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From the BARRIE Recreation Department comes word that a new beach has been constructed on the shores of Kempenfelt Bay at Centennial Park. A new Senior Citizens Recreation Centre was officially opened on June 17th by the Honourable Rene Brulle. The centre occupies the former 100 year old King George School.

And, a beach pavillion with staff room, snack bar, change rooms and washrooms has been built at Johnson Beach to alleviate the problem of inadequate change and staff facilities.

THUNDER BAY Parks and Recreation Department has just completed their first indoor pool. This new Sir Winston Churchill Community Pool is attached to a local High School and the newly established School - Parks Recreation Committee are working out the final legalities of a Reciprocal Agreement.

The BOROUGH OF EAST YORK is adding a new facility this year - an outdoor, artificial hockey and pleasure rink, 80' x 130', complete with 4 change rooms, snack bar, etc. When not employed for winter skating activities, it will be used for Tennis with four playing courts. It's under construction at Dieppe Park and should be ready by January '75.

NEPEAN Parks and Recreation Department is developing a 60 acre waterfront park on the shores of the Ottawa River. The concept plan shows an indoor-outdoor swimming pool, tennis courts, animal farm, creative playground, picnic area, restaurant, snack bar, amphitheatre, cultural centre, bike paths and dock for non-motorized boats.

Phase II of the NEPEAN SPORTSPLEX is progressing well' gymnasium, four squash courts, curling rink with 10 sheets of ice, lounge and dining area and 3 meeting/activity rooms.

Another development at the Sportsplex is the addition of new offices to accomodate the total Parks and Recreation Department; completion is expected by January '75.

The Canadian Little League Championships will be held in MISSISSAUGA at the Erindale Little League Stadium, August 12th to 17th.

The Canadian Open Golf Tournament will be held at the MISSISSAUGA Golf and Country Club, July 25th - 28th. AND, coming up Saturday, September 7th, a BIG event at Memorial Park in MISSISSAUGA that will include a parade, aquatic show, stage shows, sports events, arts and crafts demonstrations, food, a Bar-B-Q, dancing and fireworks!

CJMR Radio in MISSISSAUGA now hosts 16 shows per week on their Recreation and Parks Department. Called "Recreation Report;" it's designed to keep the public informed on special events, projects, community programmes and public meetings. Other groups or individuals interested in using this air time are invited to contact Jarry Love. Tune in CJMR, 1190 on the AM dial.

The BARRIE Recreation Department has been instrumental in the formation of a Minor Baseball League for boys ages 9 to 13 yrs. A total of 200 boys are enrolled in junior and senior divisions.

The NEPEAN SPORTSPLEX will host the Canadian National Swimming Championships, August 9th to 15th and the International Synchronized Swimming Solo Competition, September 6th and 7th.

The WELLAND Rose Festival, now in its 13th year, was one of the biggest in its history, with some 37 events held over a two week period. Welland is the Rose City of Canada!

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The NIAGARA REGION PROFESSIONAL RECREATION SOCIETY continues to function as a viable group involved and concerned about the overlapping of various government grants, i.e. Opportunity for Youth as it relates to local staffing, leadership training, etc. A member of the NRPRS, Art Stead from Port Olborne, is also a member of the Short Hills Provincial Park Advisory Committee. This 1500 acre park is to be located in the Welland/Pelham/St. Catharines area and will be unique because it takes full advantage of the short hills topography and natural beauty. The Niagara group is already looking forward to renewing old acquaintances with all at the 1974 Annual Training Seminar, November 13th - 17th.

The PROFESSIONAL RECREATION GUILD (Toronto) has elected its new executive for '74 - '75: President, Bjorn Nielson, Borough of North York, with Dave Appelton, Borough of North York, Lee Rullman, Metro Toronto Association for the Mentally Retarded, Ellen Umansky, Borough of North York, John Copoc, Past-President and Paul Drohan, Centennial College.

The NORTHERN ZONE is planning a "get-together" for arena personnel on Saturday, September 7th in Kirkland Lake, to discuss mutual problems regarding arenas. A rep from the Ontario Arena Association will be present. The NOMRA Conference will be held in Kapuskasing, October 24th - 26th and the theme is "Recreation and Small Communities." NORDA (North) meeting will be held in Timmins in the last week of September. Kirkland Lake is doing a feasibility study on an arena-pool complex, while in Timmins an arena complex gets underway with construction in December. If you're interested in wristwrestling, do plan now to attend the World Wristwrestling Championships next spring in Timmins! Timmins is also conducting a pilot project; they have hired a staff member of work with the handicapped people in their area.

