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Bosanquet  
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The metre is running in the tune of \$100 per day as delays for the Army Camp waterline continue. Pipeline material, with an estimated \$100,000 pricetag was delivered to this site in early Nov with no action forthcoming. Bosanquet councilors questioned how long the metre would run.

At a meeting last spring Mayor Fred Thomas told a public forum that this contract would not cost one penny more to the taxpayers than the original contract. When the contractors, Nordell, prepared to put the waterline onto the Army Camp adjacent to the highway, they were stopped by natives.

In July, Administrator Ken Williams told council that they were confused about a quoted \$40,000 minimum delay cost by the Ontario Clean Water Association . In a letter to council he said,

"It seems logical to me that a \$100 per day charge was intended to compensate in the case of delays while constructing near the Army Camp and not for interruptions while the line is being re-routed." He said at that time there would be no delays in the project.

In Aug Eric Czernecki, the OCWA rep, told Bosanquet that he had been informed that Nordell had the opportunity to do work elsewhere as they "waited " for the Army Camp issue to be cleared up. OCWA had no objection to this and told council that they were not paying a late fee and they were not losing time. Council was not sure if they were being charged the delay fee and Engineer Peter Hegler assumed it had been waived. The *Lakeshore Advance* spoke with Nordell in an attempt to establish whether there was a charge,

"The metre has been running for about 20 days now," said an employee of Nordell. "We should have charged \$1,000 a day. All we want is to get this job done. We are upset about the whole thing." Thomas said he was concerned about the pipe sitting at the location. "This should be no cost to the ratepayers for this delay," he announced adding that he felt sorry for the contractor because someone would have to pay them. "This delay should not be jacked onto the 20 per cent of our contract. This will come back to haunt us, we need answers from OCWA." Hegler told council that now the pipe will have to be stored for the winter. He assumed the contractor paid for this material.

While discussions were focused on the Army Camp councilors wondered why property standards were not being enforced regarding the "unsightly mess" on Highway 21. They said people have to drive by a scrap yard and they are sure the natives don't have a license for a wrecking yard. Counc John Walsh informed council of an area restaurant recently going bankrupt. Council wondered who would want to live here let alone start up a business.

Thomas said letters should go to the federal government, the Department of National Defense, the OPP and the Ministry of Transportation with safety concerns, property standards and the economic havoc the native issues continue to cause. Walsh said they should tell these departments there has been no attempt to correct the situation in Bosanquet.

"I don't think you will get far with that," responded Thomas. It was suggested that Justice Robert Reid be informed about yet another business leaving the area and how this is effecting the municipality. Counc Bill Graham added that, "No business in their right mind

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would open a business here." Counc David Pugh said, "We can't even lay pipeline down Hyw 21, how can we expect anything to be done. We are stuck in the mud."

Council agreed to send letters to the appropriate departments and invite Reid and OCWA to speak to council in Jan. -30-