

CASTOR SENIORS HOUSING

They're shouting in Russell . . .

There's only one way to make sure the long-awaited Russell Village senior citizens' apartment complex gets off the ground and that's to "keep shouting".

"We're not going to let the apartments die," Bertha Smith, president of Russell Senior Citizens told the Castor Review. "We're working and we're working hard."

In her most recent contact with the Ontario Housing Corporation, Mrs. Smith was told the 30-unit complex, planned for Church Street, is still slated to go ahead.

This news was confirmed by Dan Porayko, area manager of

housing corporation, who revealed that tenders are now expected to be called by the end of May.

The hold-up, Mr. Porayko explained, is with the provincial and federal governments trying to reach a funding agreement. If the federal level won't participate, the province will pick up the full tab, he said.

"The Russell project won't fall through," he insisted.

Mr. Porayko also noted that the available units won't be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis but rather according to the income and general circumstan-

ces of the applicants. Russell Township council will have final say on who gets an apartment.

The Russell Village Women's Institute is also campaigning hard for the complex with Georgie Gamble having written to Reeve Gaston Patenaude seeking assurance the apartments would be built. Her letter was dated April 4; as of the end of April, she hadn't received a reply.

Both Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Gamble reported that some local seniors are "quite anxious" about the future of the complex.

. . . still talking in Osgoode

Subsidized senior citizen housing, a nursing home, or a combination of the two is the goal of an Osgoode Township task force formed in the middle of April.

Headed by Councillor Albert McKeown, the task force includes representatives of senior citizen groups and service clubs from across the township.

Several meetings have been held as the task force attempts to determine the criteria required by the provincial and federal governments in assisting with senior citizen accommodation.

"We hope we can accomplish something," Mr. McKeown told the Castor Review. "We're going to give it a good shot."

If approval can be won for some form of senior housing, Mr.

McKeown said it would probably be located in either Metcalfe or Osgoode Village, the township's two largest communities. The housing would be non-profit and administered by council or a co-operative.

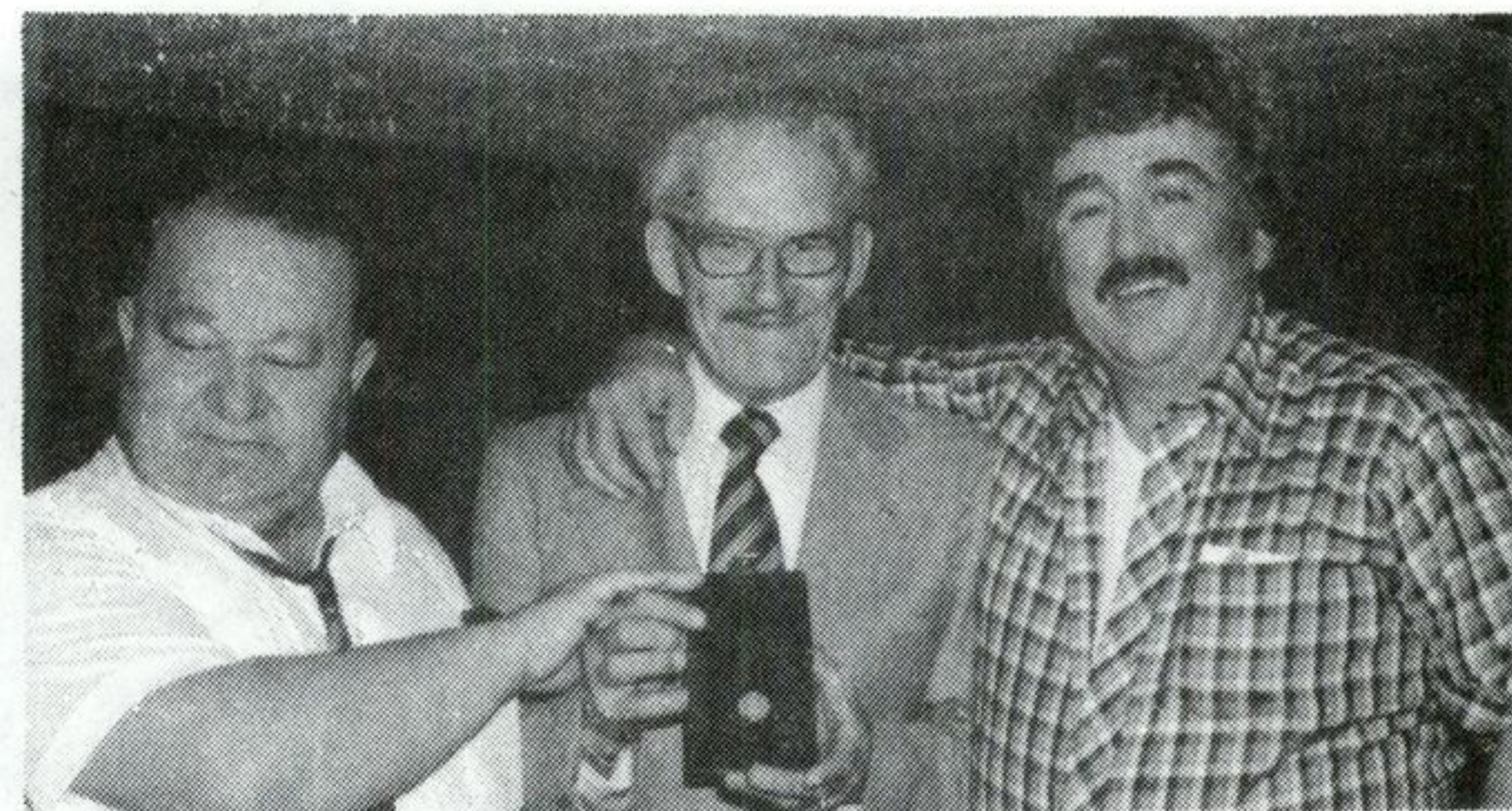
Council has been trying for several years to convince the Ministry of Housing to approve senior accommodation for the township. The ministry has maintained that, despite the high level of interest in the part of local seniors in such housing, most are not needy enough to qualify.

