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## Town office to get \$100,000 facelift

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The Penetang municipal building is getting a \$100,000 facelift to help make it look 80 years younger.

Council had originally planned only to waterproof the building and restore the brickwork, but the Ministry of Culture and Communications stepped in.

It asked the town to put an old fashioned vent over the present sign, along with eaves troughing.

A reproduction of the original sign, taken from a 1908 photograph, will be put in its place.

Wilf Guthrie, the assistant clerk, said the main cost will be in repairing the brickwork and preventing further deterioration of it.

"We have to keep water from getting in. With the temperature changes, the water takes the face off the bricks and the problem will keep getting larger."

He said four brickworking firms in Toronto will bid for tenders, but there will likely be subcontracts for the other less specialized work.

Another major task will be replacing the roof shingles, which date back over 20 years.

"After a windstorm you'll find a few of them on the street. We'll be reshingling the

roof in cedar," said Guthrie. The roof also will be reinforced to remove the bow that's developing. "To do that, trusses will be made to hold

the existing structure. Then we'll reduce the span of the roof supports by half to strengthen everything."

Guthrie said a field inspection by poten-

tial tenderers will be Feb. 7 to give a better idea for their estimates.

Guthrie said work would probably begin in April and be completed in the summer.



### Fill er up

Two men from the public works department patch some holes at the corner of Robert St. and Main. The traffic and weather play havoc with the roads annually and this year is no exception.

## Construction in '88 booms to tune of \$25 million

by Robert Risk  
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Last year was Penetang's biggest year ever for construction, a whopping \$25.8 million worth, \$17 million more than 1987.

Both the Georgian Manor and the Le Caron school addition accounted for more than \$11 million, but that still left \$6 million in other projects above 1987's figures.

Eric Buccholz, Penetang's chief building official, said the amount didn't surprise him.

"It's a lot like this all through Ontario. It's normally low this time of year too, but there's a lot of activity."

After the two institutions, the biggest building group was in residential houses at \$10 million, followed by various expansions to homes and businesses.

Building fees collected in 1988 amounted to \$108,748 -- almost tripling last year's total of \$39,326.

Buccholz said even more could have been collected if the fees had been brought up to date.

"We charge \$4 per thousand worth of building, while most of the rest of Simcoe charges \$5. Barrie is increasing theirs to \$6. We're overdue for an increase."

He predicted growth will continue, but seeing another like the past one will be difficult.

"You don't always get two big projects going at the same time. Building in town will still be very strong."

## Lewis gets justice

by Murray Moore  
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Doug Lewis became one of Canada's prominent political movers and shakers on Monday.

Simcoe North's Member of Parliament since 1979 has made the big leap into the inner circle of the Mulroney Cabinet.

The new justice minister and government House of Commons leader becomes a member of the influential Cabinet priorities and planning committee.

The position of attorney general of Canada goes with the job.

"The two positions -- government House leader and Minister of Justice-Attorney General -- are demanding and seen as important Cabinet positions. I was flattered to be asked to fill these important positions," Lewis, said from his Ottawa office Tuesday.



Lewis

The appointments are a recognition by his peers and the prime minister that he can do the job, Lewis said.

The invitation, tendered during the weekend in person by the prime minister, left him both flattered and excited, Lewis said.

His Liberal opponent in the past three elections, Alan Martin, was not surprised. "He did everything he was asked to do up to now and probably did, so I dare say, with vim and vigor. This is probably his reward," Martin said.

Justice minister is "a very significant appointment," Martin added. "That's very good for Doug."

Lewis also is the chair of the committee on legislation and House planning and the vice-chair of another committee.

Lewis entered the outer circle of the then-40 person Cabinet on Aug. 27, 1987. He accepted invitations from the prime minister to become minister of state (Treasury Board) and minister of state (deputy House leader).

After the November, 1988 federal election, during which he was elected for the fourth consecutive time, Lewis was appointed acting president of the Treasury Board.

As of October, 1988, Canada's new justice minister favored letting women decide about having an abortion.

"After the election, the government will weigh facts and public opinion to meet the demands of the situation," Lewis said.

Lewis was a lawyer and a chartered accountant in Orillia before he began to represent Simcoe North in Ottawa. He has received and uses the honorary legal title, Queen's Counsel.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney rearranged his Cabinet Monday in the wake of the federal election.

### Thieves smash liquor store window Monday

The liquor store at the Village Square Mall in Penetang was broken into early Monday morning.

According to police chief Bob Cummings, a brick was used to smash a window sometime between 1-2:30 a.m.

Cummings said only a few bottles were taken, but an exact amount hasn't been determined.