

YOUR 1971 S.D.M.R.O. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



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 Mr. Robert Christie, President
 Mr. James Maxwell, Secretary.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the executive, I wish to extend to all members and their families, our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The executive will be meeting on December 11th, 12th, and 13th, at the Kress Motor Inn in Preston, thus this message will only cover our activities from the annual meeting to December 4th.

Mr. Jim Maxwell, our secretary, is investigating the cost of using a computer in Sault Ste. Marie for society mailings and directory printing. It certainly appears that the Society is about to join the do not bend, fold, or mutilate era. However, with Jim handling all the recording and corresponding work, a very heavy load, the computer will be a very great asset to him and the society's communications system.

Brian Wrigglesworth, our 1st vice president, is preparing lists of all those interested in serving on standing, ad hoc and special committees. Peter Cavill, 2nd vice president, is preparing all liaison committee lists and all chairmen will be decided on at our December meeting. Don Wadlow is preparing an interim budget for the December meeting.

In the executive minutes of November 22nd, motion E2-71-4, Mr. Bob Arnot was appointed our liaison chairman to C.A.H.P.E.R. Bob's immediate task was to set up negotiations with the C.A.H.P.E.R. conference committee to have recreation represented at their 1971 conference. On November 27th, Messrs. Bob Arnot, Blayne Rennick, Chuck Griffith, Jack Pearse, representing C.A.H.P.E.R., and myself met regarding our involvement. At the conclusion of this meeting, it was agreed that the Society would be involved in the conference and would conduct six - 1½ hour sessions on recreation. Tentative topics are to be, recreation education, community schools, recreation and the handicap and a general picture of a municipal recreation practitioner.

C.A.H.P.E.R. will bring in any keynote speakers the committee wishes, and allot funds to set up each session. Bob Arnot and his committee have begun work on this conference and I ask every member to support Bob in this large task.

Certainly we the society have voiced our concern over our lack of communication and involvement with C.A.H.P.E.R. in the past. This year we have been given the opportunity to tell the recreation story and I need not tell you the importance of this opportunity, especially in our school involvement.

I would ask all members to consider attendance at this conference, as department budgeting time approaches. Mr. Arnot's committee will be sending cost information, dates and topics on the conference to all members.

In closing, I wish on behalf of the executive to extend our appreciation for the many letters and verbal comments of good wishes for our term of office.

Robert Christie,
President.

COMMUNITY

D. MALPASS

"Hello - Dr. Klein please"

The response to the above request will probably be long remembered by those who attended the 1970 Institute of the S.D.M.R.O. Hopefully much will be remembered.

We used many different tools and techniques to try and emphasize the importance of recognizing resources and utilizing them effectively to create a sense of community. As "people experts," we became more aware, through listening to our colleagues, of the potential of people to create and express new ideas. We hope the concept of utilization of human resources became abundantly clear.

If all we did, is entertain those present by parading a lot of elaborate machinery before them, then; we failed to achieve our stated purpose. But, if we are able to utilize those tools and others like them to help create a more human environment, then we were somewhat successful.

An evaluation will be conducted shortly. We are also compiling a resource kit with Gene's help that will be sent to all members in the new year. Gene and the committee are very interested in effective follow-up to the conference and we are working toward that end.

What happened at the Institute? At this point, it is hard to assess. Some felt that as a group, we began to develop a sense of community. Some found the potential of the tools and techniques exciting. Some were surprised at and appreciative of the ideas shared by their colleagues. Some felt it was a waste of valuable time. Some questioned the use of an "American expert." Some were able to renew acquaintances and let down their hair.

But it was definitely an experience. An experience that had possibilities for learning, fellowship and dissent. As an Institute Committee, were not concerned with anything else. We are concerned about the future of the community and hope that we all commit ourselves, as "community experts," to the betterment of that institution.