NOROXEL is planning a Little Olympics for the last week in July that will include more municipalities with each one conducting an activity in their own community. They're also looking to extend their boundaries since the Haldimand Norfolk Region has come into existence on April 1st of '74; presently their boundaries only include Norfolk County.

The Creative Play Group of the ROUNDTABLE (for Ottawa-Carleton Recreologists) will host the Ontario Municipal Recreation Association and Ontario Recreation Society CREATIVE PLAY TOUR II, July 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The Capital region offers a good variety of examples of creative and adventure play projects developed privately by developers, by municipal departments, by school boards, by community associations and by landscape architects ... some have been developed independently, but most have been cooperative ventures in a variety of interesting combinations! All offer an exciting opportunity to learn by on-the-site observations, discussions with the people involved in the projects and personal play experiences! The programme offers an option session on playleadership, design/construction considerations and community development aspects of implementing play projects. The tour will also venture into La Belle Province to an exciting LIP play project at Wakefield in the Gatineau Hills; we'll dine at Pot au Feu and enjoy some adult play at the Wakefield Inn. Registration fees are from \$70.00 to \$100.00 for members and non-members, single and twin accommodation. This will probably arrive too late for you to register with the OMRA office, but it does indicate some of the happenings with the Roundtable. Teasing?

THE NORTHERN ONTARIO RECREATION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION has sent copies of their minutes of their meeting on April 28th and 29th. Reading from their minutes we can see that some of the issues and concerns of this group are: Juvenile and Midget Hockey, snow removal problems with outdoor rinks, vandalism, rental rates on arenas, the role of the Sports Consultant, Youth in Action programmes, Regional Leadership Seminar, the operating policy of NORDA, Camp Waskiseu, swimming and whether or not the arena personnel should form their own association in that region. The NOMRA conference will be held October 24th - 26th and the next NORDA meeting will be held in Timmins, the last week of September. They also note that RON BOLTON is the Director of Recreation for Black River - Matheson as of May 1st, '74.

Note: I do enjoy the various reports submitted, but would appreciate an edited version or items underlined that zone reps want brought to the attention of the SDMRO members.

Statement to the Parks and Recreation
ADMINISTRATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE:

In the April issue of the Newsletter, the President's Message indicated that a copy of the above presentation would be found elsewhere in the Newsletter. For those of you who went in search of it, I apologize. I knew there would not be space for the report and in another compounding error, this information was incorrectly attached to the first paragraph about the Hickey Report. Hopefully all the confusion is now corrected, but just to re-introduce you to the material, I'll requote from Gary Stoner's Message:

"Parks and Recreation Administration Study Committee: This committee was appointed by the Minister of Natural Resources to look at a regional base for providing parks and recreation services. Your executive presented a written brief and met with the committee on February 12th, 1974. A copy of our presentation (correct mine) ... follows."

ROLE:

The Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario (S.D.M.R.O.) is a professional association established in 1958 under legislation of the Province of Ontario. A full member of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario is a registered practitioner subscribing to a code of ethics, has demonstrated academic and professional competence by his fellow professionals and employers. The Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario is an organization that is concerned about leisure services and administered by local, regional or provincial governments. Approximately 240 municipal recreation practitioners throughout Ontario are members of the S.D.M.R.O.

FUNCTIONS:

The Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario, under Bill 30 - 1958, keeps a register of full and students members of the association. It can assist in hiring, develop job descriptions and salary studies, set up a disciplinary board, set and administer a fellowship procedure and adopt a code of ethics.

STANDARDS:

Prerequisites to becoming a registered, municipal recreation practitioner are constantly under revision and review. The present requirements for Fellowship in the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario include a major research or professional project culminating in a paper that must be approved by three or more highly competent advisors. This is followed by a technical and professional examination carried out by a board of senior, professional practitioners. This procedure normally takes two years to complete.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES:

The 1974 Executive of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario is as follows:

President	Gary Stoner; Director of Recreation; City of Barrie
Past-President	Jim Maxwell; Director of Recreation; Sault Ste. Marie
Vice-President	Peter Cavill; Director of Recreation; County of Simcoe
Treasurer	Robert Lucas; Director of Sportsplex; Township of Nepean

Recording Secretary

Don Shay; Director of Recreation;
Simcoe

Corrsp. Secretary

Wayne Taylor; Sup't of Programmes;
Cambridge

Director

Judy Cooper; Community Worker;
North York

Director

Wes Ogden; Director of Recreation;
Welland

During this past year a great deal of dialogue has taken place with government. Five major submissions have been made;

1. A brief in relation to proposed changes of Bill 240 - The Community Centres Act.
2. A brief in relation to proposed changes of Bill 200 - The programmes of Recreation.
3. A brief to the Task Force on Community and Social Services.
4. A brief in relation to the proposed changes in the Swimming Pool Regulations.
5. A brief in relation to the Interim Report Number One - The Select Committee on the Utilization of Educational Facilities.

