

The city

BRIEFLY

Driver jailed

The driver of a vehicle that struck a parked van, injuring its two occupants, has been sentenced to four months in jail, fined \$350, and had his licence suspended for three years.

Edward Andrew Matthies, 20, was the driver of a vehicle that failed to negotiate a curve on the Fifth to Fourth Avenue diversion, at Laurier Crescent, April 21.

Matthies' car struck a van parked on private property.

A Legal, Alta., couple, Carl and Lilo Jensen, who were sleeping in the van, were injured, Lilo seriously.

Matthies was charged with dangerous driving and driving with more than .08 per cent blood-alcohol content.

He was sentenced in county court by Judge J.J. Anderson.

NDP speech

Gene Errington, former head of the Women's Rights Branch, will speak to a special meeting of the Fort George NDP today at 7:30 p.m. in Room B of the Quesnel Building at the College of New Caledonia.

Errington will give a critical analysis of the social policy of the NDP and why the party didn't achieve what it intended.

Community plan

The city's travelling community plan show sets up at Lakewood Secondary School today at 7:30 p.m. to give city residents a shot at what the planning department proposes for future Prince George.

The show, led by city planner Dave McDonald, includes a lesson on why planning is essential for the city, what the proposed community plan is all about, and a slide show trip around the city by helicopter.

McDonald and a number of assistants will be present to answer questions and talk to people after the presentation.

The Lakewood meeting is the fourth in a series of more than a dozen such gatherings with neighborhoods and interest groups to explain the plan, due to go to public hearings beginning Nov. 22.

Thursday at 8 p.m. the plan is to be presented at the Prince George Art Gallery in the Arts Complex on 15th Avenue.

Next week meetings are set for Connaught Secondary School, Monday; Shady Valley School and Vanway School, Tuesday; Hart Highway School, Nov. 16 and College Heights School, Nov. 17. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Girl's death investigated

FORT ST. JOHN, B.C. (CP) — RCMP in this northeast British Columbia community are investigating the death of a 17-year-old girl, whose partially clothed body was found on a school ground Tuesday morning.

Police said that foul play is suspected.

No name was released and no further details were available.

PROVISIONAL FIGURES

8.5 per cent budget hike seen

by JOHN POPE

Citizen Staff Reporter
The cost of running the Prince George school district in 1978 will be about 8.5 per cent or \$3.7 million more than it was in 1977, according to a provisional budget adopted by school trustees Tuesday.

The \$47.4 million budget, which was passed without comment at the regular board meeting, will provide the district with spending authority during the interim period when the final budget is being drawn up.

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McGeer meet delayed again

Prince George school trustees officially decided Tuesday to wait until next year for a meeting with Education Minister Pat McGeer over the half-completed administration building.

The trustees had originally hoped a meeting might be arranged here this year.

These hopes were dashed when it was learned the only possible meeting place this year would be Vancouver, and that the meeting would be too late for any progress to be made this year.

The priority now will be to arrange a meeting in Prince



About 40 voters attended forum to hear aldermanic candidates.

Citizen photo by Dave Milne

CANDIDATES' FORUM

Election issues emerge

by TOM NIXON

Citizen Staff Reporter
The new library, 10-1; better snow plowing, 7-4; six-day shopping 10-1; improved bus service, 11-0.

That was the score at the first aldermanic candidates' forum Tuesday at the Community Arts complex.

Eleven of the 14 candidates in the running for five seats vacant on council this year talked with about 40 voters, mainly women members of arts groups and the University Women's Club which organized the forum at Studio 2880.

Only one candidate was brave enough to speak out against the cultural interest group's motherhood issue.

Alex Forbes, a College Heights resident who is a stationary engineer, said he favors renovating the current library, not building a new one.

FOR ALDERMAN, TRUSTEE

Labor endorses pair

The Nov. 19 civic elections dominated the monthly meeting of the Prince George and District Labor Council Tuesday and it was decided to support one candidate for council and one for school board.

Labor council president Ed Bodner won endorsement for his campaign for city council and Al Turner, a journalist, got

the council's nod for school trustee. Both were endorsed unanimously.

The labor council declined to endorse Bob Parris, Al Holdner and Ron Racette, all aldermanic candidates, because they did not appear in person, but asked support by letter only.

Turner told the delegates

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Even though in no man's land, Forbes told the meeting there are more important issues in the city than building an expensive new library, which would only be the beginning of pressure to continue the entire \$10 million to \$15 million cultural-civic centre.

