

Nanticoke taxes up 9.9 per cent

By Trisha Banks

Nanticoke residents will pay 9.9 per cent more taxes for 1975, while Dunnville residents will experience a slight decrease in tax bills.

The \$12 million budget, which was approved at Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Council, last week, shows an average increase of 6.6 per cent to taxpayers in the region.

Regional treasurer Charles Douglas said increased provincial grants and a 1974 budget surplus has helped in keeping tax

increases down. Last year's \$305,000 operating surplus will be set against this year's budget according to provincial regulations. The province paid half of last year's budget, but this year will pick up 56 per cent of the budget.

Regional costs make up less than 25 per cent of the overall tax bill in Haldimand-Norfolk, with the board of education budget and area municipalities budget making up the remainder.

Provincial grants increased by \$2,256,000

this year, and includes \$250,000 to help offset the cost of water and sewer operations.

The 1975 budget does not include provisions for reserve funds. Mr. Douglas said, "We decided not to spend any of the \$900,000 in reserves that we accumulated during the first nine months under regional government. We will probably need this next year to help offset what is expected to be a large increase."

Next year is expected to be a rather tight year,

because the region will have more staff but increased industrial assessment from Nanticoke will not be forthcoming.

The region has hired half the 31 new staff that is expected to be added this year.

This year includes a few "first times" in the budget.

Finance chairman Roy Whitehead, said the 1975 budget includes \$173,724 in levies for the three region conservation authorities.

Although conservation authority levies were charged directly to the area

municipalities last year, the region has decided to assume responsibility for these expenses in the 1975 budget.

"This results in savings to Dunnville and Haldimand, but increases to other municipalities," said Mr. Whitehead.

Transitional grants paid to area municipalities by the province to reduce the regional levy have been cut back by 20 per cent this year. Some areas suffered more than others because they were not eligible for large transitional grants, and

assessment has increased in some municipalities.

Although the region asked the province for \$330,000 for water and sewer costs, the province only came through with \$250,000, and the grant will decrease by 20 per cent each year until 1970, when the region hopes to have all water and sewer systems self-supporting.

Nanticoke Councillor Keith Shay objected to the fact that the rest of the deficit will be spread over the entire region.

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Margaret Scrivener, chairwoman of the steering committee for the new Townsend Satellite City, attended regional council last week to outline provincial plans for the city. (Photo by Trisha Banks)

Judd reprimanded for ghetto comments

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Simcoe Mayor Alfred Judd has been reprimanded by Regional Chairman John McCombs for his statement about "ethnic ghettos".

Mr. Judd told a meeting of an advisory committee set up by the province to guide development at the Townsend Satellite City, "30 months is a grossly impractical amount of time in which to establish adequate housing."

"You can put up token housing, but that will merely result in ethnic ghettos that we will be unable to live with," he said.

Margaret Scrivener, parliamentary assistant to Ontario Housing Minister

Donald Irvine, and chairwoman for the Townsend Steering Committee, retorted, "I

have to subscribe that any government would not deliberately put up an instant slum, and I can not subscribe to your choice of words. This will not be a ghetto. Our goal is to provide a good healthful and attractive community."

Mr. Judd commented further, saying, "If we don't plan Townsend properly, there will be Italian, Hungarian, and other ethnic ghettos. These are the types of people who will follow the steel industry out from Hamilton."

Later, at a press conference, Mrs. Scrivener said, "We are all Canadians,

we all came from somewhere else. We cannot all have the same last name as Mayor Judd."

Chairwoman Scrivener proposed that the committee consist of Regional Chairman John McCombs, Nanticoke Mayor John Pow, Haldimand-Norfolk MLA James Allan, and the chairman of the region's planning and development committee.

Councillor Catherine Smale expressed concerns that the region was not adequately represented on the steering committee.

Councillor Smale asked Mrs. Scrivener, "Where do the regional engineering committee people come in?" Mrs. Scrivener replied, "We will consult with them

and be closely working with them." Councillor Smale (continued on page 13)

Police week

In connection with Police Week in Haldimand-Norfolk, a trailer display will be in Caledonia at 10 a.m. on May 15 in the Municipal Parking Lot.

On May 16 the display will be at Market Square, Hagersville at 10 a.m., and on May 17 at Robinson and Norfolk Sts., Simcoe, at 10 a.m.

Jarvis hub of activities on Victoria weekend

All roads will lead to beautiful downtown Jarvis for the Victoria Weekend celebrations planned, once again, by the Jarvis Lions Club.

The weekend kicks off with a dance at the Jarvis Community Centre on Saturday, May 17. Music will be provided by Don Leatherdale and the Clubmen, and begins at 9 p.m.

On Sunday, May 18, the annual Chicken Bar-B-Q gets underway at 4 p.m. in the Jarvis Community Centre. Rain or shine, chicken is the order of the day at \$3 per plate, so get down to the Community Centre for a finger-lickin' good time!

The Lions have planned a little action for baseball fanatics beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 19. All the "fleet of foot" guys in the area will be down at the park until 9 p.m. for a softball tournament. Finals will be played in the evening, and then we can all see just how fast our local guys are.

