

# You can fight City Hall, Terrace Bay man discovers

Bill Smilsky of Terrace Bay found out on March 10 that you can fight City Hall and win, as Township Council decided to withdraw its objections to his lot severance application.

Smilsky had originally appeared in person to question council on the matter at an earlier meeting and succeeded in convincing

the Councillors and Reeve to evaluate their previous decision.

The issue came up again at the March 10 council meeting, after council had been given a chance to reflect on Smilsky's request. Smilsky, of 3 Highland Crescent in Terrace Bay, had planned to build a garage on his property and on a portion of an

adjacent lot, which he purchased in June of 1985.

He had applied for a lot severance earlier this year but was, at first, turned down by council.

After Reeve Ollie Chapman declared a conflict of interest on the matter, clerk co-ordinator Larry Simons informed council that the vote on the motion withdrawing council's objections would have to be unanimous. Councillor George Ramsay was absent from the meeting.

The motion, moved by Councillor Jim Files, was then put to a vote, and all three Councillors voted in favor of it. The other Township Councillors present were Jim Ziegler and Peter Romanuk.

Files admitted that he wasn't in favor of changing his mind on the decision

initially.

"But I had a chance to think about this one for a long time, and I talked to a few people about it," Files explained just before the vote was held. "We have to have some flexibility on this. My feeling now is that we shouldn't stop him (Smilsky), because there is no one objecting to this."

Ziegler said "Council knows my feelings." He did not elaborate. The motion was then carried.

Later in the meeting, Files spoke about his discussion with Austin Airways of Timmins and the township's desire to have that company expand its services to the Terrace Bay Airport.

With the airport already being serviced by Norontair, Files explained that Austin President Bob Deluce was apparently reluctant to compete, though the company "is keen on serving Northern Ontario and Terrace Bay," Files added.

"There may not be enough users for the existing carrier," Files said. "But they are interested... they haven't ruled it out."

"I'd like to talk to them about it," Romanuk said.

"We could set up a meeting with them," Reeve Chapman suggested.

In other airport matters, council passed a motion to reduce the price of aviation fuel by three and a half cents per litre to 69.4 cents. The difference will be taken out of the township's profit margin.

Council was less quick to act on a request from the Terrace Bay Cottagers' Association for a grant from the township, with some councillors somewhat confused about the entire matter.

"I still don't understand what they want," Files said.

Simons explained that two years ago, some area cottagers found they had substantial tax increases due to a reassessment of their property at that time.

"They came in and asked for either additional services or a reduction of taxes," Simons told council. "Now, council has no authority to reduce taxes, as taxes are based on the assessment and that's it."

He said that the compromise reached then was that council would make a one-time-only "donation" to the association which the cottagers later formed. A second request, however, was received by the township earlier this year, to cover the fiscal year of 1985.

"The original donation was \$850," Simons noted.

"And this was in lieu of our not plowing their road in the winter?" Files asked.

"That's very difficult to say, as you can't create a relationship between taxes and services," Simons replied. The township does provide some "soft" services like planning, zoning, police, and fire protection, but few if any of the "hard" services like sewer and water for the cottages.

"Some of these properties are worth a bundle too," Files pointed out.

"The cottagers had a chance to appeal their assessments and at least one was reduced," Romanuk said.

Reeve Chapman, who was a Councillor with the Township at the time of the original grant request two years ago, said "I think we told them this would not set a precedent."

"We just committed ourselves for that year," Romanuk agreed.

Reeve Chapman felt the best solution for the time being would be to just acknowledge the Association's letter and add that a decision on the request will be made after the budget for the township is approved later this year.

"We're not ignoring them, but we want to get the budget in place first," she said.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Ziegler said that the Day Care Committee on which he serves as the township's representative is currently "on hold."



## Birth Announcement

HAMILTON: Ian and Barbra are happy to announce the arrival of **Wilmot Gavin Ian** 7 lbs. 11 oz., on February 3rd. A

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Proud grandparents are **Wilmot and Sheelagh Hamilton** of Terrace Bay and **Peter and Janet Mocariski**, of Jellicoe. Proud great grandmother is **Kay Hamilton** of Madawaska, Ontario.

## Phillips

We would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives and friends for their many kindnesses offered to us in the sudden loss of a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather.

