

County supports local bid for FM station

Local broadcaster Jim Armstrong went before representatives of the Simcoe County Council last week requesting the county government's support of his company's application for another FM radio licence in the county.

Armstrong, a Midland resident, and Ed Thompson were at the Administration Centre in Midhurst, representing the members of Playland Broadcasting who made application to the Canadian Radio and Telecom-

munications Commission (CRTC) for an FM licence early last month.

The application by Playland, owners of CKLP FM Radio in Parry Sound, is only one of six that is before the CRTC at the present time. Armstrong told

council Playland is the only locally owned company bidding for an FM licence for Simcoe.

During the deputation, two very prominent members of the county council vacated their seats in the council chamber to sit in the gallery, declaring a conflict of interest. County Warden Eldon Bell and former warden, Port McNicoll Reeve John Moreau are two of the 17 members of the organization who are hoping to get permission to set up a station that would hit the airwaves through a transmitter in the Horseshoe Valley area.

Armstrong stressed the new FM station would be a "Simcoe County station", also emphasizing that 15 of the 17 investors in the company are residents of the county.

Although the broadcaster would not divulge any information on the format of the station (because of the competitive nature of the applications) Armstrong did say, "according to our surveys our programing will serve the needs of Simcoe County ... we know the needs of the county and we are ready to address them".

Even with the existence of CHAY FM, Armstrong quoted statistics showing 50 per cent of the FM listeners, tune to stations

outside of the county.

After considerable discussion amongst the county council representatives, the council voted in

favour of endorsing the application that is expected to go before the CRTC for final approval some time this summer.

Airport funding

Huron Airport officials have finalized their application to the federal government for funding for a 999 foot extension on the existing runway.

According to Airport Manager John O'Hara, the application which was completed early last week has been sent on to Simcoe North MP Doug Lewis.

Airport officials have been working on the project that is estimated at costing over \$450,000 with both the federal and provincial governments.

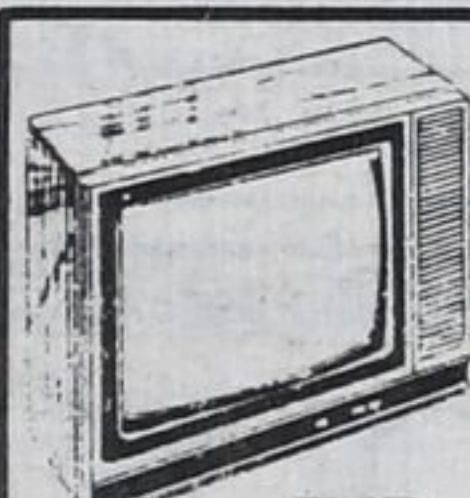
The additional 999 feet, bringing the length of the strip up to 3,999 feet will change the present status of the airport in Perkinsfield, making it accessible to jet engine planes.

Original plans call the work on the runway to be completed over a three year period, beginning this year, but O'Hara said the final decision on the length of the project will come with the announcement of the grant money.

Lewis will now take the application to the Ministry of Transport for final approval.



Jim Armstrong



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	1986	1985
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries and wages	\$ 13,452	\$ 12,154
Employee fringe benefits	639	576
Supplies and services	9,367	8,268
	<u>23,458</u>	<u>20,998</u>
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		
Trustees' honorarium	9,600	8,644
INSTRUCTION		
Salaries and wages	346,994	330,341
Employee fringe benefits	16,271	15,290
Supplies and services	33,430	28,802
	<u>396,695</u>	<u>374,433</u>
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES		
Library supplies and services	2,070	2,575
ATTENDANCE		
Truant officer	250	250
PLANT OPERATION - MAINTENANCE		
Salaries and wages	21,842	19,855
Employee fringe benefits	1,651	1,657
Heating	3,485	3,783
Water and light	5,582	3,520
Repairs and maintenance	8,623	11,714
Insurance	7,554	3,537
	<u>48,737</u>	<u>44,066</u>
TRANSPORTATION	11,715	10,704
DEBT CHARGES		
Debenture principal and interest	6,526	16,240
OTHER EXPENDITURE		
Interest	3,079	2,117
Taxes charged back	-	732
	<u>3,079</u>	<u>2,849</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	28,773	18,272
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>\$530,903</u>	<u>\$499,031</u>

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