Members of our Society also sit on the following government related committees:

- Provincial Recreation Certification Committee
- Provincial Recreation Certification Study Committee
- Provincial Consultative Committee on Recreation Education
- Provincial Handicraft Education Committee

In addition, the S.D.M.R.O. is an affiliate member of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. In this connection, two members of our executive our President and Judy Cooper, sit on their Board of Directors. The S.D.M.R.O. also has representation on the following A.M.O. committees:

- Community and Social Services Committee
- Urban and Rural Affairs Committee
- Conflict of Interest Committee

The S.D.R.M.O. was instrumental in bringing about the Minister of Education's Conference on Recreation in 1966. Of particular note also, was the role of the Society in discussions with the Minister of Education's Study Committee on Recreation Services (1970).

The S.D.M.R.O. supports the general policy as contained in the above report as follows:

"... that action by every level of government relating to recreation services be based on:

1. the planned involvement of citizen groups in the decision making process;
2. The decentralization of programme development and operation;
3. the preservation and encouragement of a wide range of programme choices for the individual (privately and publically sponsored activities)"

PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECREATION:

Some consolidation of provincial responsibility for recreation did take place in early 1972, under the Ministry of Community and Social Services. However, it is the

continuing belief of the S.D.M.R.O. that the consolidation of all community recreation services under the jurisdiction of a single department with its own Minister, is highly desirable. We feel that all of the services related to community recreation are important enough in the lives of people to merit the total attention of a Minister and a department whose main and only concern would be recreation.

We are supported in this viewpoint by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. Their Policy PR-02 states:

The Association supports the establishment of a provincial department of recreation and cultural affairs, separate from the Department of Education and further, that the multiplicity of various recreation and community service grants paid to municipalities be simplified and consolidated under the foregoing department.

REGIONALIZATION OF RECREATION SERVICES:

The S.D.M.R.O. is of the opinion that direct recreation services are best administered through, second tier municipalities. However, a regional or county government recreation service could provide support for local recreation services by:

- a. Employing specialized staff
- b. Providing the coordination and planning functions throughout the region

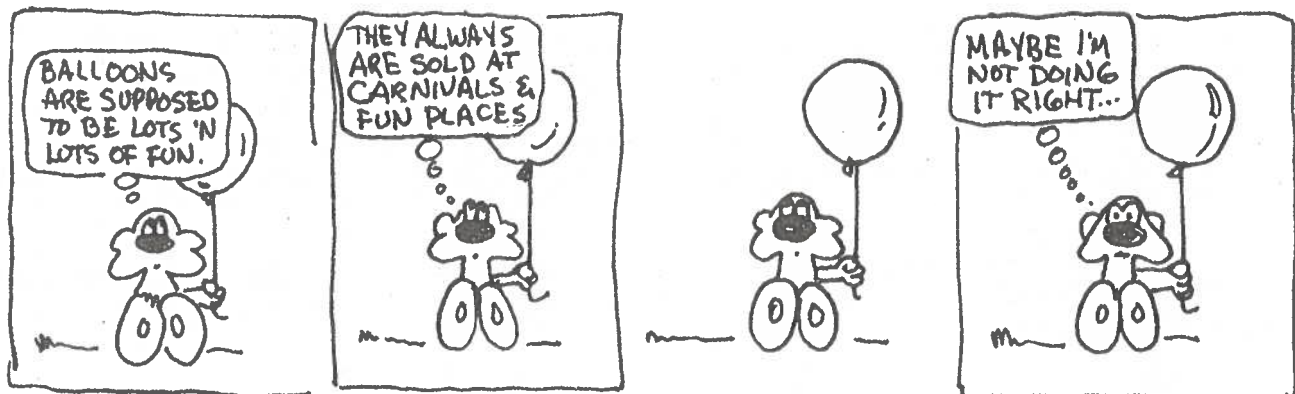
A direct responsibility of the regional recreation authority could also be in the provision and administration of;

- a. Regional Parks and/or
- b. Conservation Areas.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Once again, in the fall of '74, Centennial College will be offering two courses leading to a Diploma in Recreation Leadership. One of the courses is Recreation and Leisure Services (which encompasses the history and philosophy of recreation) and the other is the Field II course which is a "special project." For further information, contact Ron Fein or Pat Prentice at 694-3241.

It makes no sense to hurry up, and so mess up, what I am doing now in order to get started on what I plan to do next.



ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

BY

MURRAY A. CHILD

In 1972, Ron Smith was appointed Technical Director of the Ontario Hockey Association and made responsible for initiating and instituting the hockey development programmes in the province. Due to the success and rapid expansion of this programme, Murray Child was appointed Assistant Technical Director and Dr. Don Hayes of the University of Waterloo as Technical Consultant.

Originally, hockey development in Ontario had its basis in coaching clinics conducted in various major centres throughout the Province. Since that time the development programme has been expanded to include goaltending, referees and off-ice clinics.

The coaching clinics are conducted in conjunction with the National Coaches Certification Programme as conceived by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, Hockey Canada and the Hockey Technical Advisory Committee. The programme has been organized in six progressive levels, the first four being provincial responsibility.

Level 1 is designed for the beginning coach to give him an organizational basis for handling a hockey team. Levels 2 and 3 supply the coach with a comprehensive foundation of hockey knowledge and skills. Level 4 offers the coach an opportunity to specialize in 2 to 4 areas. Levels 5 and 6 will be conducted nationally.

The specialty clinics (goaltending, referee and off-ice) are offered to supply the coach and beginning referee with knowledge, techniques and skills not available in the coaching programme.

To assist the Technical Director's Office in improving, implementing and conducting these clinics, the Ontario Technical Committee was appointed. Members of this committee hail from all over the Province, and are people of vast educational and practical background and expertise in all fields related to hockey and its development in Ontario.

The clinics are conducted beginning in September and ending in late Spring depending on demand. When possible instructors for the clinics are drawn from local areas surrounding the clinic location. Attendees are charged a nominal registration fee and receive an NCCP certificate upon successful completion of each course. They are constantly encouraged to advance to higher levels of coaching expertise. Many centres now require a coach to be certified at some level before he is allowed to coach a hockey team.

The bulk of the funding for these programmes is received from the Sport and Recreation Bureau of the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Registration fees and commercial contributions are the other major sources of income.

All printed materials relevant to the programme offered, including national guides, are available through the office. A monthly newsletter, Coaches' Corner, which contains current ideas and helpful hints is sent to over 1000 coaches, who are members of the Ontario Hockey Coaches' Association, and 2000 to other interested people and organizations. Brochures outlining the several programmes are available from the office as well.

It is evident that the programmes are expansive and all indications point towards their further expansion in the future. The programmes have been very popular and well received wherever conducted.

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KEN CAMPBELL is now the Director of Recreation for the City of Nanticoke and his address is Municipal Building, Box 820, Main Street South, Waterford, Nanticoke. This new city is the result of amalgamation of the Towns of Waterford and Port Dover, the townships of Townsend, Woodhouse and Walpole, and the villages of Jarvis and Selkirk. Parks, recreation, Community centres, cemeteries and museums are all the Community Services Committee.

CATHY HUMPHRIES, a '74 graduate of Centennial College, has taken a position with the Borough of East York as a Programme Assistant.

CAPTAIN GORDON HASSELFELT, Physical Education and Recreation Officer at Canadian Forces Base Trenton, is retiring from the Forces this summer. Gord has been in the service for 20 years, all in the field of recreation. His postings have been to Camp Borden, Ontario, Grostenquin, France, Rivers, Manitoba, Goose Bay, Labrador, Greenwood, Nova Scotia and for the past five years, Trenton, Ontario. He's been a member of the Eastern Ontario Recreation Association since 1969, and has enjoyed the fellowship and sharing of experiences with his fellow recreationists.

DEBORAH KELLY, a graduate of Mohawk College Recreation Leadership course, has left her position with the Milton Recreation Department to join the staff of the Welland Recreation Department as their Assistant Director.

ANN KANE, a '71 graduate of Centennial College Recreation Leadership programme leaves her post with the Whitby Psychiatric Hospital to join the faculty at Centennial this fall.

Introducing the Thunder Bay Recreation staff: Programme Developers; Bud Weafer, Marie Levanto, Dave Cain and Susan Coombes. Aquatics Supervisor; Doug Franklin. Senior Citizens; Penny Aiken. Community School; Joe Priorito and Supervisor of Harmony Place - a recreation centre for psycho-socially handicapped persons; Anna Mae Hadfield.

