

Site of fatal crashes to get warning

A railway crossing in Tay Township where two people have died will soon have a flashing light and bell if CN guarantees the line will be used another 10 years.

At its meeting last Thurs-

day, Tay councillors talked about the crossing on the Eight Concession, the only one in the township where fatal accidents have occurred.

"They seem to be saying someone has to die" before

putting a crossing in, said Reeve Bruce Tinney. "Surely there's something wrong with that idea."

The flashing warning light and bell cost about \$70,000. The township will pay 12.5 per cent of that

cost and half the maintenance. However, Tay will only agree to the plan if the railway company guarantees the line will be used until 1998.

Two died in separate collisions with oncoming

trains, one in 1973 and one in 1986.

Smoking is banned in the Tay Township municipal building except for one area: the lunchroom.

And even there a fan will be installed to clear the smoke away.

Tay council approved the ban at its last meeting Thursday.

Two staff members are smokers. The new policy officially takes effect Jan. 1, 1988.

Previously smoking was not allowed under an informal guideline set by the township.

"It would be easier if everybody just stopped smoking," joked one councillor.

Huronia needs a new FM station says Tay council. But it does not necessarily need one run by Butch Orser.

The defeated Liberal candidate is actively seeking support for his plan to start a new soft-rock radio station in Simcoe County.

Four other companies are also vying for the one licence, to be granted by a government body after hearings in December.

Orser had sent letters to various municipal councils in the area seeking support. Months ago, another company seeking the same licence also wrote letters

asking for support. Playland Broadcasting was endorsed by many area councils.

Orser's bid has had a rough ride thus far. Port McNicoll filed his letter and Tay supported it only in the vaguest of terms: "We support in principle the need for a new FM station to serve Huronia and therefore do not object."

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce will continue to have Tay

Township's business.

The bank is the only one which still operates a branch in Victoria Harbour. That was one of the reasons Tay council decided last week to leave its money there.

"I imagine out business is important to continue to maintain the branch in Victoria Harbour," said councillor Kay Chambers.

Clerk Brian Hopkins added that "it's very convenient."



Inspectors

Members of Tay Township council took time out of their lunch hour last Thursday to inspect the job done by a county crew in building a bridge on County Road 37. Reeve Bruce Tinney says it's "unsafe" to use the

road because vision is impaired by the uneven job. "We'll be asking to be assured in writing this gets top priority," said Tinney.

Raffle winners at yuletide

The following were winners of the raffle at the Yuletyme Fayre, held Nov. 6 at the Budd Watson Gallery in Midland:

First prize - Olive Baughton.

Second prize - Deborah Adams.

Third prize - Judy Jaron.

Thanks to all those who bought tickets from the Auxiliary of Huronia District Hospital.

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