

Russell Township Council News

Six months on Council has proven to be mind-numbing. There are scores of issues to be resolved and most of them must be evaded or deferred because we don't know how to do or how to do it. Even simple things are buried in red-tape. Why for example can we not get signs erected on the North Road between Russell and the 417? Because this involves the County, Cumberland Township, the Ottawa Regional Government and the Ministry of Transportation. The only thing it has to do with the Township Council is that we are the elected representatives and should be able to get something done, but nothing happens.

During July and August we had three special meetings with consultants to bring up-to-date the draft Zoning By-law and to review draft by-laws on pits and quarries, on signs, on trailers, on building code, etc. etc. This will be productive if we can find the time to administer all the regulations, but our experience with the existing official plan is not encouraging.

Part of the problem is fatigue: often there are two meetings a week from 7:30 to 11:30 or 12 p.m. and we still have left-over business. During the rest of the week we do not have much incentive to do research or prepare forward-looking ideas.

The other part of the problem is that we are dealing with urban issues for which there are no established patterns and about which there is too little information. For example, "how should we react to the Mayo and Sunderland Reports"? We don't always agree among ourselves: we have individual gut reactions to some of the ideas but we can't make a formal presentation based on that: and finally none of us has the time to do enough research to feel competent to conduct a public discussion.

Hopefully, the fall months will be easier as the workload may diminish for the winter, but we are not counting on it.

Meanwhile where is the company that will install the Russell Sewers? It's coming, it's coming (I hope).

Councillor, Baird McNeill

Russell Pee-Wee Softball Team wins Championship

The 1977 Pee-Wees finally made it happen by winning the Russell-Carleton Softball Championship. In the regular season Russell wound up with first place by completing the season with a

perfect score. They played 16 games and won 16.

Congratulations go out to the Pee Wee team and to their coaches, Hugh Latimer and Paul Lafontaine.

Russell Minor Hockey Assoc. Bulletin

The Executive of the RMHA have set the date for registration for all minor hockey players. Ice time begins on Sat., Oct. 1.

REGISTRATION: Date — Fri. Sept. 16, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Sat. Sept. 17, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Russell Arena. \$15.00 per child.

Registration is restricted to children of residents and ratepayers in the first four concessions of Russell Twp., and the Marionville School District Area.

Please note that Registration Fees must be paid on registration day, or on or before September 30, 1977.

USED HOCKEY EQUIPMENT SALE

The RMHA is having a sale of used hockey equipment on both Registration days (Fri. Sept. 16 and Sat. Sept. 17) in the Russell Arena. This is an opportunity for you to sell your present equipment and buy bigger and better equipment.

PROCEDURE:

1. Drop your equipment off at the Arena on Thurs. night (Sept. 15) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. with your selling price attached thereto.
2. If your equipment is purchased by someone on Fri. or Sat. during Registration, R.M.H.A.'s fee is only 10 percent of your selling price.
3. Any equipment not sold by 12:00 noon on Sat. must be picked up by the owner at that time.
4. Donations of equipment will also be gratefully accepted by the RMHA.

O.T.H.S. News

Well, another school year is just around the corner and it starts on September the 7th. Once again, I am proud to be the reporter for OTHS.

This year there are going to be some new teachers and I hope to have their names in a next issue. Talking with principal, Mr. McLean during the holidays also gave me something to put in my first issue. He said he is open to all suggestions from any students concerning house league, dances, project days and anything else you would like to ask him.

A few renovations were done this summer. We had a library security system put in at a cost of \$4,000.00 dollars in hopes of cutting down the number of books stolen each year. Last year about \$3,000.00 worth of books were ripped off. The system will be paid by some organization called the Ontairo Library Council. From what I have heard, a lot of schools have had this system put in.

All of the washrooms throughout the school have been repaired and tile has been put on the walls. New toilets and sinks have also been installed.

The gymnasium has been painted light blue with a dark blue stripe halfway up the wall.

There will not be a Grade 13 lounge because there are no portables available and they had to order at least one new one. It is expected that there will be about 800 students this year.

