

Health services planned for next decade and beyond

The County of Simcoe District Health Council recently released its 45-page Health Needs and Services Study. It has been submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Health for its consideration.

The study, which began in January of 1985, is designed to establish a framework for planning and developing health services in the county into the 1990's and beyond.

The document, which

was compiled with the assistance of the various health and social service agencies, voluntary organizations and municipal governments within the county, covers all health related institutions within the 33 municipalities including the Huronia District Hospital, the Penetanguishene General Hospital, the Penetanguishene General Hospital and the Georgian

Manor Home for the Aged.

The Health and Needs Services Study, the first major undertaking of its kind by the council, was conducted by a private health care consulting firm.

The study, completed in February of this year, will serve as a guide for development of the health care system in the county.

In a letter accompanying the report, Council Chair-

man William Goodwin said, "recommendations on immediate needs for acute care, chronic care, general rehabilitation, psychiatric and extended care beds were relayed to the Minister some time ago. Now that they have been dealt with in the study, I have expressed to Mr. Elston the District Health Council's sincere hope that he will be in a position to act on them."

In the introduction to the

report, the goals of the council are outlined as ensuring the residents of Simcoe County have appropriate access to the health promotion, disease prevention, rehabilitation and treatment resources they require. "The Health

Needs and Services Study will lead us (the council) toward a system in which these are in balance; in which both institutional and community-based services are adequately provided for; and in which shortcomings in services to

special populations have been redressed."

Efforts have already been made by the council to implement a number of the recommendations even before the report has been completely passed by the province.



Election Thursday

Conservatives in Muskoka-Georgian Bay will gather Thursday to elect one of, from left, Bruce Stanton, Edith Nichols, Alan Moses, and, not shown, George Beatty, to be the Conservative candidate in the riding

in the next provincial election. The riding's Liberals chose their candidate, Ken Black of Bracebridge, last month.



Everything sporting

Richard Ellsmere recently opened a sport supply store, The Coach and the Athlete, with the help of the North Simcoe Development Corporation. The Coach

and the Athlete is one of 17 companies started since last July 1, with the help of the NSDC.

Tay honours Chief O'Hara

After 14 years as chief of the Tay One fire brigade in Tay Township Tom O'Hara is stepping down.

At their regularly scheduled monthly meeting earlier this month, the five member council honoured O'Hara for his dedication and long years of service

by passing a bylaw designating O'Hara as "Honorary Fire Chief" of Tay Township.

As honorary chief, O'Hara is entitled to all benefits accustomed to a member of the volunteer fire department with the

exception of holding office or receiving remunerations.

Along with O'Hara's resignation was the resignation of Tay Two fire brigade Chief William Beck.

At the same meeting, council passed another

bylaw authorizing the appointment of Tay Township resident and long time firefighter Daniel Moreau as the chief of both units of the township fire department.

The appointment was effective as of April 9.

Harbour residents rate increases

Village of Victoria Harbour residents will be faced with an increase in their water and sewer rates despite their opposition to the hike by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

Earlier this year, the village council launched appeals with the Ministry of the Environment against a 140 per cent increase in the sewage service charges and increases in the water rates.

As a result of the withdrawal of the appeal, the village will be responsible for payment of over \$155,000 to the ministry for water and sewer.

Although the council originally supported an appeal of the hikes, that saw the sewer rate jumping from just below \$5 a month to \$12, council has rescinded their appeal as a result of a deal struck with the ministry.

Earlier this year, MOE officials agreed to write off over \$555,000 owing the

government by the municipality.

According to village Councillor Paul Charlebois, if council had not agreed to dropping the ap-

peals they would have been faced with an even greater debt having to cover to balance of the ministry's 72 per cent share of the village's original capital

cost of the water project in 1975.

Council made the decision to rescind the appeals at a special meeting held on March 10.



NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

By-law #86-84 of the Corporation of the Town of Midland requires every dog owner to **Remove and Dispose of any Excrement** left by his dog on property other than that of the owner.

Every owner who contravenes this section of the By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to a fine of \$10.00 on the first occurrence and \$25.00 on a subsequent occurrence, recoverable under The Provincial Offences Act.

The Corporation intends that this By-law be well enforced. Complaints re: violations should be called to the By-law Enforcement Officer at the Municipal Offices, 526-4275.

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