Special thanks to the friends who sent cards of sympathy, flowers, memoriums and food, and who came to the house to offer their condolences and help us in many ways. Your thoughtfulness will remain with us always.

Thank you to the pallbearers, honorary pallbearers, the fellows from the Quinard Old Timers' hockey club for arranging the cars and driving all the family.

And thank you, Len, for the eulogy — no truer words were ever spoken.

Marg Phillips & family



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## THANK YOU

I would like to thank Dr. Adey, Dr. Pearson and Dr. J. Smith, Nurses and Staff of P.A. General Hospital, 4th Floor W. and the Respiratory Dept. for their wonderful care and concern while I was in the hospital. Thank you also, to my friends and organizations for the flowers, fruit, cards, phone calls and visits and baking since I returned home. A big "Thank You" to our Home Care Nurses. It is very much appreciated.

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To God, Doctors **Bailey, St. Rose and Wilkes** a special Thank You Prayer For your exceptional initial and extended care. To all the nursing staff and hospital help For your continuing concern and special care touch Mom, Baby and Dad too, say, "Thank You" so much.

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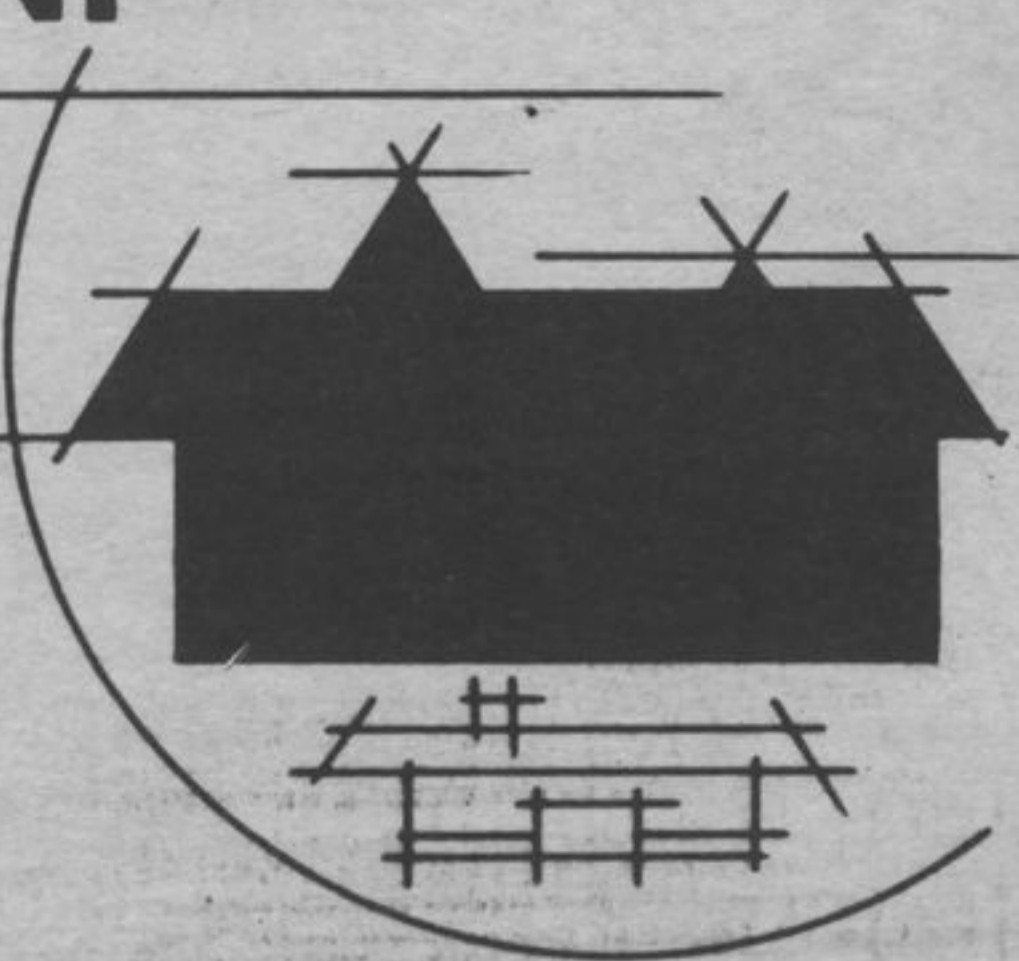
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