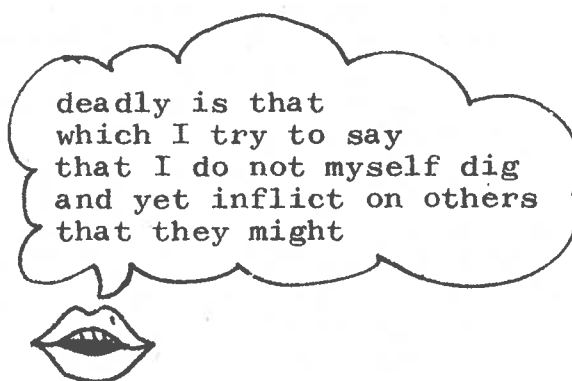
CATHERINE HILL, Recreation Assistant, will be located at Mississauga's new Senior Citizen Centre, to be opened this summer. She was previously with the Peel Homes for the Aged.

ANNE PANTIN has been appointed Pool Supervisor at Huron Park Recreation Centre. She comes from Point Claire Municipal Pool.

The BOROUGH OF SCARBOROUGH RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT has been reformed following an extensive study carried out by an internal study group known as BARC (Borough Administrative Review Committee). Four divisions now make up the Department structure: Admin., Recreation, Parks and Construction Building and Maintenance, each with a Director, Assistant Director, Superintendent, Supervisor or Foreman and support staff.

MR. J.J. KEAY, continues as Commissioner and within the recreation division JAMES MAXWELL becomes Director, BRUCE FLEURY, Assistant Director, ROY HARVEY, Superintendent - Facility Programs, and ALEX VANDERZAND, Superintendent - Recreation Programs.

Recreation Supervisors and Assistants have not changed as yet but some new faces have been added: Recreation Supervisors - COLIN GARSIDE, Men's and Boys' Phys Ed programs and playgrounds; JOAN MURRAY, Ladies and Girls Phys Ed and playgrounds; TERRY JAMES, Major Sports; JOHN HARPER, Drop-in Centres and Community Schools; LYNN CALLIGHEN, Creative Activities and Senior Citizens. Assistants - STEPHEN BOYD, Facility Programs; PAUL MAGEE, ANN LANCASTER, DOREEN CROZIER, PAUL McNABNEY & JOAN CARLISLE.



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BIKEWAYS - SARNIA?

BY

EDWARD A.W. WOOD

This report discusses various aspects of bike trails, pathways and routes that could be developed in Sarnia. The possibilities for location of bikeways needs study to determine costs, construction standards, development of areas related to the bikeways and operational problems.

Roland DeMers, Chairman of the Windsor Health and Fitness Committee has described Bikeways as: "The opportunity to Cycle in Safety away from the inherent dangers of fast moving vehicular traffic. Bikeways offer the Cyclists the opportunity to improve their personal fitness and most importantly the privilege to cycle at their own convenience without the pressures of scheduling to meet everyone else's time and conditions."

Richard Seypka, Landscape Architect and Developer of Bikeways for Metro Toronto says: "Bikeways are giving new dimension to leisure activities. The recreational bicycle system in all its forms provides the most pleasant recreation for the least amount of money for the most amount of people. Bikeways will become a planning tool in developing areas with total regard for natural environment."

With the current resurgence of bicycling popularity in Sarnia, bike routes should be considered. The "bike boom" started in Sarnia in 1969 and like the rest of the country it was thought to be another "fad" and would not last long. Such is not the case, however, and instead of being just another fad it has become a trend of the 70's, which appears to be a lasting one. It has been estimated by local bike shops and the executive of the Sarnia Cycling Club that there are over 5,000 bikes in use in the Sarnia area. This compares well to the City of Ottawa which has 12,000 cyclists using their 50 miles of bikeways. Sarnians have learned that there is a new way of seeing the area in which they live - they tour it by bike. In their enthusiasm to utilize the bike as a recreational vehicle, people have been making use of the roadways that are travelled by motor vehicles. The result - an 80% increase in accidents between cars and bikes since 1969. Motorists were not accustomed to being aware of cyclists and considered them to be another hazard rather than another vehicle. Cyclists were unaware of the pitfalls when cycling on roadways such as diagonal railway tracks, pot holes, slotted gutter grates and curbs. Cyclists were taking a chance just travelling out of their driveways and soon learned several safety measures in an effort to protect themselves ... bright and colourful clothing, lights and reflectors, pennant aerals, travel in groups of three or more, walking at intersections, etc. ... etc.

