Marge Hamilton reported on behalf of the Police Department that she and Police Chief Zroback attended a meeting in Atikokan. Mrs. Hamilton had a tentative copy of the budget for the Police Department.

Councillor Hamilton had an estimated cost for a new building for the Police Department. A shell 24' x 27' (648 sq. ft.) would cost approximately \$27,963. She felt that the building could be renovated for under \$10,000.

The Town Council decided to put the estimated cost for the renovation of the Police Department up for tender to see what would result. The review of the Police Department budget was tabled for further discussion at a special meeting.

Councillor George Ramsay reported to Council on the problems of the Recreation Department. On their behalf he put forth a request for the purchase of a Coin Sorter and Counter to be used for the vending machines (\$1000.). Council was not in favour of such a purchase before the budget was decided.

A face-lift of \$70,000.00 over two years will be considered for the Recreation Building.

The total expenditure on improved roads for I976 - \$25,437.95 will be submitted to the government for subsidization in the amount of 50%.

Reeve Brassard suggested that a new road to the cemetery should be considered by the Public Works Department.

The Town Council adjourned to meet again February 28th.

## THIS IS AN APPEAL -- BUT NOT FOR MONEY!

In recognition of the health hazard of smoking, all Canadian physicians have been sent a letter by the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the President of the Canadian Medical Association.

The letter reads:

"Dear Doctor,

This letter is an appeal -- but not for money! It is an appeal for your help in reducing a serious health hazard. This is a request for a personal and professional commitment to help your non-smoking patients to enjoy smoke-free air.

We ask that: If you smoke, you refrain from smoking during the conduct of your professional duties. You remember the importance of your personal smoking habits and behaviour as an example. You encourage colleagues, employees and patients to refrain from smoking by signing the enclosed international non

-smoking prescription (card) and displaying it prominently in your offices.

It is now 21 years since the Canadian Medical Association first issued a public warning on the hazards of smoking. For several years, Health and Welfare Canada has been making Canadians aware of the health risks associated with smoking.

The health hazards of smokers have been documented beyond dispute; however, an appreciation of the health hazards to non-smokers exposed to cigarette smoking is more recent. Physicians especially cannot ignore the large numbers of patients with asthma, chronic bronchitis, and emphysema who suffer acute respiratory, psychogenic, and other distress when exposed to smoke.

We believe your patients' need for, and right to, smoke-free air while availing themselves of your professional services should be respected. On their behalf, we urge that you respect that right. In addition to its benefits to the non-smoking patient, a non-smoking environment helps those trying to quit or cut down and encourages young people not to smoke.

Please sign and exhibit the prescription and remember the importance of your example!



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