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Noise, drink infuriate residents

Tiny Township's long hot summer has heightened tensions along the beaches. Council has been approached by numerous delegations and received at least a dozen letters from concerned residents who complain of all-night drinking, unbearable noise and theft.

One of the people to appear before council last week was Janice Andrews, who lives at the end of the 13th Concession in Tiny.

She said she didn't have much to add to a letter which had been included in the regular agenda. In that correspondence, she complained of bonfires burning on the beaches, illegal drinking, broken glass from beer bottles, burning of walkway posts, loud noise and garbage being strewn all over the beach area.

She says the partiers have even come onto her property and taken lawn chairs. Though Andrews always calls the bylaw enforcement officer and the situation subsequently settles down, "you can be guaranteed that an hour later another incident is occurring," she says.

Another problem which Andrews perceives is the way that parking is managed along the 13th Concession. She fears so many cars are stopping on both sides of the road that it will become impossible for an emergency vehicle to pass through.

Reeve Morris Darby expressed his sympathies for Andrews's situation and informed the resident that he had been hearing "all kinds of stories like this along the shoreline. I wish there were a common answer."

Deputy Reeve Peter Brasher told Andrews that if partiers come on her property she can "charge them with trespassing."

But he cautioned her against throwing anyone off the beach.

Andrews said she had never done that. She described the efforts of Mike Dorion, Tiny's chief bylaw enforcement officer, as "super" but wished there were more like him.

She wondered why people who light open fires on the beaches without a permit couldn't be charged. Clerk Guy Maurice answered that question by saying it is difficult to deter-

mine who actually lights a fire and that has to be done before anyone can be charged.

As for illegal drinking, Andrews was told to contact the OPP.

But Councillor Ross Hastings didn't think this advice was sufficient. He wondered if there wasn't some way to prevent people from going to the beaches with liquor. "Maybe we can divert some of it before it gets

onto the beaches. I see coolers going by all the time; maybe we can see what's inside those coolers."

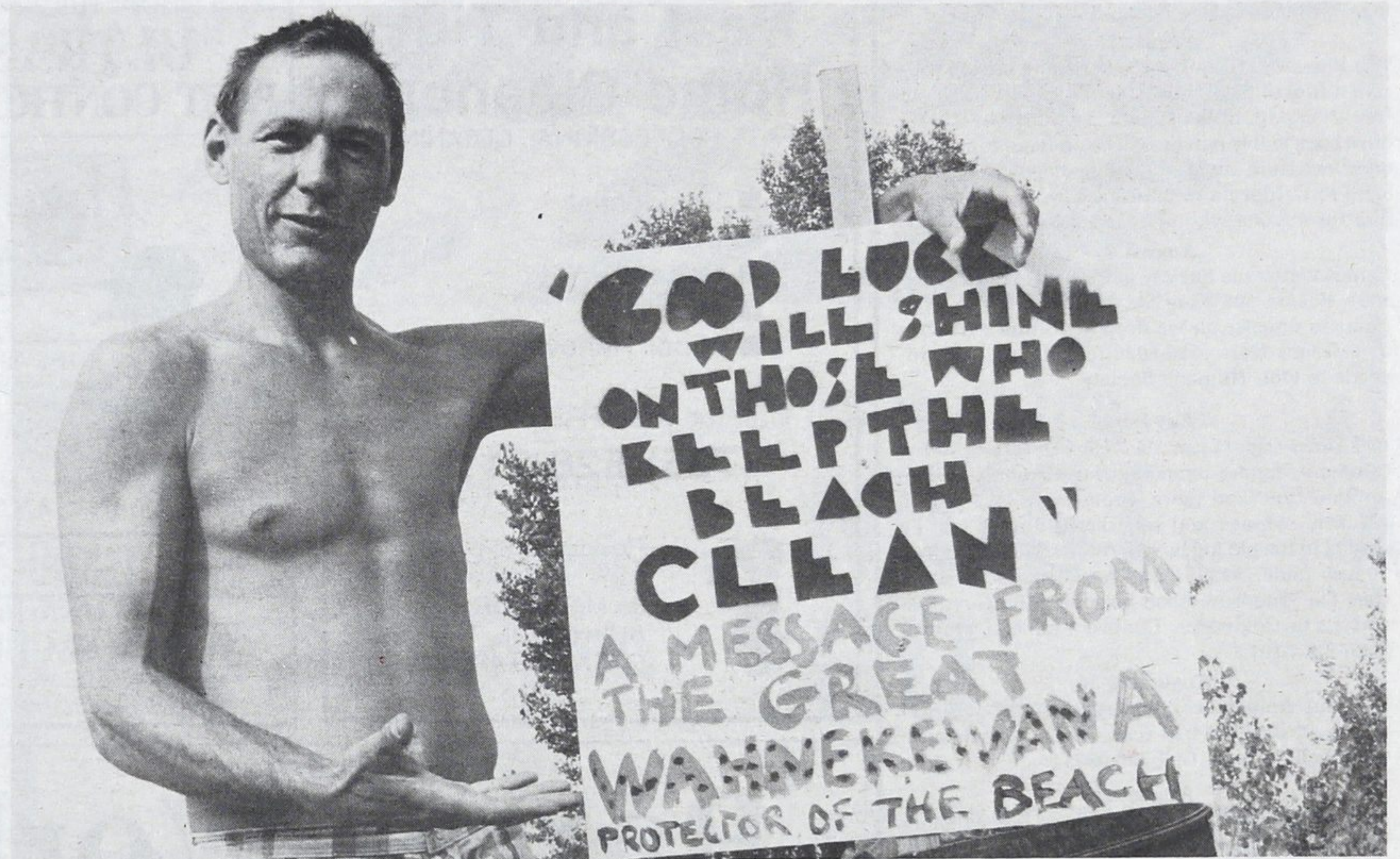
Andrews's concerns about no parking along her road were not satisfied. She was told by Brasher that such signs could indeed be installed on Saturday "but they would be gone by Sunday."