Once the recreational cyclist is fit, physically, for longer rides than just around his own neighbourhood, he takes to the main arteries to increase his mileage. A ride of 20 or 30 miles for the cyclist can be done on a single evening, simple steady pace. To attain this kind of mileage the Sarnia cyclist has no alternative but to travel main roadways and in so doing takes the risk of having an accident or being the object which may cause an accident between motor vehicles. A cyclist who rides the roadways often must race from intersection to intersection to keep up with the flow of traffic. Bikeways and cycling paths or trails would reduce the need to race with traffic and allow the rider to set his own pace. Dr. Mike Everett, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Florida State University has made a convincing study which provides factual evidence that bicycling can be hazardous to your health if you cycle where motor vehicle exhausts can be inhaled. In his study he states: "Cyclists are advised to hold their breath 10 to 20 seconds after a car passes, which allows the exhaust fumes to disperse, and to ride slowly and breath lightly in areas of constant traffic." He further states: "Bike route planners must keep in mind that careful planning can do much to reduce the potential effects of air pollution on cyclists' health while encouraging more people to enjoy the exercise, recreation and low cost transportation which bicycling provides."

Keeping in mind the statements of Messers. DeMers, Seypka, and Everett, Sarnia should plan a bikeway system for its cyclists with input from the Planning and Traffic Departments as well as the Recreation Department and local Cycling Club. With persons from these Municipal Departments involved in the planning of a bikeway system for Sarnia, the potential for providing a bikeway that will incorporate the best aspects for the participants will be enhanced.

Where should the bikeways go? What will it cost? What will it be constructed of? These questions must be answered before Sarnia can begin to provide a bikeway for its residents. We can utilize some of the work and studies carried out by other communities that already have bikeways; i.e. Scarborough, Metro Toronto, Ottawa and Windsor. It may also be advantageous to contact centres in the United States that have bikeways and get their views on planning; i.e. California Rock Creek Parkway and Tallahassee Florida. A study should be done on how the Sarnia bikeway can incorporate cycling via quiet woodland trails, through neighbourhood parks and link up with a scenic ride along our famous Bluewater areas. Consideration should be given to a route that will operate as a recreation facility and a transportation route with residential approval for the route selected.

The bikeway should provide along the way, sports and picnic areas, historical buildings and natural landscapes to present varied opportunities for all ages cycling. Motorized vehicles of any type would be prohibited on the trail and its bridges over motor vehicle routes.

Some thought should be given to having an open end route connecting the various approaches to the City from other communities. This would allow a bikeway hook-up between cities, towns and villages. The Ontario Bikeway Coalition which is based in Windsor has given some consideration to a Bikeway System which would link the City of Windsor to the City of Sarnia and other points in this part of Ontario.

Bikeways, cycling paths and trails do cost money to construct. The National Capital Commission of Ottawa estimates that it cost them \$10,000.00 per mile to construct the 50 miles of bikeways in that city. Calgary estimates it will cost \$278,000.00 to put up a bridge as part of their cycling system which blankets the city. Scarborough have spent over \$42,000.00 financing their bikeway project. The money for these projects has come from a number of sources; i.e. Ontario Local Initiative Project Grants, Ontario Ministry of Environment Grants, Local Capital Budget Funding, Bike Rallies, Rodeos and Bike-A-Thons, Private Donations and Industrial Assistance Funds.

The construction of bikeways can take many forms with a variety of materials being used along the system to give the cyclist different riding features. Concrete, tarmac, stone, woodchip and treated earth paths are some of the various materials that have been used. The Calgary bikeway exceeds 160 miles of concrete and tarmac surfaces linking to treated earth paths and lightly travelled streets where cyclists share facilities with pedestrian traffic. Whatever the surface it should have adequate drainage and be free from loose articles which would impede the cyclist. Bikeways vary in width from 18 inches to 20 feet depending on where they are located and what property rights are involved.

Should the City be desirous of constructing a Bikeway System then a complete study of costs and route right of ways will need to be done. For the present, it is recommended that a study be implemented to discover the following:

- (a) What support can be expected from the citizens for a bikeway system?
- (b) What probable routes could be set up?
- (c) What areas of financial support are available?
- (d) What probable costs optimum and minimum would be involved?
- (e) What number of persons would make use of it and for what purposes?

It is further recommended that the study be a combined effort of the Planning, Traffic, Parks and Recreation Department, and the local Cycling Club. Some investigation should be done to discover if monies and personnel assistance can be obtained through government grants to aid in compiling the study.



S.D.M.R.O. CITATION

This is the third in our series of Citations presented at the Annual Banquet, November '73 to four gentlemen for their outstanding contribution to the recreation profession. In this issue we are pleased to present the address by Samuel Jacks, RDMR, to KENNETH ROBINSON, RDMR.

For anyone of our chosen profession who is 26 years old or under, I draw to your attention that Ken was a Recreation Director before you were born. While this hardly relegates him to the time of the Unicorn, it does give some indication that he is over 30.