The great big Calithumpian Parade begins at 1:30 p.m. on Monday. The parade features bands, floats, horse shows, and many other weird and wonderful things, they say.

For the teenagers in the area, a Toronto Disc Jockey will be at the Community Centre from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday afternoon, and admission is \$1.

In the afternoon and evening, spectators can watch a variety of specialties - a tug of war, Trade Fair, helicopter rides, sky diving, horse show, kiddie rides, amateur show, draw prizes, and many more.

A fireworks display will begin at 10 p.m. If you have a Parade Entry contact Barry Miller, and Trade Fair Entries should contact Jack Lloyd.

So it seems the only place to be for Victoria Weekend is downtown Jarvis - FOR A CALITHUMPIAN GOOD TIME!

Blaze razes four buildings

Rainham and Selkirk firefighters responded to a fire at the home of Edgar Wardell, R.R. 1, Selkirk, which completely razed four buildings.

The alarm was turned in by Mrs. Glenn Wardell at 4:20 p.m., last Thursday. The fire started in a chicken coop and swiftly spread to a

large barn, utility shed, and pig barn. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

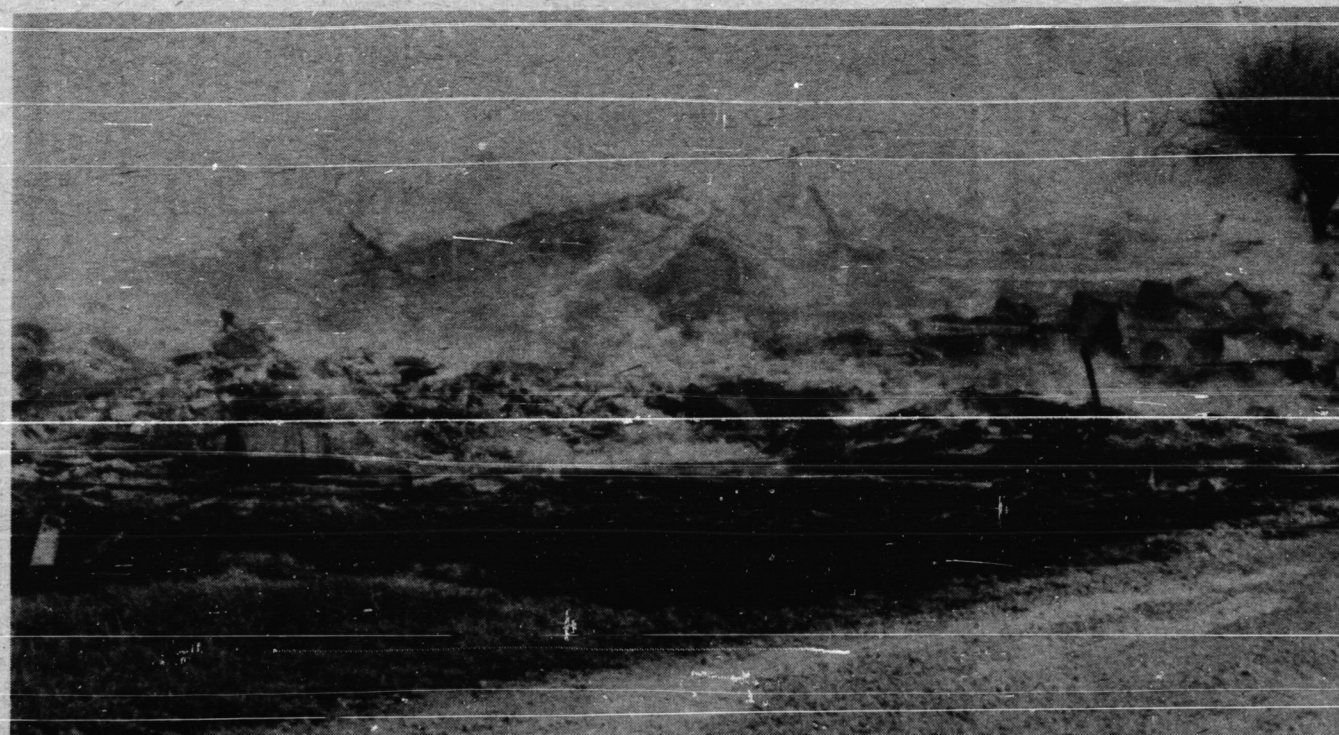
Selkirk Fire Chief Dave Otterman said the new City of Nanticoke tanker saved a nearby home that was threatened by the blaze. The Rainham fire department was trying to pump water in from the

lake when Selkirk firefighters arrived on the scene.

Rainham Fire Chief Merrill Hunsinger estimated damage to the buildings at approximately \$15,000, but Mr. Wardell's son-in-law, Grant Nagel, disagreed with Chief Hunsinger's estimate. "You couldn't rebuild those

buildings for less than \$50,000," he said.

A baler belonging to Maurice Yager was destroyed in the fire, as well as 500 bales of hay, a milk machine, a grain grinder, a cyclone chopper, and a snow blower. A tractor parked close to the barn was saved, but both front tires were burnt off.



Rainham and Selkirk fire departments responded to this four building fire at R.R. 1, Selkirk. The buildings belonged to Edgar Wardell.