

Lighting will strike

Lighting could strike in Midland in January.

Midland town council has approved in principle the use of town roads by troops from Canadian Forces Base Petawawa.

Five hundred troops and their vehicles will be in Simcoe County between Jan. 24 and Jan. 27.

The exercise is code-named Lightning Strike 88.

"I don't believe they're going to be bringing any tanks down King Street, or any howitzers," the town clerk said.

Tiny Township has officially split from the North Simcoe Waste Management Association. But the township is a partner with the five remaining municipalities making up the NSWMA, in signing a contract with a contractor for transfer of garbage to Keele Valley.

The proposed contract calls for the municipalities to pay McLellan Disposal Services \$13.95 a tonne.

Ward 2 Councillor Fred Pilon was critical of a Midland Times interview with the new OPSEU Local 328 staff representative, Dalton Chapman.

Counc. Pilon didn't agree with Chapman's description of former Councillor Richard Platt as an "approachable" management representative and negotiator for



Fred Pilon

the town. Pilon said Platt was the chairman of, the negotiating committee in 1981 when the outside workers struck for 24 days.

Pilon compared that example with the recent "major achievement" by the current town council of a three-year contract.

Pilon described the story as "more Midland Times biased town hall reporting." It was "selective and subjective coverage" of Chapman's criticism of the attitude toward labor of the council and senior town hall staff, he said.

"I think your reply is quite suitable but continue with your (public works) report," Mayor Al Roach said.

Brush Disposal will be paid \$74,000 a year for the next three years to take Midlanders' garbage to the area garbage transfer site on the Golf Links Road.

Brush Disposal came to Midland 10 years ago to take over the municipal garbage collection contract, Robert Brush Sr. said last week. This year was the first year in eight years that Brush Disposal bid for the municipal contract, he said. Brush Disposal services most of the town's industries and stores with garbage bins.

Robert Brush Jr., a Ward 1 councillor, declared a pecuniary interest, during the Nov. 23 council meeting, regarding the awarding of the town's garbage collection contract for the next three years. He was outside the council chamber while the awarding of the contract was discussed. Brush Disposal won the contract. Until recently Robert Brush Jr. was running the business for his father, according to his father, Robert Brush Sr.

Counc. Brush was present as an observer for the opening of the tenders the previous week. He is not a member of the public works committee.

The composition of the standing committees of town council members for 1988 will be announced on Dec. 14. Vacancies on the town's boards managed by volunteers will be filled, too. Standing committee memberships are shuffled annually.

The developers of the 260 acres south of Little Lake Park are asking for suggestions for a name for the project. Mayor Al

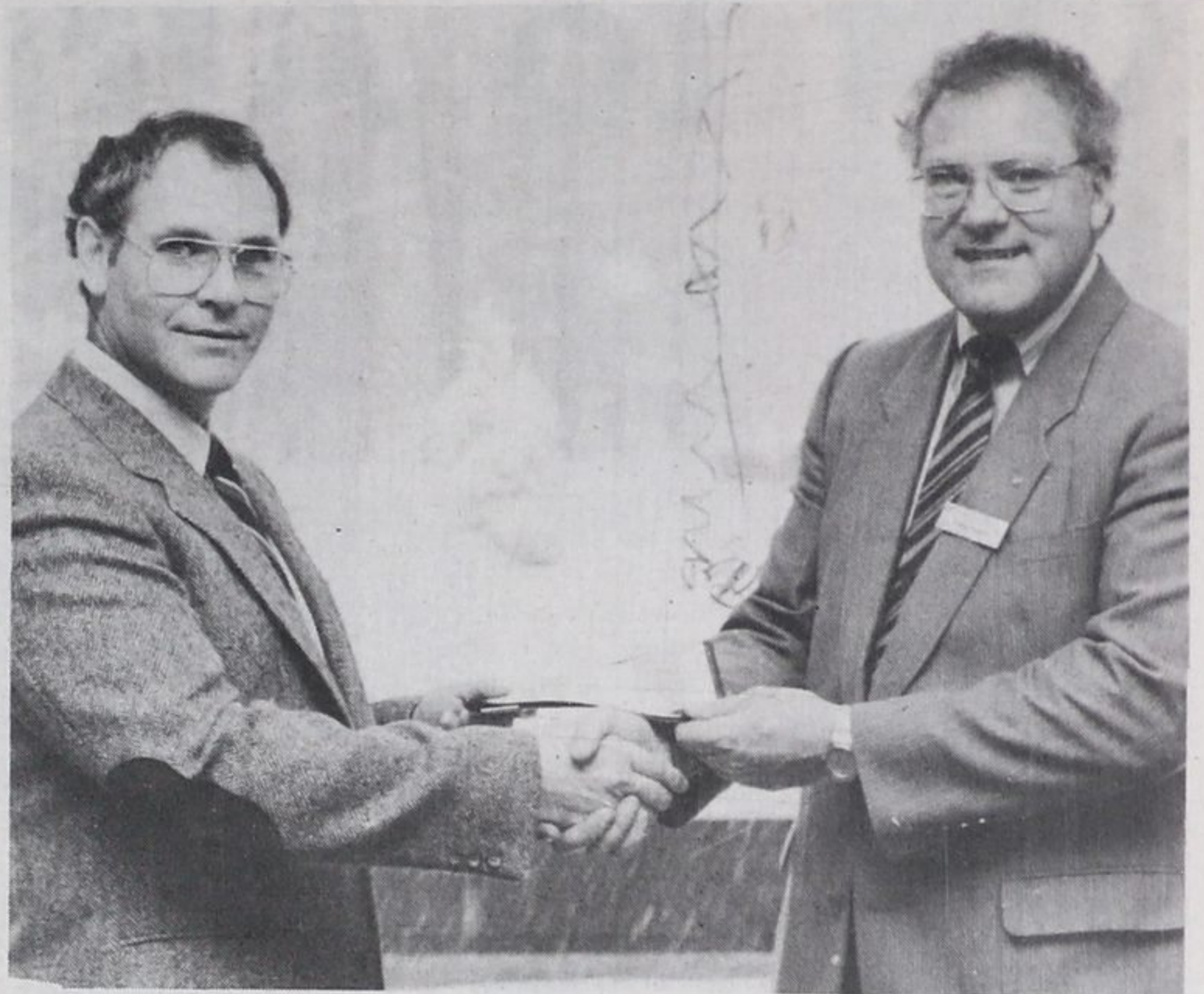
Roach has suggested Evergreen, the former name of adjacent Heritage Drive.