D. Malpass,
Chairman Institute Committee.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

Executive Correspondence With Provincial Government

The 1970-71 Society Executive has requested an article for release to the full membership which summarizes certain S.D.M.R.O. correspondence with the Provincial Government during my term of office as your President, and continued dialogue and concerns being expressed by the present Executive. Certain areas of this correspondence were made known at the 1970 Annual Meeting, however, as every member of S.D.M.R.O. was not in attendance and since additional communication has been carried out since that time, the following information has been prepared to bring everyone up to date.

January 20, 1970 - Chairman, Provincial Certification Committee, corresponded with the Prime Minister of Ontario, outlining a delay of two years in matters relative to action that should have been taken by that time.

March 2, 1970 - Reply to above letter was received through the Office of the Minister of Education advising that work was well advanced and decisions should be forthcoming "shortly".

March 13, 1970 - Letter was received from the Prime Minister of Ontario informing your Executive that the Government was sympathetic to the plight of municipalities in regard to their expenditures for recreation programs. It was further indicated that changes in the regulations, under which grants to municipalities are paid, would be considered for the 1970-71 estimates of the Ontario Department of Education.

June 12, 1970 - The President of S.D.M.R.O. corresponded with the Prime Minister of Ontario expressing a further concern relative to the Speech from the Throne and press reports, indicating a very real possibility of a transfer of the Youth and Recreation Branch from the Ontario Department of Education to the Department of Citizenship. (No reply to this letter was received at that time.)

June 24, 1970 - Through correspondence on this date, an effort was made to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss many concerns of our members relative to Municipal Recreation. A telephone call from the Minister's office revealed that an immediate meeting was not possible, but likely arrangements could be completed for same by the end of July. Your Executive did not hear further directly from the Office of the Minister of Education.

November 10, 1970 - Letter was again directed to the Prime Minister of Ontario expressing the increasing alarm of your Executive about the lack of progress on a number of matters relative to Government progress in the area of Municipal Recreation. We again referred to 1970 correspondence with the Government dated January 20, March 2, March 13, June 12, and June 24. It was noted that another eight months had passed relative to action on certification matters, which decisions were to be forthcoming shortly; that information had not been forthcoming relative to 1970-71 estimates of the Ontario Department of Education, and an explanation was requested since the Government had acknowledged the principle of our concerns regarding increased grants; that failure to pass certain regulations was delaying the process to provide certificates to many qualified municipal recreation personnel under the Department of Education Act; that we had still not received replies to our letters of June 12th and June 24th, 1970; and that we were very concerned with the delayed public release of the Report of the Government's Special Study Committee on Recreation Services. We requested answers for our 1970 Annual Meeting.

November 19, 1970 - A reply to our letter of November 10, 1970 was received through the office of the Director, Youth and Recreation Branch, advising:

- The Minister of Education was pleased to inform S.D.M.R.O. members that new grant regulations had gone to the Treasury Board, and a full and complete explanation was made to them. The expenditure increases were to be reviewed and decision reached in the near future.
- It was proposed a report on the Minister's Study Committee on Recreation Services would be released in condensed form so that immediate release of the major points could be provided.
- The Minister of Education advised he was anxious to meet with the S.D.M.R.O. Executive on matters of mutual interest once a decision of the Treasury Board had been reached and once the condensation of the Study Committee's Report had been approved.
- It was pointed out to your Executive that the certification regulation can be passed without fiscal consequences and this matter was to be passed within the next "couple of weeks". (This advice was received seven weeks ago.)

December 1, 1970 - Letter received by the Executive from the Prime Minister of Ontario expressing apologies that many of our recent queries and correspondence had not been acknowledged. He stated that "the question of increased grants to municipalities for recreational purposes has been reviewed again but the matter has been delayed pending further study. We are now in the process of reviewing assistance programs to municipalities". The Prime Minister added he was very much aware of the important role that recreation plays in our society. He further advised that his office had just now "located" our letter of June 12, and regretted inconvenience which may have resulted from lack of a reply. It was further pointed out that no change has been made in the organization of the Youth and Recreation Branch.

