

Council says goodbye

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Outgoing members of Penetanguishene's council both gave and received praise at their final meeting last night.

Mayor Frances St. Amant, Reeve Art Stewart, Councillor Lionel Dion and Deputy Reeve Don McNee were those who had some parting words for the returning and new members of council.

St. Amant, who lost her position to Councillor Bob Sullivan, had words of en-

couragement for him as well as a warning.

"I wish you well in the new year in your upcoming job as mayor. You'd better do a good job or I'll come back to haunt you," said St. Amant.

She had kind words for the municipal staff and praised Dion for his commitment to the town.

"They've been long and very good years you gave to this town. I wish you (returning members) and the new members well in the new year."

Dion remarked how unfortunate the new

council will be with the absence of St. Amant and Stewart, who have guided the town for many years.

"I'm sorry to see Art (Stewart) go after all these years. Between my 28 years, yours (15) and Frances' (18), that's a lot of experience that's leaving," said Dion.

He wished the new and returning members luck, especially councillor Ken Tannahill, who is to be the new Reeve and will sit on County council.

"It'll be something for you on county.

You'll lose what little hair you have left."

McNee thanked those voters who had supported him for three terms and complimented the staff for their helpfulness.

"I really enjoyed my involvement with the staff, they're the envy of the community."

Stewart said he was sorry he was leaving, but that he had something to occupy his time -- his bagpipes. As his last act as reeve, he made the motion to adjourn the meeting.



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Rotary raffle

The Penetanguishene Rotary Club is hoping to raise about \$30,000 for charities by building and selling a house.

The house, with an estimated list price of about \$150,000, will be in a new subdivision on the south side of Edward Street.

The lot has already been purchased at a reduced price of \$5,000 from Pendeco Inc., instead of the list price of \$36,000.

Ray Marchand, chairman of the club's housebuilding committee said keeping costs down is the key to making more money.

"We'll be using experts in the trades who will donate their time and experience. The Rotarians will assist, but will be supervised by the professionals at all times," said Marchand.

He said the Rotarians also will assist in basic carpentry, shingling the roof and clearing the building refuse away.

Marchand added that anybody with experience in a building trade would be welcomed with open arms.

"If somebody has a specialized trade, I'd hope they'd choose to volunteer their help," he said.

Others helping to keep costs down are lawyers who have waived their legal fees, and the municipality which has waived the registration fee.

"We've even got a designer working free of charge on the plans. We're also selling the house ourselves to save paying a percentage to a real estate company."

In the past, the club raffled a boat and trailer but decided a change of pace was needed.



Easy does it

A van and a car collided at the intersection of Robert and Main streets in Penetang on Sunday. Driver of the car,

Cathy Dupuis, was taken to Penetang General Hospital.
Photo By Robert Risk

Robillard is elected Chamber's president

Steve Robillard has been elected president of the Tiny-Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce.

Robillard, who captains the Georgian Queen, a cruise ship, invited members to hold a chamber meeting on his boat this past summer.

Anna-Marie Lau was elected vice president and Doug Leroux again will be treasurer.

Outgoing president, Anthony Lancia, who recently was elected reeve of Tiny Township, said he would continue to help the chamber, especially because of his new position.

"Tiny council doesn't currently support the chamber. I hope the council will support it and help get more members for us," he said.

Lancia said he would help the group reach 100 members this year, up from the current 88.

"We don't have much big business in Tiny, but it's the small businesses who really make a difference for us," Lancia said.

"They're not usually outgoing people, but they work their hearts out behind the scenes."

Summerama chairman Bill Stevens was

honored as Citizen of the Year and Lancia was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Robillard.

Lancia also presented certificates to Robillard, Leroux, Lau, Kathleen Flint, Dave Holding and Helen Simpson-Dubeau for their volunteer work on behalf of the chamber.

Mayor Frances St. Amant and Mayor-elect Bob Sullivan received certificates of merit for their effort with last year's Winterama.

Certificates of recognition went to Jeanette Robertson, Marie Louise Gauthier, John Forget and Don McNee.



New chairman

Newly-elected chairman of the Tiny-Penetanguishene Chamber of Commerce Steve Robillard, left, shakes hands with Anthony Lancia, last year's chairman.