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Planning & Sanitary Sewers in Russell

In the last issue of the Russell Review a reader expressed concern about the lack of information on planning and sanitary sewers in the Village of Russell. A considerable amount of work has been done in these areas since 1971, and in view of the fact that there are now many newcomers to the area it is probably an opportune time to recapitulate.

Land controls were imposed in the Township of Russell in 1969 and that meant that all development and severances had to be approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs in Toronto, until such time as the Municipal Council provided evidence of sound planning practices. The firm of Municipal Consultants Ltd. of Toronto was retained, at a cost of \$30,000, to provide advice and assist in the preparation of a development plan for the township. Several public meetings were held, both in Russell and Embrun, from 1971 to 1974, and a draft Plan was completed and submitted to the Minister for approval.

Briefly, Russellites at that time suggested a community which could sustain its own local commercial enterprises, and have adequate human resources to make Russell an enviable place to live i.e. volunteers to organize the various sports activities, strong service clubs, etc. Winchester was mentioned as an example and, with this in mind, the draft Plan establishes a goal of approximately 2200 population. It was felt that the "old" Village should remain the focal point so the Plan allows relatively small sub-divisions encircling the village, rather than the creation of a new adjoining community as Queenswood is to Orleans.

Representatives of the Ministry met with Council during 1975 and with minor adjustments the Plan is now awaiting the Minister's approval. Some time ago, Council was advised that the Plan would be approved by the end of February, 1976, but this has just recently been changed to

May 1976. In any event, approval is near and it will be the first approved Plan in Eastern Ontario.

The Planning Board for the Township of Russell consists of the five members of Council and Mr. Roger Ouellette, Russell, as Secretary. The Board meets as required to make recommendations to the Prescott-Russell County Land Severances Committee on the question of severances, and to Council on building permits.

The project for sanitary sewers began in 1970 when the Ontario Water Resources mounted an offensive to clean up the waterways in the Province. Unfortunately, many houses and buildings in the Village of Russell discharge raw sewage into the Castor River, either directly or through the storm-sewers. Tests were taken in Russell and the results identified a number of polluted wells. Several public meetings were held with various government officials and it was agreed that sanitary sewers were desirable, even a necessity. Council opted for a program which would have the Provincial Government construct and own the sewage system. It was estimated in 1973 that the annual service charge to users would be about \$120 per residence. Costs have now escalated so this may have changed.

The project for sanitary sewers had progressed to the point where tenders for construction were to be called early in 1976, and completion was planned for this Autumn. However, as indicated in the letter from the Ministry, letter reproduced in March issue, the project has been postponed indefinitely due to restraints in government programs.

Anyone in the Russell area who is interested in learning more about local government or in reviewing the draft Official Plan should contact the Municipal Clerk, Mr. Jean-Guy Bourdeau, for information. New Telephone No. at Township Hall, 443-3066, amend your directory.

Letter To The Editor

Editor of the Russell Review, Russell, Ont.

Dear Sir:

A recent letter by Mr. Rowsell in the Russell Review has prompted me to also write and ask for more information in your paper on governmental affairs affecting Russell and the area surrounding it.

We seem to have little or nothing to say in what happens to the projects planned for this area and in proposing ideas for new projects.

A good example has been the government cancellation of the sewer project for Russell. A number of wells have been tested and certified unfit for drinking and if others would only take the time and effort to send water samples for testing they might be very shocked at the results for their well.

It has been known for many years that raw sewage is flowing directly into the Castor River at various points. However, little concern had been expressed at this knowledge.

We also accept the extensive destruction of beautiful trees along the Petite Castor River for the proposed river dredging. Any inquiries made to the engineering company or excavating company involved have met with, "You can't obstruct work concerning the Municipal Drain Act." We do not wish to obstruct progress of this work. However, why must so much damage to private property occur in the process?

We are the ones to suffer. The beautiful winding river has been transformed into an eyesore with any requests for restoration or reforestation met with complete indifference and indignation. We are the ones paying for these drains and yet have no say in their outcome. Even our own council objects to the usefulness of this project.

We let our scenery be destroyed and our rivers continue to be polluted. Where is it going to stop? The government has money to destroy but not to try and alleviate a potential health hazard.

Does anyone really care anymore?

Sincerely,
Dorothy Kinkaid

Letter To The Editor

Editor
Russell Review

We appreciate receiving the Review and always look forward to receiving same.

I would like to make a few comments in connection with the statement in the last paper that

S. S. No. 1, Felton, was the first school in Russell Township, which school indeed was the first one to have a deed signed in 1852 for its property. However, the Illustrated Historical Atlas of H. Belden and Company which was dated in 1881 states that the first school house in Russell was built in 1840 or the following year and was on part of lot 18, Concession 3. This property would be about 2½ miles straight north of the village on property then owned by William Hamilton. It would be approximately half way between the houses now owned by Cover's and Ulmann's. The teacher was James Breckenridge.

