

No appointment needed to speak

People who want to speak into the collective ear of Midland town council no longer need a reservation. One of the 1989-91 council's first acts was to abolish a requirement that a person wanting to

address the council need an appointment.

The town council meets each Monday. People, who wanted to make a speech, were required to tell the municipality's clerk no later than the

preceding Thursday.

But the 10-minute limit on a speech is unchanged.

During the same meeting Reeve Nancy Keefe was appointed acting mayor, in the absence of Mayor Ted

Symons.

Keefe briefly occupied the mayor's chair during the meeting after the mayor declared a conflict of interest.

After the council members dealt with the matter, and approved a

bylaw, Keefe told the clerk, "I don't know if I can say all that jazz."

The "jazz" was the ritual words spoken by a mayor to conclude passage of a bylaw. Mayors come to know the words by heart.



A party

Singing and dancing were part of the festivities at the Christmas at the Establishments in Penetang Saturday.

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