

Extension in question

If Tiny Township officials will abandon their proposal to locate a new dump next to the Pauze dump, Perkinsfield residents could possibly support year's extension for the existing dump.

That was the results after five hours of negotiations between North Simcoe Waste Management Association (NSWMA) officials, Tiny Township councillors, representatives of the Tiny Township Ratepayers' Association (TTRA) and Tiny Ratepayers Against Pollution (TRAP) and provincial mediator Michel Picher in the Midland Council Chambers on Friday.

After mediation in 1984, the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) slated the doors of Perkinsfield site to be close on Oct. 31 of this year.

In a press release made after the session, the mediator, who was brought in by the association to examine the possibility of extending the use of the Pauze site for another year, stated the Perkinsfield groups would consider allowing another extension, if the consultants' reports prove the

operation of the dump for another year was safe. The other stipulation by representatives of TTRA and TRAP was in order for their supporting an extension, Tiny Township officials must ensure that a new dump not be located in the Perkinsfield area.

In his release, Picher said, "it is the conviction of the Perkinsfield residents and the Tiny Ratepayers' Association that any ultimate agreement must also involve the participation of Tiny Township."

In an interview following the mediation, TTRA President Anthony Lancia said the bottom line was that Tiny would have to drop their proposal to locate a dump in Perkinsfield.

"We discussed that if all the data from the consultants show us that the dump could be used for another year, then we would consider giving our approval to the extension," said Lancia. "But, Tiny Township has to say they will go along with it, and ensure that Perkinsfield is not the next sight for a dump."

"The move would benefit all of the township

not just one section."

Lancia added the proposal would be a cost saving measure for the municipality. The move would save on the cost of a single-handed search for a dump and in the township not having to pay for hauling garbage out of the municipality until a new site is engineered.

NSWMA Site Selection Committee Chairman Bruce Tinney said the real results of Friday's meeting will not be known for another two weeks after TTRA and TRAP have an opportunity to go over all the information provided by the consultants for Eric Pauze and the association and they then report back to the five municipalities.

Tinney said from reports by consultants for the association and dump owner Eric Pauze, it shows there is enough room for another year of garbage as a result of the current recycling program. The chairman added there has been some discussions that another year's garbage is necessary to properly contour the site before it is capped.

Although the association is waiting for a green light on applying for an extension, Tinney said there is no guarantee that an extension will be granted through mediation with the Perkinsfield residents. The final decision must come from the Ministry of the Environment.

Mediator Michel Picher was brought into talks about the possible extension since the original decision in 1984 to grant the first extension was brought about after mediation.

Town prunes trees

Following an annual inspection of trees lining the streets of Penetanguishene almost a dozen have been felled and as many again trimmed.

Most of the trees taken down were over 80-years-old and, according to the public works department,

those trimmed may only have a few years left before they have to be felled.

Trees along Robert and Church Sts. have been pruned or felled, and two trees in front of the cenotaph were removed because they were dead.

Weather meant poor sap run

The price for maple syrup in Huronia is going to be high this year.

An increased demand for pure maple syrup from Europe and other overseas markets and a very poor sap run this spring are the factors affecting the cost of this seasonal delicacy.

John Butler, Ministry of Agriculture and Food representative in Elmvale,

says the price for four litres of the syrup, depending on its quality, could cost anywhere from \$32 to \$43.

Butler says the weather is the main factor affecting price.

"The weather conditions were not right. The days looked warm enough but the frost at night was too severe."

Butler said the sugar con-

tent in this year's run is high and consequently, because it requires less 'sugaring off', will produce good quality, light syrup. The kind preferred by most people.

Darker syrups have a stronger flavour and are better suited for cooking or making confections.

He added that ideal conditions for the sap run call



Outdated

The Oak Ridge facility in Penetanguishene was built in 1933 to house 150 patients. Today its capacity is double that. Health Minister Murray Elston said a new

facility needs to be built to accommodate modern psycho-therapeutic methods. Queen's Park has yet to make a decision on the future of the facility.

Close Oak Ridge says minister

Jim Park, spokesman for the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre, says allegations of patient mistreatment at the Oak Ridge maximum security facility are "...patient nonsense."

Park was responding to reports in the local and national press which quoted Dr. Bonnie Burstow, of the Coalition to Stop Electro Shock Therapy, as saying there was excessive drugging and choke chaining of patients at the centre.