December 7, 1970 - Your President advised the Minister of Education that the Society Executive was still looking forward to the meeting with his office concerning matters of mutual concern.

December 16, 1970 - A further concern of your Executive was addressed to the Minister of Citizenship outlining a further "frustration", relative to employment opportunities becoming available in the Department of the Provincial Secretary and Citizenship, and an ad for a "Community Development Field Consultant" which recently appeared in the news media as follows:

Community Development Field Consultant

"By evaluating present social, economic and educational resources in an assigned area, you will act as consultant for the DEPARTMENT of the PROVINCIAL SECRETARY & CITIZENSHIP in providing assistance to local community organizations on community development programs. You will encourage local self-help projects, advise on the feasibility of proposed plans, act as a liaison between local and government groups, and co-ordinate various projects toward a complete public service.

Applicants must have a degree from a university of recognized standing preferably in the social sciences; several years' full time related experience; demonstrated ability to work with government officials, community agencies and special groups, ability to communicate effectively. Applications must be submitted by December 29, 1970."

It was pointed out that the "job description" in the above article certainly appears to relate to the actual aims, objectives, and philosophy of community recreation, and it appears the Government of Ontario is now going to commence an "overlap" of responsibilities and service to the people of Ontario. We requested answers relative to how this type of consultant will relate to present recreation personnel, including the Youth and Recreation Branch; would the costs of this program take the "place"

of increased grants for recreation to municipalities requested for many years; would recreation personnel in possession of Permanent "A" and "B" Certificates be eligible to apply for these positions; was this new plan not a duplication of the work of the Youth and Recreation Branch, if increased grant monies are to become available to municipalities, could they not possibly provide these services; and, finally, just what is going on? We also asked the Minister of Citizenship for his thoughts on the Youth and Recreation Branch being transferred to the jurisdiction of the Department of Citizenship.

We asked for a reply for our January 1971, Executive meeting, in order that we would be in a position to bring all recreation committees and personnel throughout Ontario into the "picture". An offer was also made to meet and discuss the concerns at any time. (No reply has yet been received.)

December 16, 1970 - Your President wrote the Prime Minister of Ontario advising that a resolution was passed at our 1970 Annual Meeting that the membership endorsed the retention of the Youth and Recreation Branch under the Department of Education. The President also further noted the concerns expressed in our letter to the Minister of Citizenship regarding Community Development Field Consultants.

December 21, 1970 - The President advised the Minister of Education of a further resolution passed at our 1970 Annual Meeting requesting additional finances, resources and staff be made available in areas of Ontario where there is a noticeable lack of staff and resources to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Youth and Recreation Branch Consultants. A reply has been requested.

In summation, the preceding data has been assembled to provide S.D.M.R.O. members with up to-date dialogue with the Government. It should also indicate that "action" from the Government is a very slow process, and possibly the above facts and comments should be brought up and discussed at zone recreation meetings, and even forwarded to your local Members of Parliament. We should all be concerned with the lack of concrete answers and "distant" promises. Your Executive through minutes, newsletters, and special reports will continue efforts to keep you tuned to this type of correspondence, and any comments you wish to direct to the Executive, or directly to the Government, would certainly be appropriate.

Blayne C. Rennick,
Past President.

TAKE A MINUTE.....

"ARE YOU BUSY"

Everyone knows people who are always busy. They are devoted to their departments; they work hard. You can count on them to give their last ounce of effort to any project. They're always running.

But their common problem is that even while expending so much energy, they aren't getting the job done. They are always putting out small fires while the big ones rage uncontrolled. These people are driving for competence and mastery, but chances are they will never succeed. Being busy isn't enough. YOU HAVE TO DIRECT YOUR EFFORTS: YOU HAVE TO CHANNEL YOUR ENERGIES. Otherwise all the energy and output you generate will be dissipated. Remember, you can't win the race unless you run on the track. THINK ABOUT IT!!!