Ken was one of a group of some 40 people that took the first feeble steps towards the creating of our profession. At that time, Ken was one of 40 Moses that set out to lead us to a viable profession. There were two interesting problems to this approach, no one could quite visualize Ken in a long white sheet, the other was that all of us chose a different direction. Ken was also the one during the early days who had the courage to suggest that the Membership fee be increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

Ken, in his pre-Moses days, was quite well known in boxing circles. While this fact may not seem significant, it saved the early Members from some embarrassing situations. On many occasions when certain hotels decided they weren't playgrounds and sent their security people (bouncers) to evict us -- in each occasion Ken had, on one time or another met this person in the ring. Needless to say, in a very short time, the bouncer became part of our festivities, in some cases leading the group to more boisterous heights.

Another incident remains in my mind. Some seven of us met in Toronto, we collectively had enough money for 2 rooms at one of Toronto's less than average hotels. After meeting all day, we returned to the hotel to discover, in the lobby, a mother and 5 children who had been evicted from their home. While we were having supper, Ken disappeared for sometime. On returning, he advised us of two items. He had given one of our rooms to the mother and children and drew attention to the halo circling above his head. The sequel to this humanitarian event was even more interesting -- seven people trying to sleep in the smallest hotel room in Toronto -- and Ken sleeping in the bathtub making gurgling noises; someone had turned the water on to put out his halo!

A final recollection -- one evening in the Frontenac Arms Ken decided he was an elevator operator. This in itself was quite a feat because there was a complicated mechanical device running it; three buttons reading up, down and stop. Ken refused to take passengers, only beer. Some thirty cases of beer were loaded into the elevator. When Ken pushed the up button, the elevator shuddered a little and sank slowly to the basement and all circuits were blown. The Management was not amused.

When the President asked me if I would background the Citation for Ken, my answer was, "I would be honoured to do so."

No one deserves this honour more than Ken. To me, he is a lifetime friend, one of the Founding Fathers of our profession, a tireless worker on our behalf, a Past President, Chairman of the Board of Regents, a raconteur par excellence and a man to whom our profession owes a great debt of gratitude.

COMMUNITY ARENA - PUBLIC SERVICE TREND

BY

JERRY CORRIVEAU

The Valley East Centennial Arena was completed in 1972. It represented a culmination of prolonged struggle by a few concerned individuals. They had undertaken what initially appeared to be an impossible task but they were determined to sell their dream of an indoor arena to the public.

Funds for the building were raised through normal channels such as door-to-door canvassing, civic service club donations and the town's reserves fund. It involved tremendous perseverance which deserves a great deal of recognition.

A strange thing has happened, however, since the arena opened. It took ages to build one, but within two short years our Town Council recognize- a definite need for a second. Why this overnight popularity?

Many factors must be considered. First, our initial arena could not adequately fulfill ice-time demands. Community organizations and associations could not be accommodated with sufficient hours to satisfy their growing programmes. As an example, when Public Skating on Friday evenings attracted in excess of 650 people, it was not considered exceptional. The demand was overwhelming.

Secondly, to the populace of 18,000, the arena acquired the reputation of being a place where things were happening for almost everyone. Ice skating, hockey, ringette, figure skating, broomball, roller skating, Beer Festivals, wrestling, boxing, lacrosse, weddings, dances, meetings and other events continued to attract the people. Our arena had become a "meeting Place" for the citizens of Valley East.

Thirdly, people involvement along with people participation was the guiding concept behind the operation. From the onset, the Arena Board, and later the Recreation Committee considered the arena to be a place where one could occupy oneself either actively or passively - a place built by the community for community utilization - a place providing a basic municipal service. The arena existed to make life a little better for all. Is this not the premise of a social service?

At this point, the question of budgetary limitations becomes prominent. Of course, economic realities remained to restrict us, but since our operational policy was people motivated rather than profit motivated, the hindrances were minimized. In other words, we gave priority to public service then we attempted to control our deficit. We were attacking the converse policy which has become the rule rather than the exception. A similar trend can be witnessed spreading throughout Ontario - a trend which is to the recreational benefit of the public.

The City of Sudbury, for example, has recently included its large arena under the jurisdiction of the Recreation Department. It has also built three other arenas, all tax supported, within the space of two years. These buildings are not profit motivated. New arenas have also mushroomed in Walden, Onaping, Noelville and Warren. Cause of their inception undoubtedly could be compared to the circumstances which prompted a second building in Valley East.

Public opinion toward arenas and similar facilities appear to have entered another dimension. We are in the midst of a transition in general attitude; a transition caused by our growing affluence and leisure time, and by an increasing emphasis on recreation values. Society recognizes that it must indulge in recreation and that it cannot afford to do otherwise. The potential of recreation to develop physical and mental fitness is being accepted without challenge; even stressed. We find ourselves in a "leisure explosion" in which society is demanding facilities, service and programme, regardless of cost.

