

Tay says no to Royal Group plan

Tay Township council has voted against an official plan amendment for a draft plan proposal from Royalgroup Holdings Ltd., which proposes a 92-lot development in the Matchedash Bay area.

Royalgroup has already sold "lots" to more than 250 people without a subdivision plan approved by the municipality, township planner Wes Crown reported last fall.

Tay protested, to no avail, to the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations and the OPP. Don Forbes of the

ministry was of the opinion that the company was not breaking any laws. He noted that the purchasers were gambling that the project would go through.

Planner Crown reports the draft plan submitted does not conform to the intent of the township's official plan.

Fire chief Dan Moreau notes the extensive development may require a new fire hall.

Cecil Gratrix, public works superintendent, considers the access roads would need

upgrading, the natural wet area would be best served by storm sewers and a municipal water system. He said the internal cul de sacs proposed are not well designed for emergency services.

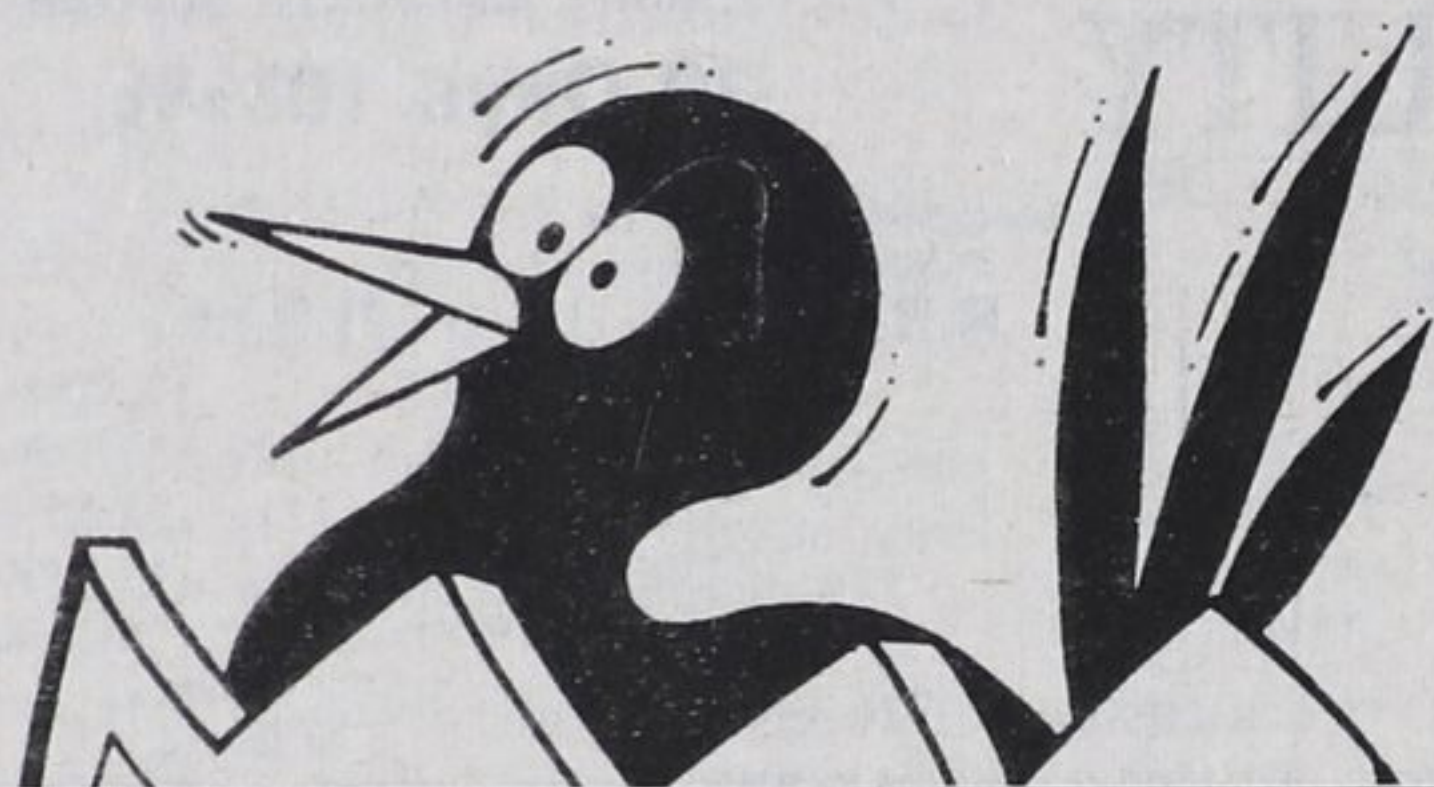
Crown reports that development in the area would affect "environmentally sensitive resources."

James Hunter of Huronia Museum has pointed out the Trader Cowans farm and trading post on the site, and has recommended an archeological survey.



Bowling Brothers

Last Saturday afternoon was set aside for Bowling for Millions at Bayshore Lanes in Midland. Every lane was used. Three of the bowlers were Big Brother Brian Marley, left, and Little Brothers Paul Howe, middle, and Cory Bugg, right.



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Publisher elected Chamber president

The 1989 president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce says 1988 will be "a pretty tough year to follow."

Omer Fontaine, publisher of the Free Press, has been elected the chamber president

The direction in 1989 will be the same as in 1988, Fontaine said.

In 1988 membership increased 61 per cent, to 253 members. Monthly breakfast meetings, a monthly newsletter, and a business column written by the chamber manager and published by the Free Press, are examples of progress in 1988, Fontaine said.

The board wants advice and suggestions as to the direction in which the organization's committees should go, he said.

"We don't want committees to be just members of the board."

owner of Galerie Gale, is the secretary-treasurer.

The other board members are Jim Bales, Pillsbury Canada Ltd.; Councillor Gail Barrie; Wayne Cowdery, Realty World-Bryson McQuirter Ltd.; Brian Downer, Downer's Yacht Haven; Jamie Hunter, Huronia Museum; Terry McSpaden, Waltec Sinkware; Michael Nihill, Ernst Leitz Canada; Greg Rice, Hacker Gignac Rice; Mayor Ted Symons.

Deputy Reeve Bev Day is the alternate council representative.

Tay to tender waste contract in 1989

Although Bruce Truax Gravel offered to extend his 1988 garbage collection contract with Tay Township at no increase in cost, council has decided to tender for collection.

At the February council meeting, councillor Barry Norris suggested the township buy its own truck and do its own collection.

Deputy reeve Tom O'Hara responded that Tay could not yet provide a full-time job for garbage collection.

In a change for commercial users - including camp grounds - that produce more than six bags a week, they will have to arrange for private collection.



Fontaine

Two 1989 projects are the Corporate Challenge in June, and phase two of the building project.

Stan Bodnarchuk, manager of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, is the vice-president. Gale Niblock,

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