

Social agency strike is over

The Catulpa-Tamarac employees are back at work. The three-month strike by the 50 employees is over.

"It's fantastic. It was like Christmas time," Elaine

Kraftscik, a family service worker in the Midland office, said, describing her emotions when agreement was reached.

The agency's 50 family service workers and adult

protective service workers help 600 of the mentally handicapped and their families in Midland and five other Simcoe County communities.

Three clients died during

the strike. One client, not in Midland, wasn't found until a week after his death.

Kraftscik talked to two clients of the agency who were excited about the resolution of the strike. "I

think that I would have started this morning (last Thursday). You have to come down from the feeling of strike." The workers officially returned to work on Monday.

felt bad because they work with people. "When you are not there with your clients, it's like walking out on your kids. The feeling is indescribable."

With the strike's resolution, the members of Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local

355 have their first contract. At the end of the retroactive three-year deal, wages will rise 26 per cent.

More importantly, Kraftscik said, a wage grid is in place. A wage grid means that education and years of employment will count in the setting of an employee's salary.

Shore study group coming to Midland to hear complaints

Concerns about shoreline management can be expressed to representatives of the Minister of Natural Resources in Midland on Sept. 10.

The nine-member Ontario Shoreline Management Advisory Committee was created in April 1987. It held seven public meetings in 1987. The Midland meeting is the sixth and last of its 1988 schedule.

A popular theme at the meetings, says council secretary David Fay, is the regulation of the level of the Great Lakes by dams and other control structures on each of the Great Lakes.

Because the Great Lakes are international waters,

House break-ins on the rise

Six break-ins in one week at Midland businesses is not "really unusual," according to a police spokesperson.

That's how many there were the week before last. But overall, break and enter crimes in businesses are down substantially this year. There were 60 by the end of August in 1987. But as of last Thursday, there were just 39 in 1988.

However, almost twice as many homes have been broken into in 1988. Last year just 24 had been reported as of Aug. 24, but so far this year 47 homes have been broken into.

Last week there were three more break and enter crimes at Midland businesses. On Aug. 23, Central Marine reported a break-in with more than \$600 stolen and \$200 damage to the building.

On the same day, Uptown Billiards reported a break-in. Although police say there was no damage, \$150 was taken.

And later the same day, The Little Store in the Edwards Square Mall called to report another break-in. Cartons of cigarettes were taken.

Meanwhile, two cars were broken into on Bayview Drive. Stereo equipment was taken from both. The incidents took place late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning.

however, the province has no jurisdiction.

Development on shoreline that is apt to be flooded or is already wet is a controversial topic, Fay said.

People this year who look at their wide beaches and feel that they should be allowed to build aren't mindful that two years ago the problem for shoreline property owners was protection of their shore from high water, he said.

The province is going to ask municipalities to designate waterfront land which is borderline as flood hazard land in the municipalities' official plans, Fay said.


The Shoreline Management Advisory Council reports annually to the Minister of Natural Resources and makes comments about the ministry's

shoreline policy.

The Midland meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 in the town hall.



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