According to the same source, James Keyes was the second teacher. He came to Duncanville (Russell) in 1842 and immediately opened a school. This school was situated somewhere east of Keith Boyd's.

In 1850 according to the journals of the Legislative

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Assembly of Canada, there were three schools in Russell Township, one was frame and two were log and only two had desks. In all of Russell County there were nine schools and the total salaries paid the teachers were 47 pounds, 5 shillings, 2½ pence.

Wishing you continued success in your endeavours.

W. M. Stanley
Land Registrar — Russell County

ATTENTION

The Russell Swimming Pool Committee is now accepting applications for instructors and maintenance staff. Applicants must be 16 years of age or over. Apply in writing before May 12th to Roger Ruest, P.O. Box 268, Russell, Ontario.

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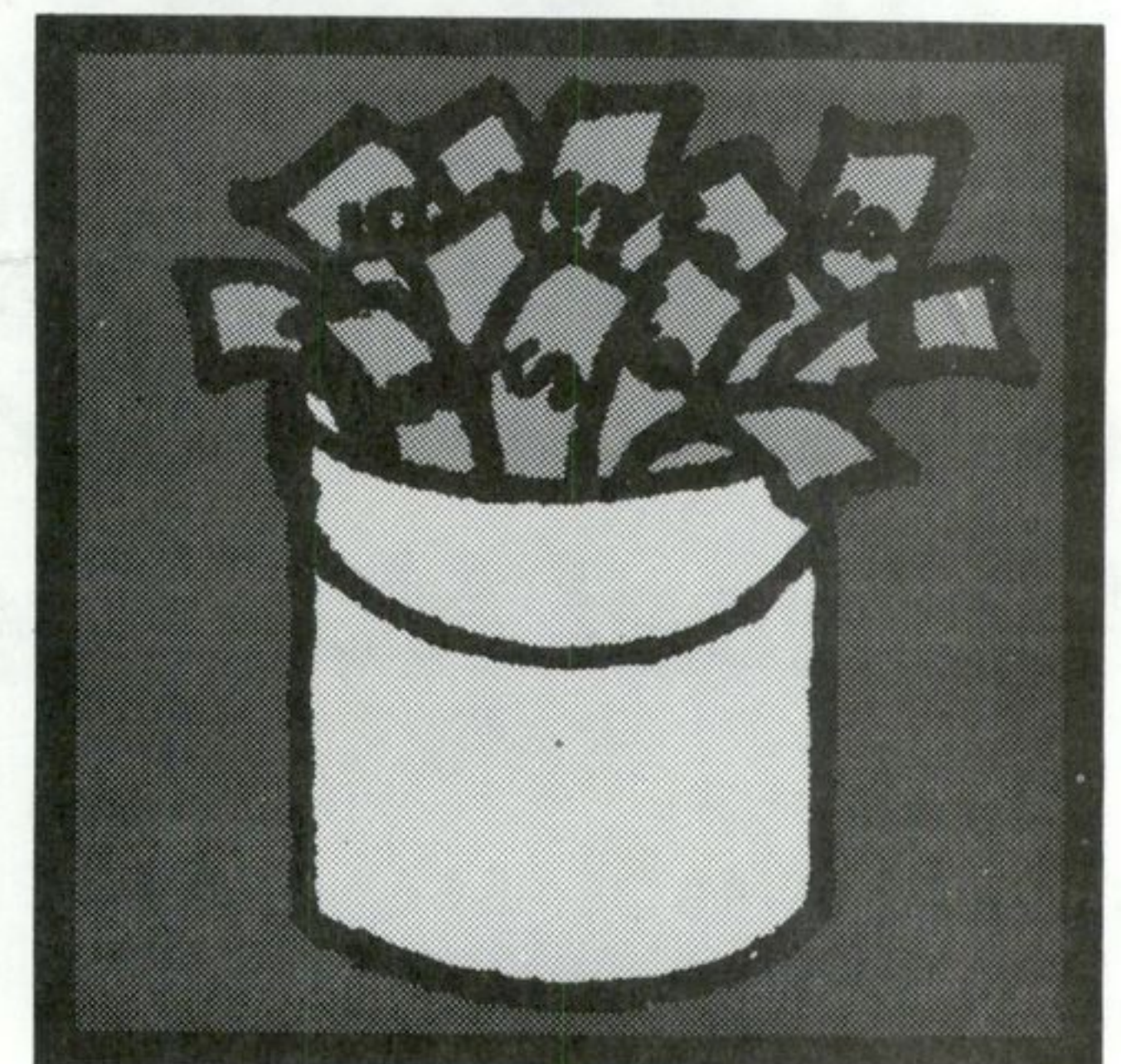
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