

# Community hall filled for local government week meet

Last week was Local Government Week in Ontario. Port McNicoll started its own annual local government event, seven years ago. Last Wednesday, village residents filled most of the chairs in the community centre for a two hour meeting.

Mental Health Centre community service team members David Boyce and Tim Ingram talked about the half-day a week clinic they hold in the community. Liz Downer spoke about the recycling program. And OPP Constable Murray Cooper introduced a

Crime Watch program to Port McNicoll. Residents had the opportunity to ask the members of the village council for answers and explanations. Reeve John Moreau responded to concerns about a road that might be moved, lighting along the

beach and Silver Beach Crescent, and a hydro pole with a rotten base. Reeve Moreau illustrated the financial problem faced by the village council because of inflation: the municipality's expenses in 1987 are \$1,000 a week higher than in 1986,

without an increase in service. "It's getting harder and harder to provide the services, and preserve the status quo and make some improvements," the reeve said. Reeve Moreau described the lighting problem as

"grave." The lighting in that area of the village can't be improved until the main line in the area of Fourth Avenue is upgraded. The village advertised that work last summer, but no bids were received. The village has two bids in hand this year, a questioner was informed.

When the annual meeting originated, it was called Get Acquainted Night. Previous annual meetings included entertainment. Noting the lack of entertainment this year, the reeve said that the Oak Ridge Boys attended (two representatives of the Penetanguishene Mental Health Centre).

# Anticipating change of status for village

Last week, during the community meeting in Port McNicoll, when Reeve John Moreau spoke about the municipality, he said "town" instead of village. At one point, he

said "city hall" when he was referring to the village office. The reeve perhaps was anticipating the change of status from village to town. The village has enough

residents for consideration of application to the province for a change of title. When the reeve polled the audience in the community centre, most of the hands went up to support

a change to town status. When Port McNicoll becomes a town, it will have to change its nickname. Port McNicoll calls itself the "friendliest little village in Simcoe

County." A population of 2,000 is the dividing line between a village and a town. The most recent official count, in 1985, gave Port McNicoll a population of 1,926. The estimated current population is 2030.

The decision to apply for a change of status is a municipality's. Tottenham is one of the eight other villages in Simcoe County, although its population is closer to 3,000. Staff at the Port McNicoll municipal office say "Town hall," when answering the telephone. Callers don't understand when they hear "Village office," the village clerk said.

Staff were four members of the public school's junior council: student council reeve Sheila Stafford, clerk Toni Jackson, and councillors Chris Burns and Sherry Juneau.

# Umpire's clinic next Monday

North Simcoe Umpires Association are hosting a Rules Clinic (O.A.S.A.), April 26, 9 a.m., Regent School, Midland, corner of Russell St. and Ellen St. The Clinic is open to new umpires, players, coaches and is a must for veteran umpires. Contacts for more information:

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## Raffle

Philomena Dupuis and Lea Tountant helped raise funds for the Georgian Manor during its craft and bake sale. The two were selling tickets for a draw for a beautiful, hand-made quilt.

# Shield month.

May is the month during which the Salvation Army holds its annual Red Shield Appeal. In Midland, the Army's annual fund raising effort will be launched with a parade. The parade will leave the Salvation Army parking lot for the parkette beside the town library, at 11 a.m. on May 2. The municipality has been asked to declare May as Salvation Army Month, and to fly the Red Shield flag from the library flagpole during May. The week of May 4 to 8 is Children's Aid Society week in Ontario. The local CAS branch has planned a number of special events, several of which will be held in Midland.



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Copies of By-Law 1409 pertaining to open fires may be picked up at the Township office.

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