The town council is anxious that the new three-year contract with Brush Disposal include provision for mandatory wearing by pickup crew members of reflective vests and safety boots. The municipality will be hit financially by any claims to the Workers' Compensation Board by garbage workers injured collecting garbage for the town.

The lane east of St. Margaret's Church is being closed. In the 1800s the church and the municipality traded land so that the town could widen the Third Street and Hugel Avenue intersection. Now the church needs the lane as part of the building that is planned concurrent with the rebuilding of the burned church.

Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons and the Town of Midland have a new five-year fire protection agreement. The old contract provided for a standby fee and a hourly rate. The new contract pays the town a fixed annual rate, with an increase in each year. The first year's payment is \$3,500.

Laurier Council 2004 of the Knights of Columbus has permission from Midland town council to sell raffle tickets in the town.



Off to sun and sand

John Baxter, director of radiology at Huronia District Hospital, is off the warm climes of Jamaica after winning the HDH draw last Wednesday. He is shown here with the chairman of the hospital, Arnold

DeCarli after his name was picked from all the names of HDH staffers who contributed. About \$85,000 of the \$2.1 million raised has come from inside the hospital.

It's Ombudsman Week

Reeve William Varney of Victoria Harbour declared "Learn About Your Ombudsman Week" for the week of Nov. 30 to Dec. 4.

what their provincial Ombudsman can do and how to reach his services.

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board and commission. Village of Victoria Harbour residents with problems they cannot get solved with Ontario government bodies may visit the information display at the municipal offices, or call the Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario, toll free 1-800-263-1830

Peaches 'n' cream tops 4-H course

by LARISSA DUQUETTE

Once again the Penetanguishene 4-H Club, under the title of Peaches 'n' cream, is at the end of another course, the study of Ontario fruits and vegetables.

The members of the club are thrilled to have learned and understood the importance of proper food choices and criteria for evaluating good snacks, and learning to distinguish the difference between fruit juices, nectar and drinks.

The Penetang 4-H members also compared flavor, texture and appearance of fresh, frozen and canned fruits and vegetables. They ex-

perimented with different methods of vegetable cooking, such as boiling, pan-frying, microwaving, steaming and stir-frying. They also learned how to make various vegetable garnishes and enjoyed sprouting their own alfalfa seeds.

Beverly Duquette and Jean Secord deserve thanks on behalf of all members for their enthusiastic and very capable leadership.

The club is now in the process of planning a Christmas Buffet (which is to include recipes from the course) to be held Nov. 28. It will be an exciting evening for each member, accompanied by their mother and a friend.

New friends

John Chiles, Michele Gouett, Boyd Jamieson and Gordon Sedgwick are the new members of the board of the Friends of Sainte-Marie.

They join Lawrence Anderson, Jim Bryant, Trish Hartman, Dolly Heasman, Marg Payne, Roland Kuerzdoerfer, Grace Blackhurst, Bob Main and Fran Ferguson.

The executive positions on the board will be filled

in January. Michelle Quealey, manager, employee and volunteer services of Huronia Historical Parks is the new liaison between the non-profit, volunteer Friends, and the provincially-run Sainte-Marie among the Hurons.

Between 30 and 35 of the 800 members of the Friends of Sainte-Marie attended the annual meeting.

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