

Council cuts short plan

A motion by members of the Victoria Harbour Council to have consultants for the village's waterfront masterplan stop at option four is being met with mixed reactions.

At the last meeting of village council three of the members supported a motion calling for the consultant to prepare a waterfront study containing only four of a possible six options for their use in village planning matters.

Councillor Paul Charlebois who supported the move said he based his decision on the fact that the consultant's first four options were the most realistic for the small village.

The last two options "are out of this village's reach" and are too costly for the village said Charlebois.

The waterfront masterplan has already cost a total of \$30,000 with the village picking up 50 per cent of the tab.

"Why should we be looking at options that are impossible at this point in time," said Charlebois. "Isn't it more important that we spend our money on the necessities such as

water mains, paving roads and fire equipment before spending the taxpayers money on leisure items. Option six of the plan is into big projects, and we (the village) just don't have those big bucks to spend."

In an interview last week, village resident George Czindl, who ran in the by-election this January for a vacant council post but was defeated by Bob Atkinson, said some of the council wasn't looking at the future of the village when they decided to stop at option four.

"There was no obligation on the part of council to build anything, they weren't responsible for starting digging on any of the projects" said Czindl. "The fee for the plan has already been set at \$30,000 and with stopping at option four, they have not got all the facts the study can produce for the money they have already paid. The last two options would not have cost the village any more money."

"Council has missed the boat because they weren't looking at the future, just the present. There could

have been information that council 20 or 30 years down the road could scrutinize and use."

Two possible improvements examined in option six of the consultants study, which the village will never receive now, are a museum and community centre on the village's waterfront.

Czindl said these might not be realities for now, but they could well be at some point in the future.

Councillor Bob Atkinson also supported the motion

to stop at option four saying he felt the village had to be realistic about the whole matter.

"I have been here for 18 years and in that time, there hasn't been even 100 new homes built," said Atkinson. "Unless we increase our taxbase drastically, future councils 30 or 40 years from now won't even be able to afford the proposals in option six. The village just doesn't have the kind of money the consultant is talking about."

Less severe winter

Officially winter ended and spring began last Friday. The weather station on Beausoleil Island reports a total of 233.5 centimetres of snow for 1986-87.

A trace of snow fell on

March 13. The last measurable amount of snow fell on March 3.

The last snow of 1985-86 fell in April. Snow of that winter amounted to 379.8 centimetres.



Just checking

Acting supervisor of promotion and public relations Sharon Armstrong observes sign painter Gary Owen put the final touches on the new sign advertising

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, on Midland's Yonge Street. All six of the area billboards promoting Sainte-Marie and the Establishments are being redone.

Support requested

Council for the Village of Port McNicoll is one of the first area councils that has been approached for support against the French Language Education Council's (FLEC) decision to phase out French language instruction at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School (ESPSS).

According to Village Clerk Ted Walker, Louise Thompson of Preserve the Rights of Bilingual Education (PROBE) went before the five-member council last Wednesday evening requesting council to pass a motion supporting the group's decision to protect the education council's action.

Although a decision was not made at last week's meeting, Walker said, council will be dealing with the matter at their next session on Apr. 1.

Despite the fact education is a provincial matter, Walker added, council has discussed the question of whether they should take a position in the fight and have decided to review the issue.

"Council feels that since the village is the body that collects the tax rates for the school board and because the decision has a direct influence on the municipality's taxpayers then they (council) should take action in the matter," said Walker.

Obituary

William Moore

Mr. William (Bill) Moore of 10 Spohn Drive, Penetanguishene died March 8, 1987 at the Penetanguishene General Hospital following a lengthy illness at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Moore lived most of his life in Toronto, where he was employed for many years with Bell Canada. He had been a resident of Penetanguishene for the last 5 years.

Funeral services were held at the Martin Funeral Home, Penetanguishene

on March 10, with Rev. A. Farthing as the officiating clergy. Cremation followed the funeral service and Spring interment of the cremated remains will be at Lakeview Cemetery, Midland.

Mr. Moore is survived by his sons Brian and Jim Moore, both of Leaside; brother Ross Moore of Guelph and grandchildren Kelly Anne, Christopher and Michael Moore.

Mr. Moore was predeceased by his wife Margaret (Dunlop) Moore.

Rick Curry

Mr. Rick Curry of Sawlog Bay died March 14, 1987 at the Huronia District Hospital, Midland following a lengthy illness at the age of 71 years.

Mr. Curry was born in St. Catharines and lived most of his life in Toronto. Since 1969, Mr. Curry was a cottager at Sawlog Bay and moved there permanently following his retirement 6 years ago.

Mr. Curry was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Toronto.

Funeral services were held at the Martin Funeral Home, Penetanguishene on March 16 followed by cremation. Rev. A. Farthing was the officiating clergy.

Mr. Curry is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Curry of Sawlog Bay.

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