

PUBLIC ACCESS TO NORTH SHORE WATERS

During the past few years ownership of large powerboats and sailboats has increased considerably in the communities along the North Shore of Lake Superior. Since these boats can only be launched properly from launching ramps public demand for this type of facility has increased steadily.

In response to the increased demand, the Terrace Bay District is presently constructing two new boat launching ramps; one at the Little Pic River and another one in a sheltered cove near Heron Bay. Both facilities should be ready for public use within the next few weeks. These new ramps will provide public access to Lake Superior in the Eastern section of the District. Existing boat launches at Rosspoint (Federal Government Dock), Boswell Point (Ministry of Natural Resources) and Terrace Bay (Kimberly Clark of Canada Ltd.) already serve the Western part of the District's shoreline.

Conditions on Lake Superior are often dangerous and unsuitable for pleasure craft. In order to provide some boating alternatives, we will construct boat launching facilities on some of our larger inland lakes. A new boat launch at Whitesand Lake, east of Rainbow Falls Park, has just been completed.

We are also pleased to inform local residents that the Minister has made a special allocation of funds for re-construction of the old Hydro road to Big Santoy Lake. With the kind co-operation of the owner, the Ministry was able to claim a ten percent reserve for a right-of-way through a private property, which up to now blocked public access to this road. This project is now in progress and should be completed within the next month. The road will be upgraded to a standard that will permit cars with boattrailers to reach the lake without difficulty.

We wish to remind everyone that boat launching sites are for the purpose stated and that camping on these sites is not permitted. Boaters should also take care not to block the launching ramps with parked vehicles and trailers.

The boat launch at the Little Pic River is located within the boundaries of Neys Provincial Park. Because of this, persons intending to use this ramp will have to purchase a Day Use Permit (\$1.50) at the park gate during the period that the park is in operation. The location of this ramp was decided upon, not for revenue purposes, but because the mouth of the Little Pic River was the only practical site for a boat launch in that area.

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Ontario believes that residents 65 or over, the blind and the disabled should have an income of at least \$2600 a year.

In July, Ontario will introduce a Special Benefits program. It will place extra funds on top of federal Guaranteed Income Supplements—enough to guarantee the elderly who are qualified residents of Ontario an income of \$2600 a year. Blind and disabled people who qualify for Family Benefits will also be entitled to these special benefits.

Beginning September 1, approved drugs prescribed by a doctor or dentist will be available, free of charge, to those qualifying for the special benefits outlined above, Family Benefits or the federal Guaranteed Income Supplement. Drug cards will be mailed automatically. You don't have to apply for them.

Who will receive these special benefits?

If you are 65 or over (with an annual income of less than \$2600)...and you now receive both Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement... you will receive your benefits cheque each month, automatically. **You do not have to apply for it.**

If you are 65 or over (with an annual income of less than \$2600)...and you do not receive any federal income supplement... please give us a call. Our telephone number is shown below.

If you are blind or disabled... and you now receive assistance under Ontario's Family Benefit Program... you will receive your benefits cheque each month, automatically. **You do not have to apply for it.**

If you are blind or disabled... and you do not receive Provincial assistance... please give us a call. Our telephone number is shown below.

Any questions? Call us, free of charge. Dial "O" and ask the operator for **Zenith 8-2000**. Residents within the Metro Toronto local calling area should dial **965-8470**.



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