"I'm concerned that in 1980 we have to go on our own with road costs and other such things," he said. "The costs of that are not known and I predict taxes could increase as much as 1.5 mills."

He said there are other priorities like a new Coliseum and additional swimming pools are needed more than a new library.

Stanley Massey, incumbent Monica Becott, incumbent Art Stauble, Bob Parris, Mike Bundock, George Winter, Al Holdner, Ron Racette, Lee Acott, and Gordon Jagar all cited a variety of reasons for favoring construction of a new library.

They suggested the library is a step toward creating a better

future for the city, to take it out of the rough-and-tumble era of the boom town.

Most candidates agreed the present library is cramped, has no parking available and even with renovations would be a dead-end building.

Three candidates were missing from the forum.

George Gibbins was sick in hospital and had asked that a prepared statement be read. Gibbins favors the new library and said he wants to see development of a "total community" for the people who live here, to enrich the quality of life here.

Ed Bodner was at a meeting of the labor council of which he's president and came near the end of the forum. Bodner said he favors the new library but declined an invitation to speak because he said it wasn't fair to fellow candidates that he should get the last word.

The forum received no word why Brian Brownridge couldn't attend.

Asked for comment on the civic properties and recreation commission and the value of parks board, candidates agreed some improvements could be made in community relations of the CPRC.

They were divided, however, on how the improvements could be made. Some favored a re-organization, a few creation of the parks board.

An elected parks board, as in Vancouver, is not allowed under the Municipal Act.

The next candidates forum is Sunday at Duchess Park Secondary School. School board and regional district candidates talk between 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Aldermanic candidates are on stage at 8 p.m.

REGIONAL DISTRICT

A meeting of Fraser-Fort George Regional District directors here Thursday is the last chance voters have to see the board in action before the Nov. 19 election.

On the board and running for re-election are incumbents Harold Mann of Area F (Willow River-Giscome) and Art Stauble representing the city.

There are seven candidates running for the two open city seats on the board.

David Lisle is contesting the seat held by Mann.

The meeting Thursday at 1 p.m. in Prince George city council chambers will look at a number of issues including the increasing demand for rural subdivision development, hiring of an economic development commissioner and the endorsement of a regional recreation commission.

In September there were 39 subdivision applications for land in the regional district and in October 135 applications were received, including 57 lots in Miworth and 28 near Chief Lake Road.

Directors will also look at recent amendments to the Land Commission Act.

Heroin nets prison term

A Vancouver man arrested at Quesnel airport with 66 caps of heroin has been sentenced to four years in the B.C. Penitentiary.

Grant Frank Elston, 25, was arrested after disembarking from a Vancouver flight at Quesnel Sept. 16.

He was charged with possession of heroin for the purpose of trafficking. The drugs had an estimated street value of \$3,300.

Elston was sentenced by Quesnel provincial court Judge T. R. Cullinane.

HEARING SET

Hospital plan ideas flow in

by JOHN ASLING
Citizen Staff Reporter

At least 10 community organizations will make presentations today on long-range plans for the Prince George Regional Hospital.

The hospital board's long-range planning committee has called for a hearing at 7 p.m. in room 101 at the hospital. The committee will hear from: the child development centre, School District 57, the Cancer Society, the chamber of commerce, the St. John Ambulance Society, the city planning department, the Senior Citizens Home society, the Prince George chapter of the Physiotherapy Association of B.C., and the hospital's own occupational therapy and dietary departments.

The long-range planning committee has been charged with making recommendations to the hospital board on: the maximum size of Prince George Regional Hospital; future financing and administration structures for the hospital and any other health care units developed in the future; and new types of treatment, trends in treatment and diagnostic processes likely to be introduced in the area.

Chairman of the committee, Bob Martin, said "I'd like to

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Forestry tax cuts rejected

VANCOUVER (CP) — Forests Minister Tom Waterland said Tuesday it is impossible for the government to lower taxes even though it realizes the forest industry needs large amounts of revenue to expand. Both Waterland and Mines Minister Jim Chabot addressed a joint meeting of the Vancouver branches of the Canadian Institute of Forestry and the Canadian Institute of Mining.

"We in government know that if we take more and more dollars away from the forest industry, the industry will not be able to expand," said Waterland. "Instead, we are trying to encourage expansion within the industry."

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