

Assist both sides

The North Simcoe Waste Management Association's (NSWMA) decision, last Tuesday evening, to bring in a provincial arbitrator to decide whether Tiny Township owes the association over \$200,000 could finally prove whether the municipality is still legally a member of the organization or not.

The money in question, is the township's share of the cost for preparing an environmental assessment for site 41 in the south end of the municipality. Council have abandoned the association, holding firm to their resolution that they would not support locating a dump on prime agriculture land.

Since last July when the township opted out of the six-member association, NSWMA officials have been treating the township as if they are still members. This is despite the fact that Tiny councillors have repeatedly stated the municipality no longer has any ties with the association when it comes to a search for a new land-fill site.

Although an arbitrator is being brought in to solve the problem of the financial position of the NSWMA, both sides could finally find out where they stand legally.

Many of the existing problems facing the dump committee stem from the fact they don't know their status and many tasks have been left unfinished.

Such a move by the remaining five municipalities will not only help to get them planted securely on the ground, but it could assist both sides in wiping the slates clean and getting them back on track in the search for a new dump.

Municipal week

With this past Sunday marking the start of Local Government Week in Ontario we urge all local residents to get out and see what is going on at their local municipal offices.

Too many area people rely on the local media to tell them second hand what is going on in their own backyard and don't ever bother to take a few hours to attend a council session.

Although each of the six municipalities in North Simcoe may have one or two avid followers, more often than not, the only time the council chambers are ever full is when a "hot" or "sticky" issue is on the slate.

It is sad to think that every three years residents go to the polls to elect a new council (to make decisions on their behalf on how their tax dollars should be spent) and then once that "almighty" ballot is cast, thoughts of how the municipalities are operated are cast aside.

Although this is a democracy (a government elected by the people, for the people) it is hard to understand how individuals can go on paying their taxes year in and year out without being curious enough to want to really find out where their money is going.

Don't be shy this week - get out and see the real workings of your local council. You put them there, why not see them in action.

Garbage everywhere

Dear Editor:

Last Sunday (Mar. 29), I took advantage of the early spring weather and took a walk along the beachfront. Now I'm sorry I did.

Don't misunderstand me - it was a lovely walk. Nature more than fulfilled my winter craving for sunshine and warm breezes. There were even some Killdeers and Starling (and the ever-present Sea Gulls) filling the air with their music. And, when I walked out on the point and climbed the rocks there, I could actually hear the melting ice trickling onto the water underneath. No, it was not the day that ruined my walk, but the 'scenery'.

Everywhere I looked, there was garbage. Rusted cans, tangled fishing line, bottles lying along the shoreline or smashed on the rocks. Only minutes before I had been congratulating myself on living in such a picturesque spot, far from the filth and grime of the 'big city'. So much for illusion.

When I looked up from the rocks and across the lake, my heart fell. More garbage. There had been ice huts out there that were

recently brought to shore. but the people bringing them in made no effort to clean up the debris they had left behind. I was able to pick out two-by-fours that must have been used as a base, plus other trash left scattered on the ice, waiting for the spring thaw to wash it into shore.

Isn't there some law to prevent these people from polluting our Bay? If they can't clean up after themselves, they shouldn't be permitted to have their huts out there. I don't know if anything can be done to prevent those using the point from throwing their trash around. There were garbage cans out there last year, but from the looks of things I'd say very few people bothered to use them.

Everyone else was upset when it snowed this week. I was glad. For the time being, anyway, everything looks fresh and clean. But, come next thaw, we're going to find out just how much the snow has been hiding. And it's not going to be a pretty sight.

Name withheld
by request

To private sector

Midland's planner of more than seven years, Bryan MacKell is taking a job in the private sector.

MacKell's last day on the Town of Midland payroll will be May 8.

MacKell will be working for a land development consortium headed by Penetanguishene contractor and developer Don Sherk.

MacKell yesterday described his time as a Town of Midland employee as interesting, educational, and well worthwhile.

He predicted that the building boom which began last year, will continue into 1988 and 1989, barring major economic change.

MacKell cited administrative changes which laid the groundwork locally for the increase in construction as an accomplishment during his tenure.

MacKell will be designing projects, and overseeing the construction until the jobs are done.

Congratulations

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on your publication for the Minor Hockey League's Organization. I found it truly enjoyable. The many photographs impressed me greatly.

And I look forward to advertising in the future editions of this booklet.

Your truly,
James Pantos
(Owner of Huronia Family Drive-in)

Recycle or not

To recycle or not to recycle...that is the question!

Ontario Paper purchased more than 90,000 Tonnes of newspaper for recycling in 1986, amounting to five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00). This amount is expected to double to 180,000 Tonnes for the current year of 1987.

The dealer network set up by the Ontario Paper Company covers recycling programs in over 50 communities across the Province and is the largest newspaper supply system ever developed in Canada. Some of the 50 communities taking part in this recycling effort are many of our "Simcoe East" Communities in the Midland-Penetanguishene area and are to be highly commended for this gigantic undertaking which proves beneficial in a variety of ways.

1. Brings about better waste management control - 10 per cent less waste in the disposal sites.

2. Creates jobs.

3. Saves our resources.

This has become a very involved endeavour. We now have a Recycling Advisory Committee made up of key industry leaders, municipal officials and environmental groups to advise the Government on recycling issues, bringing all levels of Government to the awareness of the need for such a service.

Not only is Government supportive of this endeavour but we have an ever increasing amount of support from the Public sector. The Public and Industry are the two elements which have caused recycling to advance so rapidly in Ontario.

Through very advanced technology, Ontario Paper Company has modernized a very old means of extracting inks from newsprint. The "Floation" system has been used regularly and successfully in Europe and Japan where newsprint mills have been forced to rely on a high content of recycled papers. This system of recycling will result in our newspapers containing 50 per cent recycled fibre and 50 per cent from traditional wood sources, thus prolonging the life of our forests.

Bringing this issue back to our doorsteps...Could the Riding of Simcoe East benefit from some of these pluses of recycling?

1. Better waste management control?

2. More jobs?

3. Saving our resources?

If the answer to the above is a definite "YES", then I suggest that we, as a COLLECTIVE group of residents, make a COLLECTIVE effort to get into the mainstream of helping create a better environment in which to live!



New firemen welcomed

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