

Taxes, chip stands and jet fuel . . .

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area we live in and its possible development. We are quite concerned with the placement of the chip truck and the garbage. We are concerned about the value of our property and the future up there." Reeve Speer said, "So you're talking about the pieces of property owned by the Shell Station and K-C and that are zoned highway-commercial."

Another resident said, "We were told last year that that bank would be grassed and that has never been done." Speer replied, "When this was brought to my attention this afternoon I took the opportunity to look at the problem and talk to some of the people concerned. I was told that an attempt was made to grass that bank but the problem was the children. I was out there this afternoon when school was let out, and the problem seemed to be children riding bicycles down the bank."

Speer went on to say, "I think you have a problem and we will do everything in our power to help you, but I want to clear up any confusion that we have control of this. Some people in town think that all these things are done at the Council table. That's not true."

"In this case the owners of the land in that area applied to have the property re-zoned as highway-commercial. I believe you received a letter informing you of that when it happened and inviting objections to the change. Some of you I believe did in fact object to the change in zoning. The application as well as the objections went to the Ontario Municipal Board in Toronto and they held a hearing to consider the application and the objections. Then they decided that the application for re-zoning should be approved. So we really have no control over that part of it."

Ladies' golf club

The Aguasabon Ladies Golf Club held their semi-annual meeting on April 25.

The next executive was introduced and the committee members gave their reports to date. The "Break 50" pins were presented to the following winners: C. Stachiw, N. Evoy, I. Romanuk, J. Hall, L. Lowalchuk, A. Chalmers, A. Graham, L. Samp, J. Cowan and J. Megraw.

The "Birdie" pins were presented to I. Roanuk, L. Kowalchuk, N. Evoy, J. Megraw, C. Stachiw, A. Chalmers, J. Cowan and A. Graham.

One June 17 the ladies from the C.L.G.A. will visit our Club, play a round of golf with some of our executive, and also rate our course

Another resident said, "May I raise a question. Does the town have any kind of by-law governing the appearance of the property?" The Reeve said, "I am glad you have brought that up. Over the last two years we have been preparing our Official Plan and we are now waiting final approval of it from Toronto. In there we have addressed that under the Property Standards By-law. We expect to be receiving that approval anyday. Once the Official Plan is in place we will be putting a property Standards By-law in place." The Reeve went on to say, "I want to assure you that if there are any zoning by-laws, and health regulations, or highway parking laws being broken you can be sure we will take it up with Chief Tack."

Reeve Speer apologized to the Council and the audience and said that he had to leave the meeting at that point. He said that he had unexpectedly been called to work. Councillor Bill Houston took the Chair as acting Reeve for the months of April, May and June.

Mrs. Sonia Brend presented a letter to the Council outlining the residents' concerns. She said, "Everyone else in town has greenbelt behind them except us and we are paying some of the highest taxes in town."

The residents also voiced concern about the possible development of the property to the west-side of the service station owned by Kimberly-Clark. They were told that the property is also zoned highway-commercial and is presently serviced for development. Councillor Chapman suggested that the residents should write "a strong letter of concern to K-C."

Acting Reeve Bill Houston said, "There is really nothing we can do about it. The owner re-

quested re-zoning, you received a letter informing you of the application. It went to the OMB for adjudication and it decided that the zoning would be changed. They are not breaking the law. In terms of making it look better, we may have a by-law in place in the near future. I want to thank you for coming. We don't like to hear of our neighbours having concerns like this. I could be living where you are and feel the same way you do."

The Council went on to consider the regular agenda. Under the Minutes of the last meeting Councillor Ollie Chapman asked, "The Beer Garden at the park. Has it been given permission by the Police Department?" Councillor Chapman was informed that nothing on the matter had been received from the police to date. Councillor Chapman went on to ask, "Has Mr. Chisholm been contacted?" She was informed, "Yes, but we have had no reply." Chapman said, "So until we hear, we do nothing about the survey (of the light commercial development area)."

Under correspondence a letter was received from Birchwood Terrace informing the Council that a grant of \$6,000 had been received from the New Horizons program. The letter requested space in the Recreation Centre to establish a Drop In Centre for senior citizens. Councillor Chapman said, "This was discussed thoroughly at the Recreation Committee meeting. There is absolutely no place in the Recreation Centre where you have room to put it. They want a permanent place so that they can store their supplies." The Deputy Clerk informed the Council that the Reeve had been discussing the subject with the hospital administrator but did not know if the question had been resolved.

Councillor Chapman said, "It is too bad that we did not think of this when we planned the Rec Centre." The Council tabled the question until Friday night's meeting.

