

Suggestions given on proposed Schreiber Official Plan

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number of other things for Schreiber, including qualifying the township for various programs funded by the government."

These are basically the Ontario Neighbourhood Improvement Program and the Commercial Area Improvement Program.

"There are also planning tools in the Plan," Hodgins added. "These exist in provincial legislation but you can't use them if you don't have an Official Plan." The Plan will also establish policies which will guide the nature and location of development for the municipality over the next five years.

An initial public meeting on the project was held last fall on the Plan's Background Report and Issues and Options book. Then Conlin Engineering

and Planning began work on the Draft Official Plan, along with the assistance of Township Council and various provincial Ministries.

"There were no real issues identified at that first meeting," Hodgins said. Residential growth was the only main concern expressed at that time.

Now that the Draft Plan has been created, Hodgins feels there won't be any major changes or additions to it. The second public meeting held last week went well, in his opinion, with a number of helpful suggestions.

"We are also not anticipating any major changes from any of the Ministries," he noted. "We're working closely with them on this."

In fact, Conlin has gone beyond the legal re-

quirements for the formation of the Plan, with newspaper articles and an extra public meeting not required by law.

Hodgins even conducted a field review in which he spoke to everyone in Schreiber who runs a business, as well as the town engineer, social services, and officials with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Work will now begin on the final draft form of the Official Plan, which will be subject to a public review about six weeks from now.

"Any concerns with the Plan can still be raised on that night and adopted into the Plan later," he explained. The date, time, and place for that meeting will be advertised at least 30 days before it takes place.

At the April 2 public meeting, Hodgins informed the group that planning is not retroactive.

"If you are there already, you are there to stay," he reassured them.

Planning for the developed area at Walker's Lake, northwest of Schreiber, is still in a grey area as "not enough is known about that lake yet to make any hard and fast decisions," he said.

A Development Capacity Study will probably be conducted at the lake to assist the township in its decisions prior to approving the final Official Plan.

Hodgins reminded the audience that a lot of the rural land within the township is actually Crown land and is therefore subject to Ministry of Natural Resources land use policies.

He said that the Hazard Lands designation of the Plan, which has caused a great deal of controversy in other communities in the

province, is not expected to be a problem in Schreiber.

Hazard lands are flood or erosion susceptible, unstable, poorly defined or exhibit some other physical characteristic which could lead to the deterioration of man-made structures or cause danger to persons, according to Section Three of the Draft Plan.

"The MNR is responsible for designating Hazard Lands and establishing policies for them," Hodgins said. In Schreiber, Cook's Lake Creek is considered a potential Hazard Lands area. The creek cuts right through the west end of the township from Cook's Lake, located at the far north end of the township.

"We would take the floodline and put it into the Official Plan, but the MNR didn't conduct its Ontario Basic Mapping study last year...they won't do it until later this year," he explained, adding that the current Hazard Lands area in the existing Draft Plan is merely preliminary, as it is based on his limited field review.

"Would that have a bearing on insurance?" a man in the audience at the public meeting asked.

"Yes, it does, if your lot is in Hazard Lands now," Hodgins replied. "It would also have an effect on getting a mortgage for that (property)."

Hodgins added that the province was forced to create the Hazard Lands designation after a number of people insisted on building their homes in floodplains. No buildings are permitted in Hazard Lands, according to the Draft Plan.

After the meeting, Hodgins said that the designation won't be too

much of a problem in Schreiber as it won't affect too many if any lots in the township.

According to Section Four of the Draft Plan, there also shouldn't be any problems with a number of proposed road extensions and reconstructions that Council may consider appropriate in the future, once the actual Official

Plan is in place.

These proposals include extending Railway Street easterly to Subway Street, extending Scotia Street to the TransCanada Highway, and a new road for the west side of Walker Lake.

"(This) does not imply that the Township...will undertake, authorize, or assume these works," the Plan added. One other

possible project would be the extension of Winnipeg Street to the south.

"This would be Council's way of putting people on notice about these proposals," Hodgins said. "One objective in the long run too is to get all streets in the township paved, but this won't happen right away."

