

Chamber scrambles to meet deadline

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The Penetanguishene Tiny Chamber of commerce is in a last-minute scramble to put together a budget in time for a fun-

ding review by the Town of Penetanguishene. Steve Robillard, chamber president, said he didn't know about the deadline (this Friday) until last week.

"It might have been a slip-up and we'll have to

consider it a matter of our notice being misplaced." However, town treasurer Shirley Bellehumeur said the chamber isn't a committee of the town and the chamber must follow a different procedure.

"They have to make a submission for a grant to the town. It's up to them to approach us."

When asked about the situation, Councillor Peter Shirriff, chairman of the finance committee (which reviews the

budgets), pointed out that there are two members of council who sit on the chamber of commerce.

Shirriff said the councillors (Bob Klug and Iris Cinq-Mars) would have known about the deadline through their dealings

with the town council and would have told Robillard about it.

"Obviously somebody (Robillard or the councillors) isn't listening. Everyone was told to make every effort to get them (budgets) in by Fri-

day." Robillard said getting the budget in on time is important, since the chamber will be asking for an increase of its grant, which is now \$10,000.

"I think \$15,000 is what we're going to be asking for. We can't rely on (provincial) government grants year after year because we don't get them every time."

As an example, he said, they applied to the province to get subsidized salaries for four summer positions and wound up getting only one.

The finance meeting, (closed to the public) is tonight (Wednesday), during which the first draft of the town's budget will be discussed.

Bellehumeur predicted the process for finalizing this year's budget will take a month or two.

"There's about 10 different committees and other services to consider, such as the police department, fire department, etc. We have to make sure the taxpayers will have the ability to pay for all that."

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The stronger possibility of being at least partially reimbursed comes as a relief to the group, which has privately raised \$54,000 to bring their case through the hearings.

Some \$28,000 of that was awarded by the assessment board after it was decided the Why WYE group was the main independent intervenor involved in the dump site hearings process.

However, the group's treasurer, Marlene Lambie, said another \$43,500 will be needed to ensure all the costs for the hearings are covered.

John McCullough, Why WYE chairman, was confident the group would manage to find its way through to the end of the hearings nevertheless.

"I've taken some exception to the idea that we don't have the money for the hearings. We're determined to see this through to the end and I think I can assure the press we have every intention of having our day in court."

Promising young Flos resident is killed

A tragic accident early Tuesday morning on Highway 27, has taken the life of a promising young Flos Township resident.

Andrew Lynn Hollands, 19, of RR 3 Elmvale, was struck by a truck while walking in the northbound lane of the highway near Carson Road in Midhurst.

Hollands, an engineering student at the University of Windsor, was believed to be home for reading week.

The winner of Elmvale District High School's senior industrial arts award for 1986-87, Hollands graduated from EDHS last June.


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