A letter of thanks was also received from Birchwood Terrace in appreciation of the help given by the Town crew in repair of the steam line from Birchwood to the Rec Centre. Acting Reeve Houston said, "It's nice to get a letter of appreciation like that and we will make sure it is passed on to the town crew."

Under Committee Reports the Council was informed that the town engineer will be looking at the ball field between the public school and the high school to draw up a plan for the recreational development of the area. Councillor Chapman reported on behalf of the Rec Committee. "Terry has been looking into the wading pool situation that most of the wading pools in Thunder Bay are being condemned because of build up of algae. The cost of upgrading it would be \$10,000 so we recommend that the wading pool be removed."

The Council passed a motion to have the wading pool cemented over during the course of the construction work being done at the pool.

Councillor Chapman went on to say, "The Reeve was in the recreation office with Terry this afternoon and I dropped in. We decided that in the future the minutes of the Rec Committee will be approved by the Council. Public Works Chairman Joe Kennedy reported, "Sometime ago we received a grant from the Canada Ontario Employment Program and we are allowed to hire four labourers and one supervisor." The matter was referred to the Personnel Committee.

Kennedy went on to say, "Every year we hire a group of young people to clean up the town, especially the business area and the park area. We pay them the minimum wage. We hire enough of them so that it doesn't take too long." The Council decided to postpone any motion authorizing the hiring until Friday night's meeting.

Councillor Kennedy concluded, "In the past two weeks we have had to hire two extra men in public works. We are spread just too thin. The jobs will be for two weeks anyway, maybe for three weeks."

The Council meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Friday, May 13

The Council met in a Special Session Friday night to clear up the rest of the items on the regular agenda. Reeve Dave Speer presided with all the Councillors present.

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looking at a 7.5 per cent discount." Reeve Speer said, "One of the problems we have with 1A is a slow turnover. The fuel deteriorates because of water and evaporation." Councillor Chapman said, "I would like to have a letter from them. I intend to be very firm on this and I am opposed to selling it at less than we do to our own people here in town."

Councillor Houston said, "We don't sell it to anyone locally. The fuel is used by jet planes and helicopters and no one locally has any of this. Chapman said, "I am still opposed to it. If we sell to one at 48 cents we should sell to all for 48 cents."

Reeve Speer said, "I do not agree. Our crews have to go out and start up the pumps and service the aircraft every-time we sell 30 or 40 or 100 gallons of jet fuel. Here we are talking about a truck backing up and picking up 2,000 gallons. The difference is that our people do not have their time taken up and they do not have to service the craft." Houston added, "As a matter of fact, if we have an increased turnover we are going to be able to buy the fuel at a lower rate than we are paying now." Chapman said, "I still do not think this should be done without a letter."

Councillor Joe Kennedy said, "But we can be selling it to them before we have this letter." Chapman continued, "I still think we have to sell it all at the same price. I hope you are ready for the flak. I want to state this very firmly. I am opposed to it all the way." Reeve Speer replied, "Yep, I am pre-

paring for all the flak from all the people in Terrace Bay who buy jet fuel for their jets."

The Council passed a motion authorizing the bulk sale of 1A jet fuel at 48.5 cents a litre for a trial period of 6 months. Councillor Chapman called for a recorded vote. The vote was 4 in favour and one opposed.

The Council held a brief discussion of the problems involved with the Chip Stand. Reeve Speer read the file on the area to the Council. Councillor Houston questioned the stability of the embankment. Public Works Chairman Joe Kennedy said, "There is no problem. I have looked at that embankment and there is cement in it. It's not moving."

The Reeve said, "There appears to be no violation of by-laws nor of public health or highway traffic regulations. Now that we have ensured ourselves of that, there is really nothing else we have the authority to do. However, they did say that garbage had been blown down onto the hydro easement between the embankment and their property. Joe, if there is garbage in that greenbelt that's our responsibility. Get somebody down there and clean it up."

As its final item the Council went on to approve a municipal tax rate increase of 4.9 per cent for 1983. The Reeve said, "I want to thank all of the Council and especially Marg (Deputy Clerk Marg Simmer) for the fine job that has been done on this Budget. I also want this taken back to the department heads. I want to thank all of you for keeping it under 5 per cent in this time of restraint."

High School Highlights
by Kelly McGuire

Donna also participated in an invitational badminton tournament in Red Rock, where she placed first in Ladies' Singles; first in Ladies' Doubles with partner, Maureen Pytyck; and first in Mixed Doubles with partner, Kirk Fischer.

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came back with the same silent determination, and eagerness to play, that has almost made her undefeatable.

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Once again, Donna had earned her way to the O.F.S.S.A. championships. Donna travelled to Toronto with her mother, and her coach, Kirk Fischer.

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