JOB MART -- WHAT'S NEW

- Mr. Frank T. Burch, formerly Program Co-ordinator with the North York Parks and Recreation Department has recently been promoted to Superintendent of Recreation, a newly created position within the Department. We wish Frank much success in this new venture.
- Mr. Robert Mahoney, previously with Hamilton YWCA for 2½ years has recently been hired by Galt Parks and Recreation Department as a "Program Assistant".
- The Peterborough Recreation Committee has engaged Mr. George Campbell as it's first community school director. Mr. Campbell graduated from the Recreation course in Guelph in 1966 and has held positions in St. Catherines and Oakville prior to joining the Peterborough staff.
- Florence Meiler, Director of Recreation for the city of Hamilton, will be retiring as of February 5/71. Miss Meiler is taking an early retirement to travel and persue hobbies she tells us - Best Wishes Florence on behalf of the Society.
- Hamilton also reports the hiring of a number of Mohawk College graduates. Marsha Waldie, Douglas DeForges, Robert Redpath, and Richard Sanderson were hired in September as Program Organizers in the Community Centres, and, George Morasse and Carolyn Chessell in August for the new Ryerson Centre.
- Thunder Bay Parks and Recreation Department informs us that Mr. Brian Collins, a Confederation College graduate, Mr. John Dizon, and Mrs. Kay Heggie have recently been hired as Program Developers for that city.
- Mrs. Lynn Vickers has joined the staff of the Etobicoke Recreation Department as a Cultural Arts Supervisor replacing Heather Harris, Al Higgs from Ottawa, has also joined this staff as Horticultural Supervisor.
- Mr. Alan McPhee, a 1970 graduate of the Recreation Leadership Course at the Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology, Ottawa, joined the Brampton Recreation Department on November 9, 1970 in the newly created position of Program Assistant.
- The Dundas Recreation Department informs us that they will be requiring a swimming pool manager sometime in 1971.
- We wish to advise you that the Township of Chinguacousy Parks and Recreation offices have moved, they are now located at 70 Bramalea Road, Bramalea.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Province of Ontario Winter Games:
Etobicoke, December 27, 28, 29 and 30.
- Ontario Figure Skating Championships:
Central Ontario Section : Huron Park Recreation Centre,
January 8, 9, and 10.
- Ontario Gymnastic Federation - first qualifying meet:
Lorne Park Secondary School, January 16 and 17.

WINTER CARNIVALS

January 15 - 23rd - Owen Sound - parades, snowmobile races, dog sled races, Jamaica Night, dances, snow sculpture, variety nights, carnival queen selection etc.

January 27 - February 7th - Sault Ste Marie:
"Bon Soo Carnival" - beer fest, root beer fest, the Flying Clergy, Jam Can curling bonspiel etc.

February 5 - 10th: Etobicoke Winter Carnival

February 5 - 7th: Port Colborne Winter Carnival

February 7 - 13th: Brampton Winter Carnival

February 12 - 13th: Mississauga Winter Carnival
Huron Park

- 1971 is Chinguacousy Township's 150th Anniversary
- special events will be held all year we'll keep you posted.
- March Leadership Seminar (Youth and Recreation Branch)
will be held on Sunday, March 7 to Saturday March 13 1971
at Cedar Glen (near Bolton).

Application deadline - February 3rd, 1971.

Publications Available from the S.D.M.R.O.

Swimming Pool Management and Operation 1970 \$5.00

Believed to be one of the most extensive ever published, is an excellent reference text for pool operation, construction, programming, and maintenance. It is a must for all people involved in swimming pool operation.

Aquatic Survey 1969 \$1.00

An analysis of current staffing and programming in Ontario public pools, complete with salaries, levels of qualification, and pool and beach operating costs.

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This manual is the first of its kind and it is hoped that the information in this book will help reduce the number of injuries in ice hockey. Special quantity discounts.

Guidebook to Recreation Personnel Practices No charge

A report prepared by the Society, in an effort to provide guidance to employees in the Ontario Municipal Recreation field.

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