This awakened social awareness is manifesting itself in our own field. Are we prepared to adjust accordingly? Being directly involved in this change, we must, out of necessity, modify our role. We cannot ignore the fact that society does not differentiate between service and facility or programme and facility. We must look at our position as an integral part of the whole picture, intent on providing an essential service - perhaps expanding our scope to the extent of calling ourselves, "Facility Recreationists."

Think about it!

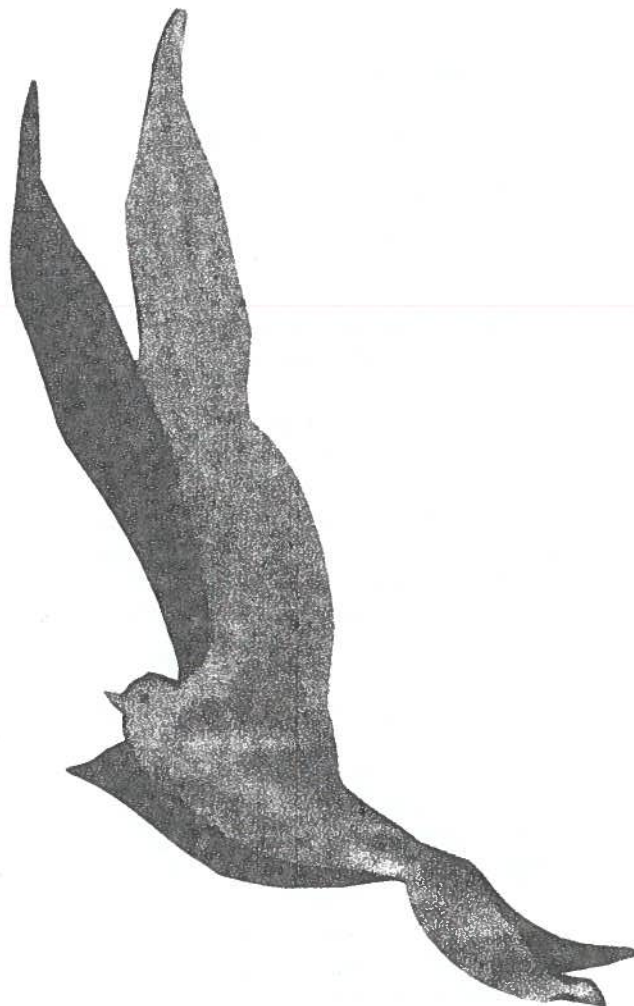
HELP!

The Onaping Falls Recreation Department has received a number of requests for bicycle paths and they're interested in hearing from anyone who has information to share on construction, funding and any other aspects. Please forward your data to Colin Van Walleggham, Director of Recreation, Onaping Falls Recreation Department, Box 250, Levak, Ontario.

FILMS

A timely contribution from Ted Wood that will certainly assist Colin:

An excellent up-to-date film on BIKEWAYS is available to any SDMRO member from the Ontario Bikeway Coalition, 4774 Wyandotte Street East, Windsor, Ontario. Ted has shown the film in Sarnia to Parks, Planning and Traffic Committee with much success.



Operations Director: Why do you only carry one plank
at a time? All the other men carry two.
Maintenance man: Well, I guess they're just too lazy
to make two trips.

Remember when:
Your mother laughed when you said you wanted to marry your father.
Your mother laughed when you said you wanted to marry your brother.
Your mother got angry when you said you wanted to marry your
camp counsellor.

Marketplace

PROGRAMME SUPERVISOR: AQUATICS

Location City of Brantford's new 65 metre pool;
scheduled for opening August 12th, 1974.

Duties

- supervised training of part time staff
- establish and conduct swimming instruction programmes
- handle public inquiries
- responsible to the Director of Aquatics

Qualifications Red Cross/Royal Life Saving Society Instructors
- at least two years experience in aquatics instruction and supervision.

Salary \$9,132.00 to \$10,751.00

Closing Date August 2nd, 1974

Apply to: Mr. J. H. Flood,
Personnel Officer
City Hall
Brantford, Ontario

RECREATION ASSISTANT

Location City of Timmins, Parks and Recreation Department

Qualifications Diploma in Recreation Leadership Course
and at least two years experience

Duties Responsible for coordinating, supervising and
giving guidance to all community groups

- improve and expand girl's and women's activities and promote a comprehensive programme of recreation within the city

Salary To be negotiated

Applications: Include detailed personal resume

FRED SALVADOR, Director
Parks and Recreation
City Hall
220 Algonquin Blvd. East
TIMMINS, Ontario

