



Special presentation

Penetanguishene Curling Club President Ted Ross (left) is the recipient of a very special plaque last Tuesday evening during a special reception for the Russ Howard Rink from Penetanguishene. The presentation was made to Ross by Howard's fifth wheel, Larry Merkle. The

plaque which was presented to the Howard's during the Brier in Edmonton, Alberta was from other than Penetanguishene's new sister Curling Club from St. Albert, Alberta. A similar plaque will now be sent to the club's new western sister.

County council accepts budget for Georgian Manor retrofit

Simcoe County officials have given their seal of approval to a four year scheme for the funding of the retrofit project for the Georgian Manor Home for the Aged in Penetanguishene.

At last week's session of Simcoe County Council, the 44 members supported a report calling for the county's share of the \$4.2 million project to be collected in four years instead of two, as originally proposed.

With provincial funding, the county will be responsible for picking up only 50 per cent of the tab. Already, \$500,000 has been set aside in a reserve fund for the project, that was unveiled at county council last July, leaving only \$1.6 million to be raised.

The new report by the county's General Government Committee calls for a \$295,000 special levy to be put in place this year, along with the regular \$150,000 levy that was given approval at the February meeting.

Along with another

regular levy in 1988, council has agreed to a special \$315,000 levy being implemented in next year's budget.

The remaining \$859,000 would be borrowed from all available reserves in the county.

Although the county would not be debenturing the balance, interest would have to be paid to the respective reserve funds the money comes out of.

In 1989 a total of \$400,000 would be set aside for the project which will see the Penetanguishene Home for the Aged revamped and

modernized.

Levies, a general and special, would total \$459,000 for the year 1990.

Despite the fact, the county would not be forcing the municipalities to debenture for the cost of the renovations, Penetanguishene Reeve Arthur Stewart said although the municipalities will not be as hard hit with this proposal, he thinks the original financial scheme was better for the county.

The first financial proposal, that was put forth in February, called for each household within the 33

municipalities to be surcharged an extra \$5.09 each, for the next two years. The proposal, which would total only \$10.18 a residence was rejected by the council and sent back for further study.

Stewart, a former warden of the county, said the individual municipalities and the taxpayers will be harder hit with the new proposal because of the interest on the \$859,000 that will have to be borrowed from the different county reserves.

"The move is just delaying the inevitable."

Support for Sunnyside idea

Midland town council concept which Euromart supports in principle a Management Corporation

has for 30 acres of undeveloped land in Sunnyside.

Representatives of the developer met in private with members of the council on Mar. 16. Also at that meeting were members of the town's board of park management, representatives of the Public Utilities Commission, and senior members of town staff.

In a followup letter, Midland lawyer Fred Hacker said, "Messrs. Wilson, Skelton, Clarke and I were all favourably impressed by the reception

of the municipality to the development proposal."

"We were quite sincere in our request that the municipality work with us in developing the best possible concept for this site."

No details about the proposal have been released. The thrust of the development has switched to commercial from residential. The developer retains its interest in exercising its option on a lease of a right of way through McCullough Park and the right to build a dock on the shoreline.

Fire agreement

Midland has formalized a new agreement between itself and Tiny Township regarding fire protection.

The town's fire department will respond to a fire alarm from Huronia District Hospital, Monsignor Castex School, the Simcoe County District Health Unit, and Huronia Medical Centre.

Midland is to receive \$12,000 a year from Tiny Township.

Midland will keep count of the number of alarms from that group of buildings. Depending on the number of alarms, in future the amount of money charged by the town might rise or fall.



Parking chart

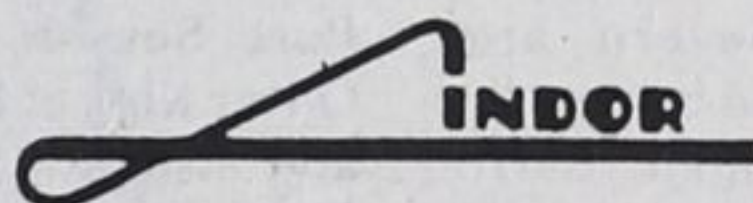
A driver looking for a spot in which to park a vehicle in downtown Midland has to beware of three kinds of signs.

The top sign indicates parking permitted only with a wheelchair passenger. The bottom sign is a No Stopping sign, both carry a \$25 fine.

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