

Mountain preparing for opening of revitalized community hall

Fear not! The Mountain United Church is not being dismantled or uprooted by any means. Rather, the community is now undergoing final preparations in the restoration and expansion of the structure.

Originally constructed as a Methodist Church, a proposal to convert the building into a Community Centre for the benefit of the entire community generated a response so favourable that the

project is being supported 100 percent by the residents of the township.

The project was initially proposed one year ago in an effort to determine whether the plan would be worthwhile. With the response as favourable as it was, a Board of Directors compiled of 5 township residents was established to coordinate the program which includes amongst other members township resident, Mrs.

John Clark, Secretary-Treasurer, along with a Project Supervisor, responsible for the hiring of local youths whose "bull-work" has proved invaluable in the restoration process.

The reconstruction of the building has been made possible largely by the generous donations by neighbouring service organizations along with financial assistance provided by a Wintario grant.

To date, new washrooms have been installed along with a completely renovated septic system and heating facilities. At present, the walls of the church are in the process of being panelled.

The bell itself is now in the township garage and will be reinstalled for historical purposes, not in the steeple, but will probably be inserted within an outside brick wall.

The official opening of the 'Mountain Township Community

Centre' is anticipated to be in late March or early April and it is hoped that the centre will be used for the purpose of voting in the upcoming Federal election. As well it will provide a hall for many of the community's service groups including the Senior Citizens, Women's Institute and the Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club. It is hoped that the hall will also be used for dances along with various other forms of activity for the townships younger residents.

Reeve Keith Fawcett, chairman for the meeting, started off by welcoming the public and introducing the board of directors. He praised the group for its tireless efforts in completing the facility.

Maurice Hyndman, chairman of the centre for the past three years, thanked John Palmer, project supervisor during the construction of the building. He also thanked the board for its interest and direction in planning the project.

Florence Clark, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes from the organizational meeting on Jan. 23, 1978. She reviewed the financial statements, including a proposed budget for 1981.

John Palmer then explained the various stages of the construction of the hall. He pointed out changes in the design to facilitate handicapped persons, project over-runs involving lighting, insulation and the installation of energy-efficient heat pumps. However, the low debt can be erased with the support of the community.

Ewart Simms then read the constitution, explaining it clause by clause. It was accepted with one amendment and one deletion.

Nominations were held to replace two members at large from the community. Ewart Simms and John Palmer were both re-elected to the board. The new members are Mrs. Gladys Imrie, Mrs. Donna Simms and Donald Baldwin.

Harold Boyce, Simms and Palmer are all serving their second term. Township representatives on the board are Fawcett and Councillor Earl Garlough.

TOWNSHIP OF MOUNTAIN

OFFICIAL OPENING

OF

MOUNTAIN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTRE

Nov. 1, 1980

Chairman's Remarks - Reeve Ewart Simms

Greetings - Mr. Osie Villeneuve M.P.P.

Greetings - Mr. Ed Lumley M.P.

- Mr. David Powell
Community Centres Branch

- Mr. Maurice Berthiaume
New Horizons

Invocation - Rev. William Hare

Official Opening Ceremonies

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Refreshments