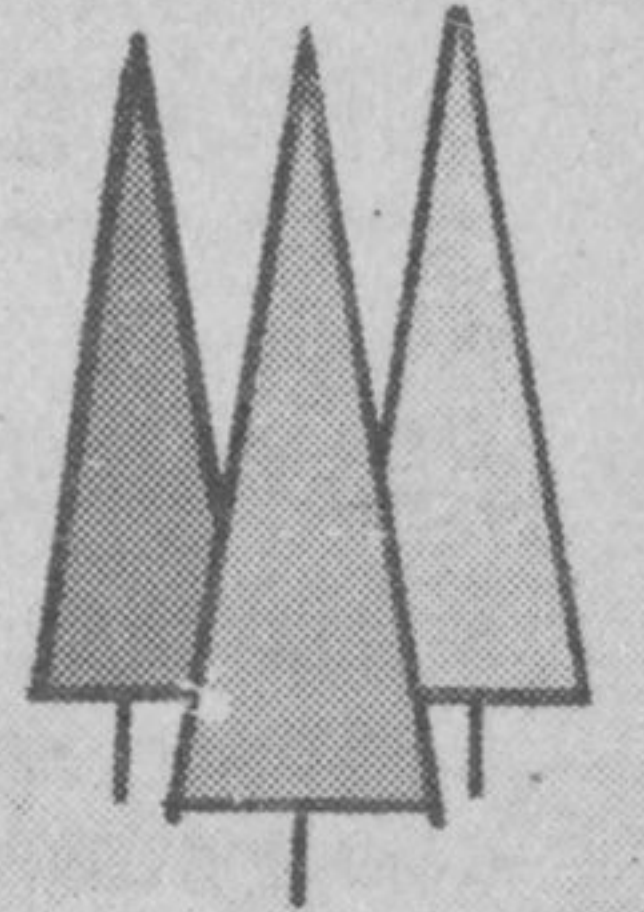


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## TERRACE BAY COUNCIL QUOTES

Township Council's September 25th meeting commenced with Fire Chief Vic Thorpe's request for Council to look into certain matters. These were the future of the drop panel at the Central Heat if this station is shut down and the new alarm system at the mill with regards to the township being connected. The Fire Chief also passed along a request from the Recreation Office for 100 feet of hose. Under the Fire Marshals Act, this hose must be replaced in the fire department once it leaves. Councillors were assigned to look into these matters.

Police Chief Barnett was present to submit his monthly report.

The minutes of the previous Council meeting were approved with business arising concerning fire escapes at Birchwood Terrace. After an inquiry Council learned there are no immediate plans to install fire escapes at the home and the people will be located on the ground floor. Mr. Thorpe also reported at this time that the fire department have a pre-laid out plan for evacuation of the building even though their ladder is too short for the south side of the building.

The Recreation Committee minutes and August accounts totalling \$11,189.27 were passed.

Under correspondence a letter from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications with regards to its recent meeting with the municipal public works committee to discuss the Lakeview drainage problem was presented. Their recommendations were "Open ditch drainage with 12" culverts under driveways and, the installation of two 2' x 2' ditch inlet catch basins to provide underground run-off". It was then reported at this time the residence on Lakeview Drive had stipulated they did not  
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## ONTARIO BLUE CROSS TO ABSORB SEMI-PRIVATE RATE INCREASE

Ontario Blue Cross Director Walter E. Cannon stated in Toronto recently, that higher hospital charges to patients for semi-private accommodation next year will not mean an increase in premiums for Ontario Blue Cross subscribers.

His statement follows a recent announcement by the Ontario Ministry of Health that hospitals will be allowed an increase of up to 7.9 percent in operating budgets for 1974. At the same time, the Ontario government told hospitals that they will be expected to make corresponding increases in their own charges for services not included in the basic Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP). Most significant of these to the general public is the extra cost of semi-private hospital accommodation which would jump from the present maximum of \$5.75 per day to \$6.20 per day.

Ontario Blue Cross, with almost three million residents covered for semi-private accommodation, is the largest carrier of supplementary insurance against this extra out-of-pocket charge.

"There is no doubt the projected increase will put a considerable strain on the Ontario Blue Cross semi-private Plan" commented Mr. Cannon, "particularly after the 25 cents a day increase which we absorbed earlier this year.

"we believe, however," he said "that we will be able to hold to our present monthly premium rates of \$1.00 single and \$2.00 family through 1974. Certainly that is our present intention".

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Canada's population has doubled to 22 million in the last forty years.