

## In decision PAC abolished

Councillors in the Village of Victoria Harbour who voted in favour of abolishing the municipality's Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) are satisfied with their decision despite the opposition by Deputy-Reeve Catherine MacKenzie and some village taxpayers.

In an interview last week, Councillor Paul Charlebois, who voted in favour of the bylaw to rescind the committee, said he voted the way he did on March 9, because he felt there were too many issues being studied by PAC that council was not well enough informed on when it came time to vote on.

"Council should be making their decisions just on the recommendations from that body," said Charlebois. "There are too many serious issues that we vote on that we don't have all the facts."

Deputy-Reeve Catherine MacKenzie, who was chairman of PAC, said she was very disappointed over the decision adding she was unhappy with the way the bylaw was brought forward.

"I am chairman of PAC

and I had no idea that the bylaw was going to appear at that meeting," said MacKenzie. "Usually there is a notice of a bylaw at the prior meeting and then the bylaw is passed at the next meeting. When I got to council I hadn't seen anything about the bylaw."

According to MacKenzie, councils decision to place PAC with a planning board made up of council only, will not only increase the five-members workload, but eliminate public participation in the village's planning matters. "With PAC we had equal representation of council and the public," said the chairman. "Public input into planning matters gave merit to our approach to planning."

Village Reeve Bill Varney who voted against the bylaw in a recorded vote said he was opposed to the move because he felt council could not handle all the projects, such as the village's review of their Official Plan and their Emergency Measures Plan, that are presently on the PAC's plate.

Despite the MacKenzie's

suggestions that there will not be any input Charlebois said residents of the village will have the opportunity to voice their opinions at planning board meetings the same as at a PAC meeting.

Councillor Bob Atkinson agreed with Charlebois saying that just because council feels that they are ready to take over the planning for the village, it doesn't mean that council isn't going to listen to what the public is saying.

Atkinson, who describes himself as "grassroots" said part of the reasoning behind his voting in favour of abolishing the PAC was to save the village money.

"As council we don't get paid for meetings," said the councillor. "If we cut out the PAC we are not paying people to go to the meetings and cutting back on spending."



## Nears completion

The addition to Tiny Township's municipal building is nearly complete. With work on the exterior finished, all that remains is drywalling and interior decora-

tion. The expansion will give staff a welcome change from their present cramped quarters.

## Arts Council's resignations 'negligible'

The effect of the resignation of three volunteers and an employee on the North Simcoe Arts Council is "negligible," its president said.

Kamran Khozan was commenting last week on the resignation of manager Carol Dimcok, and volunteers John Hartman, Jim McMillan, and Erma Newhouse, earlier this year.

Hartman said his resignation stemmed from a disagreement with the style of management. "I just didn't find it acceptable and I decided to leave." Dimcok and Newhouse had no comment.

Khozan said, "I regret these resignations but life goes on." One year after its creation, the arts council has more than 100

volunteers serving on its committees, and more than 2,000 members, he said.

Hartman's comment on the newness of the non-profit cultural group was that the arts council is a young organization in the process of putting together its management system.

"It will work. At this point I don't see it working with me in there."

The arts council's larger goal, to build an arts centre, "is steaming right along," Hartman said.

The arts council has two equally important goals, Khozan said: the building of an artistic and cultural centre, and promotion in the area of artistic and cultural activities.

The arts council has three departments: building, programming, and administrative.

## Enershare looks at Midland arena

Enershare Technologies Inc. of Toronto has an offer to make to Midland.

Enershare thinks it can make a profit by reducing the town's utility bill for Centennial Arena. In the long term, the town is supposed to benefit from Enershare's investment.

Enershare Technologies is in the business of signing agreements with municipalities.

A municipality agrees to send its utility bill payments for a building which Enershare improves to Enershare for 10 years. Enershare guarantees a small reduction through the 10 year period of the agreement. After the conclusion of the agreement, all of the physical improvement created by Enershare - improved insulation for example - becomes the pro-

perty of the municipality.