Students graduate

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They are going through a lot of changes now...emotional, physical, and mental, and this program was designed to prepare them for that," she added. "The program makes them realize that they are not alone."

VIP acknowledges the fact that when it comes to solving certain problems, there is not always an answer, she noted.

"They have to learn to cope and adapt," she said.

Phytilla pointed out that some fellow teachers have commented to her that they have noticed how those in the program now seem to be more concerned for one another. Parents of graduates agreed that their children are now more understanding and helpful, thanks to VIP.

"It was as much a learning experience for me as it was for you," Police Chief Phillips told the

graduates. Special caps and T-shirts were presented to the students along with their certificates. Jim Ziegler attended the ceremony on behalf of

Township Council.

Phytilla said that the first VIP Program was concentrated in terms of time. Next year it will be spread out over a longer period.

Ballentine



Tom and Linda are happy to announce the safe arrival of their first child, **Christopher Ross Ballentine**, born March 16, 1986.

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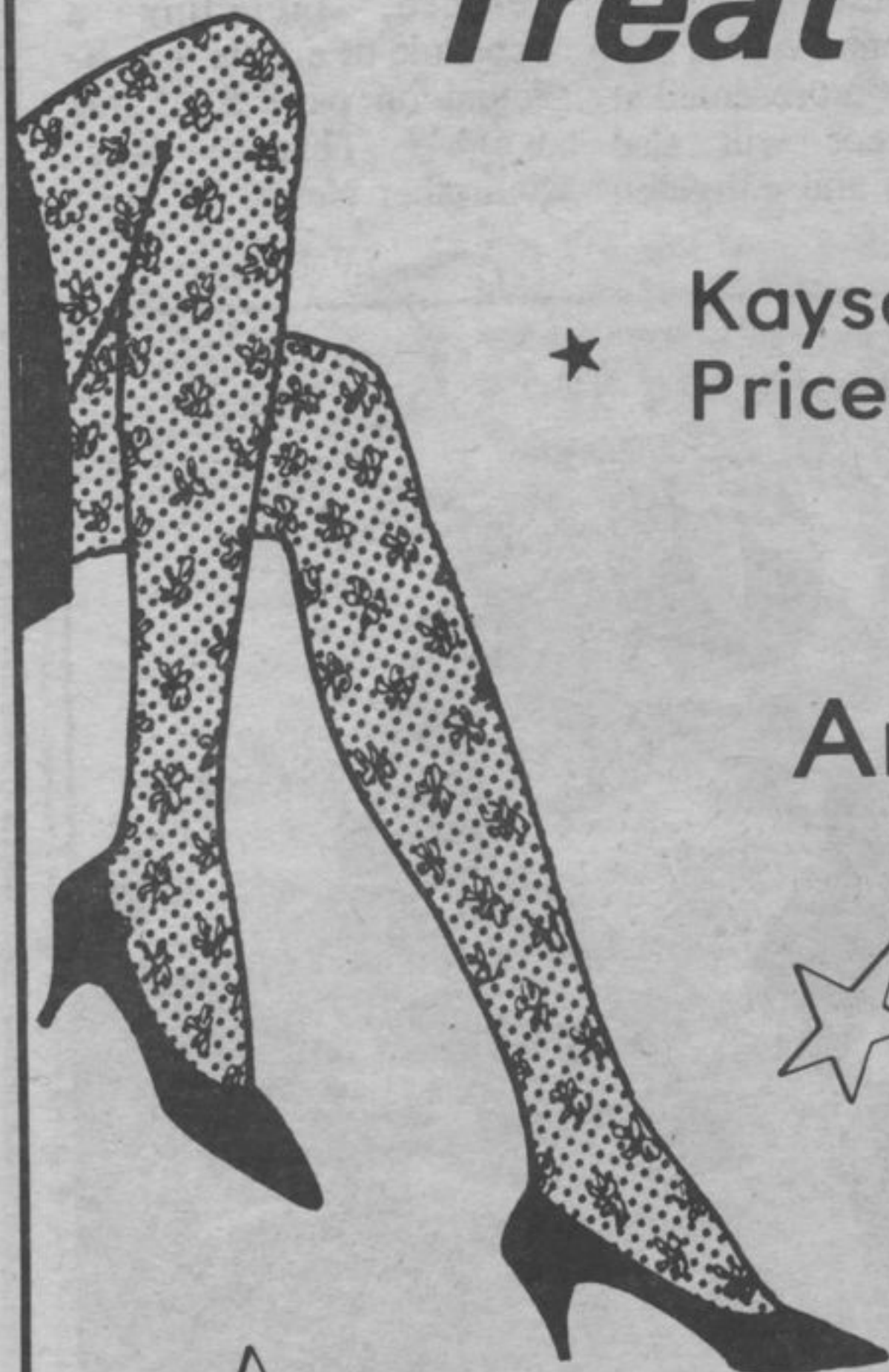