In sports, there will be an increase of soccer fact that I am the statistician for the Carleton Board Soccer League. There might be a football team after a one year absence. Also there is a possibility of a junior and

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Scout News

1977-78 registration for Scouts will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at St. Mary's Church Hall, Castor Street. Boys 11 to 14 qualify but consideration will be given to boys 10 years old if they are physically fine for their age. The registration fee is \$5.50 per boy which is paid into National Headquarters and goes to provide funds to pay for Scout property, Camps, Equipment, Leader Training, insurance and a host of other expenses. In addition to the registration fee, each scout is expected to pay weekly dues of .25c which goes into local Troop funds here in Russell to help pay the costs of badges, neckerchiefs and small miscellaneous equipment. If possible, prepayment of this amount would greatly assist in keeping track of funds as experience has shown that the "I forgot my money, can I pay next week" gambit usually fouls up everything with the result that some boys pay while others do not. The first Rideau Area Scout activity is the annual Fall Camporee which will be held this year on October 15 and 16 at Rideau Provincial Campsite near Kemptville after the Park closes for the season to the general public. Russell troop will be the hosts and planners for this one for all other Troops in the Rideau area.

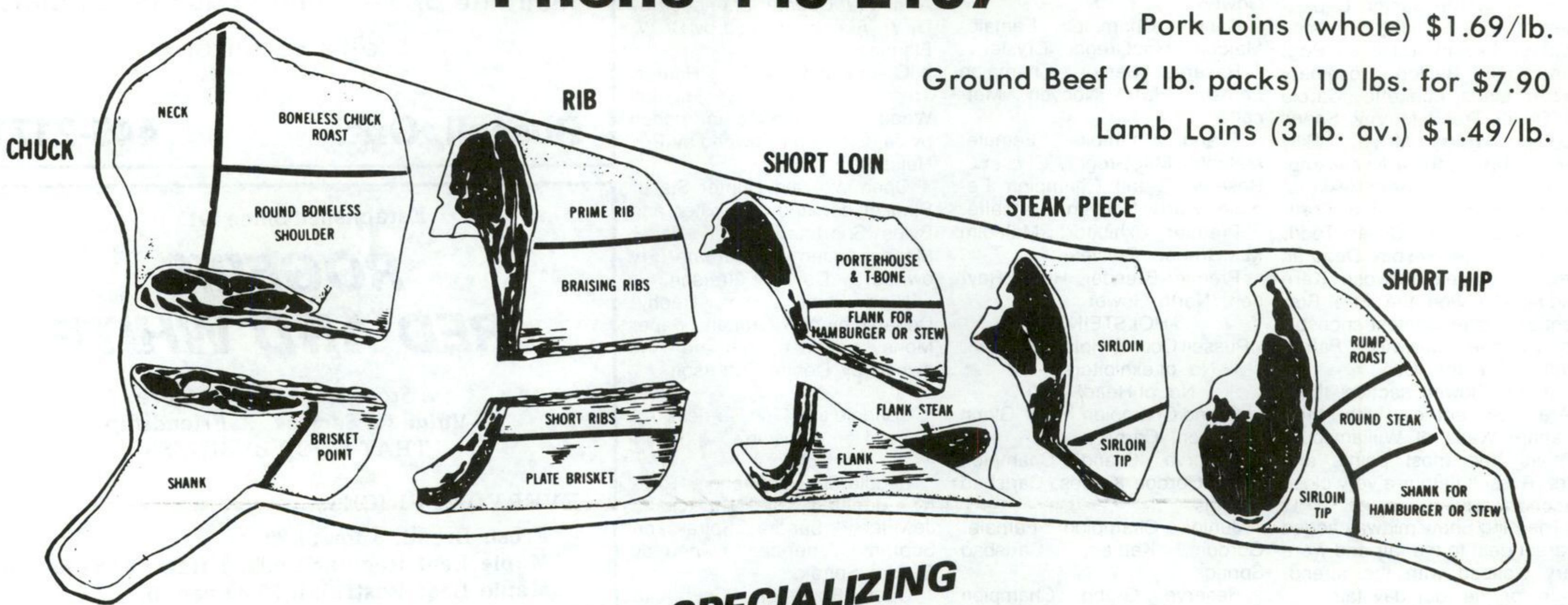
All boys who register as scouts will be expected to attend as many camps as possible not only in the fine weather of Fall but also in January and February in the snow and cold.

Parents whose boys are interested in Scouting may contact me for further information at 445-2949 on weekends and in the evenings.

Dick Sherwood
Scouter in Charge

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