Burstow was one of many who were demonstrating at Queen's Park last Wednesday demanding that Oak Ridge division of the MHC be closed.

In response to the demonstration, Health Minister Murray Elston said the Ontario government plans to close the facility. He said the Oak Ridge hospital could not be easily renovated and the building, built in 1933, is not suitable for modern treatment methods.

Originally designed to provide care for 150 patients, the facility was enlarged and reorganized in 1957 to accommodate 300 patients and in 1983 in-

to four units.

Oak Ridge provides care for men found unfit to stand trial by reason of insanity, others who have been incarcerated and are later found to suffer from serious mental disorders, and patients too violent to be cared for in other hospitals.

In 1985, a year-long study conducted by Dr. Stephen Hucker, Chief of Forensic Medicine at the Clark Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, concluded that Oak Ridge had to be replaced.

Two of the three recommendations made by Hucker were that the facility be replaced and a new hospital built in Penetang, or two smaller units, one built in Penetang and the other close to a large urban centre, could provide equivalent care.

"There is every indication that the province needs a maximum securi-

ty unit," said Park. He added that the decision would have to come from Queen's Park but a replacement for Oak Ridge would be built in Penetang.

PGH Births

Penetanguishene General Hospital recorded three births in the last two weeks.

On March 24, a 8lb., 6oz. baby boy, Ronald Alan was born to Gary and Catherine French of Elmvale.

Tim and Wendy Hogan of Phelpston are the proud parents of Jonathan Blair, a 8lb., 2oz. baby boy, born March 26.

Raymond and Lucie Cole added a 9lb., 10oz. baby boy, Evan, to their family on March 28.

Bazaar

The Georgian Manor senior citizens home in Penetanguishene will be holding its annual spring bazaar this weekend.

Linda Bellisle, program director at the home, says residents have been busy preparing crafts, such as aprons, toys, purses and other items for sale.

Along with the craft sale the Women's Auxillary will be supplying tea and baked goods.

The bazaar runs from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday April 11.

Orser looking for Liberal nomination

Harl (Butch) Orser said he is interested in seeking the Liberal nomination for Simcoe East.

If Orser, father of World Champion figure skater Brian Orser, goes ahead with his intention it will likely mean a contest for the nomination unlike 1985, which saw the only candidate, George McLean, acclaimed.

At 53, he says he is looking at a number of options but has been interested in public office for a number of years.

Up until now, Orser said he was too busy with business commitments to seriously consider politics.

Although he still owns the Penetang Bottling Company, the majority of its operation is managed by other members of the family. And Orser is winding down other business interests.

A member of both federal and provincial Liberal parties, Orser plans to discuss his potential candidacy with family before he decides to run.

Final arrangements made for health run

World Curling Champions Russ and Glenn Howard, Tim Belcourt, Kent Carstairs and Larry Merkley will be the honorary chairmen of the fourth annual Marche De Sante/Health Walk for the Penetanguishene General Hospital.

With the help of the Russ Howard Rink, members of the Penetanguishene Richelieu Club and the Elmvale Lions' Club are busy preparing for 1987 Marche De Sante/Health Walk that is slated for Saturday, May 9.

Proceeds from the fourth annual walk, being held in conjunction with the national celebration of Canada Health Day, will go towards the purchase of heart monitoring equipment for the hospital.

The goal for the Marche de Sante/Health Walk has been set at \$25,000.

The Elmvale sponsors, the Lions Club, are organizing a walk-a-thon/bike-a-thon from the Wyevalle Baseball Diamond to the hospital. Participants in the trek from Wyevalle will leave between 10 and 11 a.m.

The Penetanguishene organizers, the Richelieu Club are making final arrangements for a 6 kilometre walk from the Penetanguishene Town Dock, through the town, to the hospitals. Walkers will start off at 9:30 a.m.

Pledge forms for those interested in participating are available at the hospital, from club members and at businesses in Elmvale and Penetanguishene.

For more information contact Doris Shirriff (549-7431), George Desroches (533-2705) and Fred Harpell (322-1533).



Poor run

Severe frosts at night and unusually warm days have hampered the maple-sap run driving prices for maple syrup as high as \$42 for four litres. Bernadette

Charlebois' husband Anatole runs this sugar-bush in Lafontaine. Due to its short supply Charlebois has already sold his syrup.