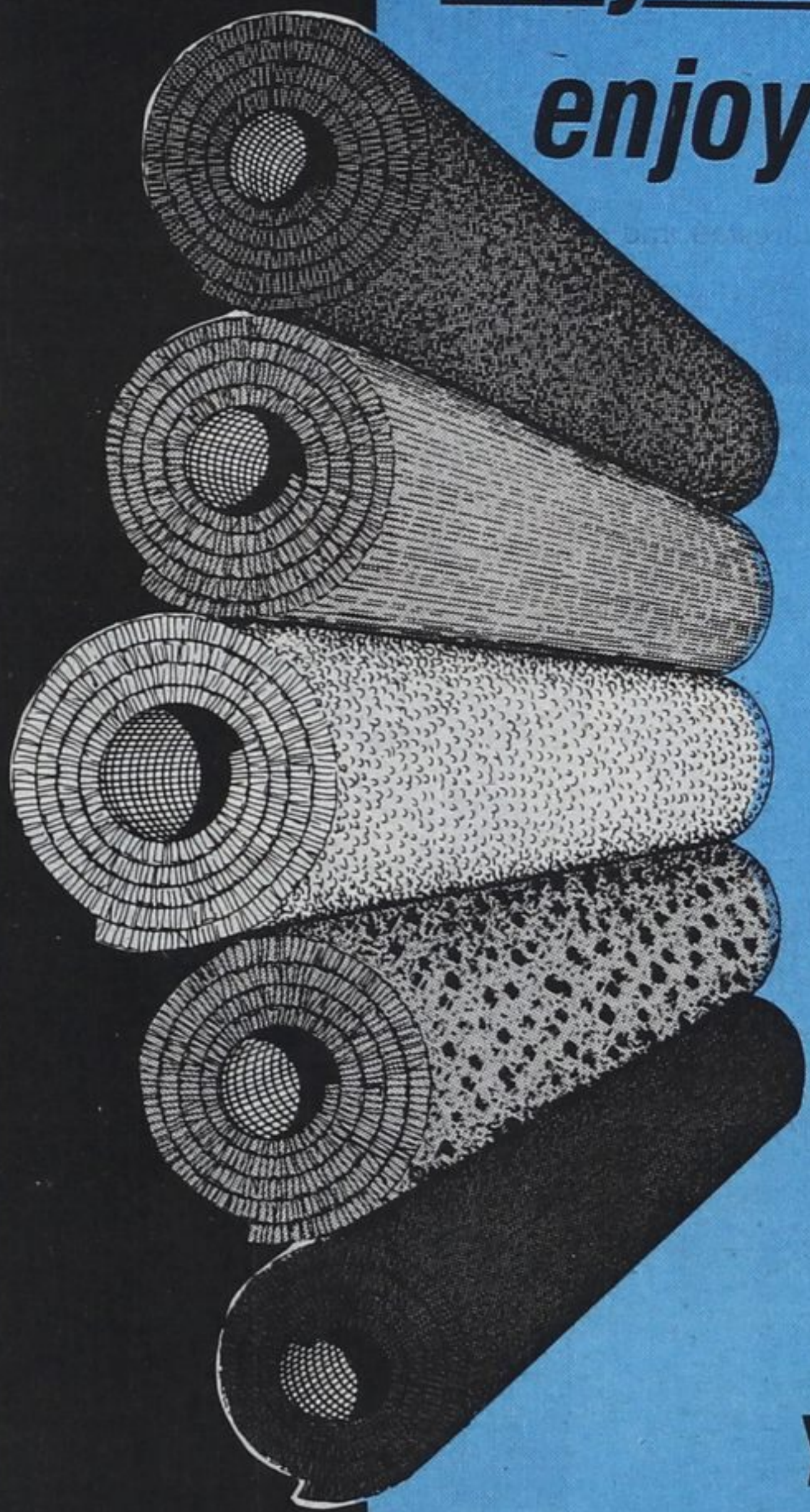
Enershare's profit is the difference between the slightly lowered guaranteed amount of money it receives from the town, and the amount of the utility bill after the improvement made by Enershare. Enershare becomes responsible for paying the municipality's utility bill for the building or buildings included in the agreement, through the 10 years.

After the Board of Park management and the town solicitor have reviewed the proposal, the town will discuss Enershare's proposal with Enershare.

Enershare looked at other municipal buildings, but the arena is the only building it is proposing to improve

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