A group of concerned seniors approached council at the end of March seeking help in securing a nursing home. As a result, the task force was formed and two

Algonquin College community development officers were brought in to help organize an approach to the provincial government.

Many interested parties now feel a nursing home is what's required rather than just standard accommodation, Mr. McKeown said. Local clergy members have confirmed that many of their parishioners would benefit from local nursing care.

The first major step is to conduct a new needs survey throughout the township, Mr. McKeown said. The community development officers will make sure the survey collects all the information the province considers valid. The councillor hopes the survey will be completed in June.



100 . . . ER, \$170 COIN

Mike Gloss (left) and Bobby Eldridge (right) congratulate Glen Beckstead on winning a \$100 coin in a Russell Lions' Club draw with a current value of \$170. Proceeds from ticket sales are going to the Lions' building fund.

Firemen chop for Pagers

Osgoode Township Firefighters to the fore once again. Always on call, devoting their time and effort voluntarily for the benefit of all residents of our communities. They are now organizing an Auction Sale for June 2nd, to raise a needed \$4,000.00 for the purchase of Fire Alerting Pagers. This equipment will provide a great improvement over the C.B. system which has been in use until now. The pagers will allow the transmission of messages at the time of the alert and eliminate call backs which have become increasingly difficult due to the increased use of C.B.s by all and sundry.

Auctioneers Stewart James

and Carson Hill will be donating their services. Please call: John Smiley, 821-2936; Bob McCooeye, 821-2630; Wayne Frazier, 826-2846; Don Courville, 692-2152 or our Chief Peter Griffin at 821-1517 for pick up of your donations.

Our firefighters spent a Saturday cutting some 22 cords of wood for auction. So for you folks who can use it here is a good supply for next winter; it is all split and ready for you. Let's get behind our volunteers and support them in their efforts by donating to the auction and by attending on June 2nd. This service is invaluable to our Township and each householder.

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Animal parasites

By Dr. Geoff Cochrane

Roundworms are the most common type of worm found in small animals. They affect about 60 percent of puppies between 2 weeks and 2 months of age. Puppies should be checked at 21-40 days of age for this kind of parasite. Fecal analysis is the method of choice. Heavy worm burdens in the intestine of pups may cause weakness, diarrhea with mucus, and a "pot belly" appearance. When young dogs vomit a worm or two it likely means a heavy worm burden since worms are usually not present within the stomach unless there is an unusually high number. Pups should be treated if infected with roundworms at a young age. Roundworm infection may be picked up by man and is known as "visceral larva migrans". This condition is usually associated with children of 1 to 3 years of age and requires medical attention if suspected.

Response delights Cancer Society

The Rideau-Osgoode unit of the Canadian Cancer Society is delighted with the success of the breast self-examination clinic held at Metcalfe Community Centre April 26.

Bob Kelly, education chairman for the unit reports that 114 women of all age groups took advantage of the clinic. The unit was particularly grateful that 200 high school students were able to attend.

Special thanks are due to Maureen Arthur and her volunteers as well as to the community centre board and the lion's club for their invaluable assistance and co-operation.