

# Russell Township Council News

Le Conseil a haussé le niveau des impôts d'environ cinquante dollars pour une maison d'une valeur moyenne. L'augmentation sera appliquée au paiement du nouveau camion de feu et envers l'amélioration des ponts au sud d'Embrun. On espère être capable de réduire les impôts généraux un peu quand on connaîtra le cout des égouts a Russell.

Félicitations aux gars de Marionville qui ont préparé les plans du terrain de loisirs. Des recherches et plans aussi bien préparés nous assurent une réussite certaine.

Taxes will go up by about \$50. per year on an average house (\$4,000. assessment). Council hopes that a reduction will be possible next year when the sewer service costs are first levied. Apart from the cost of the new fire truck, the big expenses for the rest of the year will be on bridges in the south eastern part of the Township.

The Secretary of the Planning Board, Roger Ouellet is resigning and moving to Plantagenet where he has purchased an interest in a Residential Care Home. Roger has been a long suffering officer of the board surviving ten years of membership changes, having to bite his tongue when the developers were going too far too fast, and again when the conservers started blocking all development. Congratulations for having undertaken a new initiative and best of luck in it.

Roger's parting makes some reorganization of staff at the Township possible and the idea which is being given the most currency is to hire another full-time staffer with professional qualifications in accounting and management.

Council raised their own salaries. The reason was to keep them abreast of inflation, but in fact the matter came up on the third night of a three-evening marathon with zoning consultants, when all members felt our time must be worth every penny we were then receiving, so it was not difficult to talk us into the increase.

Council has spent considerable time with Zoning consultants to bring the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law up to date. We will also receive draft by-laws from the consultants respecting, signs, trailers, maintenance of the appearance of yards, buildings, etc. Trailers are a continuing problem: the official plan says there will be none outside of parks; but the Council earlier in the year felt some concessions should be made to persons with large acreages who wanted a trailer, so some permits were given under special circumstances; then it was discovered that two others had been moved in surreptitiously and those persons were called on the carpet; and at this point Council decided firmly that there will be no more trailers in the Township except in trailer parks.

Council was shocked to learn of hazardous conditions on the north end of the Loucks Bridge road where the Domtar brick company excavates its clay. The trucks travel at high speeds, raise dense clouds of dust, haul piggy-back trailers which are tearing the culverts on the corners to pieces, and the

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## Jeff Butler loses a Tree House



Six dead Elms disappeared from the Village on Thursday, July 28. This one on Second Ave. had been causing much concern. Neighbours within

reach of the falling branches will breath easier, and besides, Jeff has outgrown tree houses. — Photo by M. Rowsell.

## Russell Rangers Report

The 1st Russell Rangers have ended our first year. Our year started off very slowly but things really picked up.

During our first year we have done many things. One of the first things we have done is the Bazaar at Laurentian High School. We had lots of fun and hope to go back next year. Then there was our enrollment. We had a total of 7 members, now we are down to 5. Also there

was our district bazaar in Carlsbad Springs. I didn't go to this one but from what I heard it was fun also. To me the highlight of the winter season in Rangers was our Winter Camping. We would like to thank Ann Lee and Dale Carscadded, Gordon and Anne Fleming for putting up with us and our foil dinners which by the way burnt. While we were there we did everything from snowshoeing to camp fires. We

didn't sleep out under the stars but we did have to track into the old, seldom used farm house. The source of heat was 2 wood burning stoves, 1 for cooking, 1 for heat. Also during the winter months at Christmas we helped Santa pass out his candy canes at the Arena.

Once spring came we couldn't do any more snowshoeing so our pastime was a movie. (Continued on Page 7)

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