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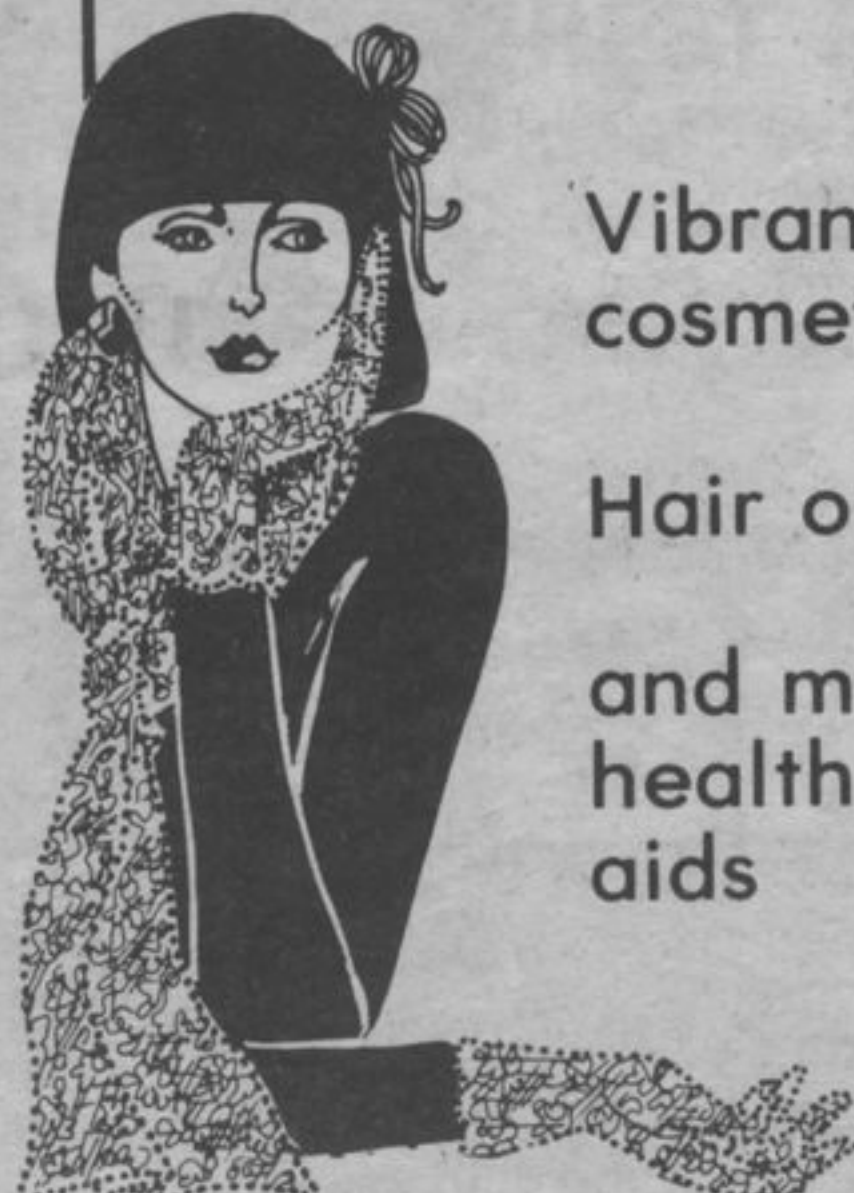
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