.

However, proponents for bilingual education say the report is biased, in that it only examined statistics from ESPSS and not Le Caron.

Maurice Brunell, who has two children attending ESPSS, said removing the right to bilingualism is unethical "...and may crush the very foundation of our heritage."

"Denis Chartrand's demographics indicate that the cost of French language units or credits cost on the average \$456.29 per credit (at ESPSS)... We have obtained an official figure for the cost per unit at Le Caron of \$532.79 per credit. That is almost \$100 more than ESPSS."

ESPSS student Jenifer D'Aoust said in her submission that FLEC's decision was "distressing and infuriating."

"We feel that the best way to continue the use of French in the area is to make it available to as many people as possible. FLEC believes this is best achieved by limiting French to a small number of people who wish to be educated solely in the French language," she said.

Three bus-loads of ESPSS student, some holding placards condemning FLEC's move, listened quietly to their opponents.

All speakers drew varying degrees of cheers and applause.

Following the meeting, Dorion said FLEC had not expected such a strong reaction to its decision.

"We weren't intending to create difficulties in the community."

When asked if the council has considered it is an elected body and in future elections the present council's decision could be reversed Dorion replied that he hoped people would understand that FLEC's aims were to provide "the best education possible."



### Registers protest

Bert Desrochers, one of 11 delegates who addressed their concerns to the French Language Education Council, is against the removal of French language courses from Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School. More than 450 people attended the meeting at Cundles Heights Public School last Wednesday.

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## Therapists play vital role in recovery

Sunday marked the beginning of National Physiotherapy Week and John Parker, head of the physiotherapy at Penetanguishene General Hospital (PGH), says his department will be taking an active role in the event which runs until March 21.

Parker says the aim is to raise public awareness of physiotherapy and what its practitioners do.

"We have three full-time therapists and in 1986 the department had over 7,000 out-patient and 5,000 in-patient visits."

Physiotherapy is a health discipline involved in the prevention or alleviation of movement dysfunction or pain.

We deal with everything from minor sprains to stroke patients, said Parker.

Parker added part of the therapist's work is preventative.

"Eight out of 10 people experience back problems during their working career," he said, adding awareness of how those problems were caused could prevent them happening.

Programs in physiotherapy are offered through faculties of medicine at Canadian universities. The four-year course leads to a bachelor of science degree. Graduates must hold a degree to be eligible for membership in the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

Parker said in the hospital setting,

physiotherapists work closely with occupational therapists, nurses, physicians and other health care professionals.

Parker notes the

therapist can use a number of treatment methods such as education, muscle stretching, exercise or ultrasound and electric stimulation to treat various

problems.

Physiotherapists work in other areas like athlete training, school programs and other fields of education.



### Building strength

Physiotherapist Peter Hough works with Jean Bazinet at Penetanguishene General Hospital (PGH). Hough is one of three therapists on staff at PGH who worked with over 12,000 patients in 1986.

## Topsoil removal restricted

A bylaw to regulate the removal of topsoil from the township received its third reading at the Township of

### PGH birth

Cheryl and Lance Murphy, of Phelpston, welcomed a baby girl March 2. She weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces.

Marilyn Hubert and Don Marchildon, 26 Maria St., Penetanguishene, welcomed a daughter Feb. 27. She weighed 6 pounds, 5.5 ounces.

Mrs. Don Lalonde, 7 Brock St., Penetanguishene, gave birth to a daughter Feb. 26. She weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces.

### Clinic

A blood donor clinic is being held tomorrow in the Midland Civic Centre. The blood donor clinic on Wednesday will begin at 12 p.m. and end at 8 p.m.

Tiny's council meeting last Wednesday.

The bylaw prohibits anyone from removing topsoil, temporarily or permanently, from Tiny without a permit.

Application for a permit must be made in writing to the Clerk of the Township.

Exceptions to the bylaw apply if the topsoil is

removed as an "incidental" part of sod-farming, greenhouse operations, or other agricultural practice.

Other exclusions from the bylaw include mining, quarrying or construction projects.

The fine for breaking the bylaw or giving false information on an application for a permit is \$2,000.

## Fees increased

The Township of Tiny passed a motion at its regular meeting to increase the cost of demolition and building permits.

The amendment to bylaw 50-77 puts the cost of a demolition permit at \$5. The fee for new construction of utility buildings, garages, frost walls and porches increases to \$20.

It will cost \$25 for permission to build a full-basement under an existing building or put up an

addition valued less than \$20,000.

The fee for putting up a structural building valued up to \$30,000 goes to \$50 with an additional \$2 per \$1,000 over \$30,001.

The minimum fee for constructing a residential building is pegged at \$150 with a ceiling of \$80,000.

It will also cost more to open a restaurant or dance hall, those fees have been raised from \$15 to \$25 and \$25 to \$50 respectively.

## Tiny unveils township crest

Township of Tiny Council unveiled its new crest at its meeting last Wednesday morning.

The crest, planned a year

ago, will replace the logo which presently appears on the township's vehicles and letter head.

The design incorporates

both the English and French cultural contribution to the township in the form of a trillium and fleur-de-lis.

During the adoption of the crest, Guy Maurice, clerk-administrator, noted that a member of council staff said the design might "consider the third culture, the Indian people in the crest."

Deputy-reeve Peter Brasher said it would be impossible to include because of problems with symmetry. He added that the native people were included in the symbol of the maple leaf which appears in the lower half of the crest.

Brasher added that Indian lands are not covered by the township.



## Angels to return in August

Heritage Penetanguishene is only \$3,400 away from completing their share of the fundraising for the restoration of the Penetanguishene Angels that are presently being restored.

At last Thursday night's meeting of Heritage Penetanguishene, secretary Wilf Guthrie gave a financial report on the committee's fundraising. Already

\$11,100 has been raised and the group hope to have the other monies in the next few months.

The total cost for the restoration of the Ontario and Quebec Angels, that were erected at the entrance of the town in 1921, is \$29,000.

Although Ottawa Metal Conservator Craig Johnson has been working on the two statues since last

August, Heritage Chairman Michelle Quealey said the pair will not be returned to their pedestals until some time in August.

Quealey also added that the conservator is having some difficulty in restoring the statues to exactly what they were when they were unveiled 65 years ago. In 1921 when the original angels were built, the pair were holding torched

flags and not trumpets as they were when they were taken from their pedestals last summer.

Because it was prior to the 1950's that the statues were damaged and the trumpets added, Quealey said the group needs any old photos that area residents might have taken of the angels prior to them being damaged.