On Monday morning, Brasher said similar

signs which had been erected in another area of the township on Saturday were indeed removed by Sunday morning.

The deputy reeve said Andrews should write her MPP (Al McLean) and demand more provincial money for police enforcement and shoreline planning.

Reeve Darby agreed that "the OPP would need an army to patrol that area."



Protector of the beach

Rod Prouse, local artist and resident of Wahnekewana Beach, says the litter problem is "millions of times worse" than ever before.

He and a group of concerned citizens are hoping a clean up campaign will change that.

He is seen here putting up his home-made sign early Saturday morning.

Making the best of a rotten dock

The Midland harbor committee is going to try to make the best of the collapse and closing of the Rotary pier.

The committee has the support in principle of MP Doug Lewis and of Midland council to explore for a new look to the harbor.

The harbor committee has asked the question: If \$1 million has to be spent to fix the Rotary pier, could that money be spent more effectively?

The Rotary pier, the larger of the two piers, has been closed to pedestrians and transient boaters since June 30. Fill leaking from inside the pier under the water's surface through rotten wood created a cavity which caused the collapse of a portion of the surface of the dock.

Examination by federal engineers of the

pier revealed more weak points.

The committee has asked for a similar survey of the other pier.

Following meetings with Lewis two weeks ago and with Midland council last week, the committee has the support it feels it needs to explore alternatives to repair of the existing structure.

The sub-committee of the harbor committee charged with dealing with the problem of the closed pier now has a direction.

Since a solution more complex than fixing the pier would involve the federal, provincial and municipal governments, formulation of a plan, followed by approval and funding, could take months.

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Tiny council rejects radio free beaches

A Tiny resident has proposed that municipal beaches be designated "radio free."

Carol Tynan says the proliferation of ghetto blasters has made such an initiative necessary. She would make some allowance for people using headphones.

"In addition to providing peace of mind for nearby residents, this step would provide an alternative for those of us who wish to enjoy the beaches without being bombarded by the artificial sound of radios. Some of us like to hear the sounds of the wind and the water and people laughing and playing when we are at the beach.

Tynan stresses that for the new bylaw to work, it will have to be rigorously enforced with signs clearly posted. Though "there might be some resistance at first, it would soon become and accepted social custom."

When Tynan's letter was read by members of Tiny council, Clerk Guy Maurice mentioned that her complaints about loud music at the beaches were not unusual. "All hours of the day and night, the bylaw enforcement people have been answering calls," he said.

Councillor Ross Hastings didn't think the township could prevent the problem. "What can you do?" he asked.

Maurice informed council that to actually charge someone with breaking a noise bylaw, the municipality would require a special instrument that measures decibel levels. One of these had been rented on one occasion but the exercise wasn't repeated.

Councillor Montcalm Maurice said it was impossible to control the noise along the beach.

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