

# Some bylaws are hard to enforce

The bylaw enforcement officer in Tiny Township is busier now than he has been in months.

Summer is fast approaching and Tiny's population almost doubles during the warmer months as hundreds of people come to Balm Beach and seasonal cottagers move in along Tiny Beaches Road.

It means more business for local merchants and longer hours of operation

for some stores.

It also means all-night parties, reckless driving by all terrain vehicles, litter on the beaches and loud music being played at all hours of the night.

Already, Tiny councillors like Art Dyer and Montcalm Maurice are talking about garbage being dumped along Balm Beach.

Mike Dorion has to investigate these bylaw viola-

tions. Unfortunately, some of the calls he receives represent a misunderstanding of his office.

"We got one call last week from someone complaining about the price of bingo cards," Dorion told Tiny council last week.

The price of bingo cards has nothing at all to do with being a bylaw enforcement officer.

This news enraged Art Dyer who rolled back in his

chair and slammed the desk, saying "What balderdash this is? What crap! I can't believe this; what a waste of time."

Deputy Reeve Dr. Peter Brasher joked that Dyer should "settle down and relax" but agreed that questions like this were unnecessary.

Dorion has to investigate more serious matters.

One of the concerns of residents who live along

the waterfront is that motorized vehicles can be driven carelessly wherever and whenever their owners choose.

Reports were circulating last summer and fall that told of gangs of marauding ATV owners who threatened the lives of beach residents. These reports were confirmed by eye-

witness testimony that spoke of ATV drivers trying to run down people walking along the beach.

However, Dorion says when he investigates a report like this, the people are "not around anymore."

The same thing happens when garbage is illegally dumped along the roadside

or on the beach. When Dorion arrives to investigate, "a lot of times, you can't find out who's done it."

Tiny council has admitted in the past that its own bylaws cannot be enforced because the necessary numbers of police officers are just not there.

## Building is 'dingy'

# Big plans to reorganize Mental Health Centre

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Even where short-term hospitalization can be beneficial, long term hospitalization can produce problems of its own for patients. Implicit in this recognition of the efficacy of community care, however, is the conviction that hospitals must be able to respond quickly to psychiatric crises occurring in the community."

Another principle is "continuity of care." Here, "meaningful social relationships" are seen as essential for the recovery of a mental patient.

Doctors should also be located close to the people they are treating, according to the report, "preferably, right on the

ward."

Mental health care should not be seen as monolithic but as an assembly of different disorders, all of which require specialized care.

Amongst the most pressing changes to the physical structure of the MHC is a new ventilation system for the Toanche, Bayfield and Brebeuf buildings. The report describes these places as "dingy, poorly lit, poorly-ventilated and dull."

The wards are said to become "unbearably hot in the summer months," leading to "outbreaks of anger and hostility by patients."

Immediate changes are also required on the

psychogeriatric unit in the Bayfield building. Although the ward is relocating this year, the area must expand to 60 beds.

Another area of discussion is the need for co-ordinating hospital services and community services. This can be done, the report urges, if long term planning takes precedence over snap decisions. "The challenge in coming years will be to take the initiatives already launched, such as the community consultation process described earlier, and formalize them into effective mechanisms for the planning of mental health services. This implies full integration of the hospital's

work in this regard with that of other agencies such as district health councils, general hospitals and community-based agencies."

There are smaller concerns expressed too:

The hospital's data collection system is described as "poor." This means the hospital can't determine where patients go after they leave the hospital or if their treatment has been successful.

The authors of the report criticize the lack of public transit in the area saying the MHC "is the only provincial psychiatric facility without public transit to its grounds."



## Successful swing

They might have been golfing at the Mental Health Centre last Wednesday, but serious issues have been raised in a report prepared by Community Advisory Board. CAB wants extensive changes to occur at the hospital.

## Lawyer makes it official

The Minister of the Environment has been officially informed of Tiny's decision to allow the North Simcoe Waste Management Association to proceed with Environmental Assessment Hearings first. Tiny plans to enter the hearings as opponents to Site 41 (the NSWMA's preferred choice of a dump) and introduce Site 4 (Tiny's preferred choice) as an alternative to the association's location.

This could prove a significant step in the battle of finding a new dump site for North Simcoe.

The minister, Jim Bradley, has been sent a letter from Harry Dahme, Tiny Township's environmental lawyer:

"We had written to you earlier in connection with the above mentioned matter, requesting that a hearing in respect of the Environmental Assessment of the Township of Tiny be conducted at the same time as the hearing of the Environmental Assessment being conducted on behalf of the North Simcoe Waste Management Association."

But Dahme says this has all changed recently because "we have been advised by members of your staff that it is their view, certainly as of several months ago, that the Environmental Assessment of Tiny Township is approximately 2.5 months behind that of the North Simcoe

Waste Management Association and that your staff was of the view that a hearing into the Environmental Assessment of NSWMA ought not to be delayed as a result of the delay in the EA of the Township of Tiny."

Dahme has told this newspaper that in his opinion, Tiny was no longer two-and-one-half months behind the NSWMA but had virtually caught up.

Despite this, Dahme has informed Bradley that Tiny "has no desire to hold up a hearing...and wishes to suggest that a hearing into that (NSWMA) EA ought to be conducted as soon as possible."



## More awards

Marlene Jackson, Donat Desroches and Don Roszmann line up to accept their awards for lining up the most pledges in this year's health walk. Sister

Joan Whalen, PGH administrator, and George Desroches, president of the Club Richelieu presented the awards. This year's Health Walk raised \$30,073.38.