



New directions

At its September meeting the Midland public safety committee will consider a suggestion that a section of Hugel Avenue and of

Midland Avenue, and all of First Street, be made one way streets. Also suggested is that no left turns be permitted between 8 a.m. and

6 p.m. at King Street and Hugel Avenue. The areas that would be affected are indicated by arrows on the above map.

Mayor wants Hugel to be one-way

Should Hugel Avenue west of Fourth Street be a one-way roadway? The Midland public safety committee wants opinions.

Last Thursday during the committee's monthly meeting, Mayor Al Roach suggested eastbound traffic only on Hugel Avenue between Old Penetanguishene Road and Fourth Street;

northbound traffic only on Midland Avenue north of Yonge Street; southbound traffic only on First Street; no left turn off Hugel at King Street or King at Hugel, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

The introduction of one-way streets would reduce traffic congestion, the mayor said after the

meeting.

Making Hugel Avenue one-way would reduce truck traffic on Hugel; reduce the possibility of injuries because school buses would no longer be stopping east and west; and put more traffic on Yonge Street, the four lanes of which are underused, the mayor told the other committee members.

Reducing the traffic on Hugel Avenue will stop its deterioration and give the town more time to get the money to pay for its repair, the mayor said.

Fire Chief Hal Belfry will investigate the effect a one-way Hugel Avenue would

have on ambulance service to Huronia District Hospital.

The mayor's suggestions will be discussed at the committee's September meeting. The mayor said he had already shared his ideas with business owners at King and Hugel, and the BIA, with no negative reaction so far. "I think that it should be done, but it should be done properly."

Police Chief Ernie Bates agreed with the no left turn idea. "I've been saying that there should be no left turn at King and Hugel for years."

The mayor also would like the stoplight on Yonge

Street at Eighth Street to be moved to Hugel Avenue and Eighth Street.

The traffic pattern in Midland will be changed this fall when a stoplight is placed at Hugel Avenue and First Street. That stoplight would complement his one-way street proposal, the mayor said. Westbound Hugel traffic would shift to Yonge Street via First Street.

A pedestrian-activated stoplight will be placed across King Street at Ellen Street, to make easier the crossing of King Street by people walking to and from the arena and Little Lake Park.

Port scolded for exceptions to dog law

After making two exceptions to a rule allowing only two dogs per household in Port McNicoll, council is coming under attack from some residents who wonder why they can't own three dogs too.

Deputy-reeve Ross Cameron said at last week's Wednesday night council meeting that angry residents have been questioning the village's animal control contractors, Bay Animal Control, as to why some people seem to be getting special treatment.

"They're going over and saying, 'Joe Blow's got a licence for three dogs. Why not everybody?'," said Cameron.

At each of the two previous council meetings, homeowners who had recently moved to the village with three dogs appeared before council asking for exceptions to a bylaw which states clearly only two dogs are allowed.

Each time, council granted the request under the circumstances that when one dog dies, it would not be replaced. Both cases were very similar in that one of the three dogs was old and ill and expected to die soon.

"I thought it was a human thing to do," said Reeve John Moreau. "What are you going to say to these people? 'Kill it?'"

But, says Deputy Reeve Cameron, it has been Bay Animal Control which has been taking the heat from angry residents. Both the village office and Bay Animal Control sell dog licences. Cameron argued that perhaps Bay Animal should be the one that decides on exceptions to the rule, not council. Reeve Moreau argued against that, saying he would not like to see that power taken out of council's hands.

But the whole question of making exceptions was the centre of attention at the council meeting.

"You can't have one law for one guy and one law for the other," said the village bylaw enforcement officer, John Dallaire.

Councillor Reg Quesnelle said, "John's point is very well taken."

Separate board tomorrow

The Simcoe County Roman Catholic Separate School Board holds its monthly meeting tomorrow night (Wednesday).

The meeting will be held at the Education Centre in Midhurst. The public session begins at 8 p.m.

Teen Town is coming up fast

The Teen Town Reunion is coming up fast. In a week and a half the Midland Centennial Arena will be transported back, way back to the 1950s and

60s for a rock and roll evening with The Martells.

Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 advance and \$12 at the door.

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