

# Terrace Bay Schreiber

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And a unanimous decision ends the two year battle over the Schreiber School Closure. From left to right: George Bodak, Manitouwadge, Jim Figliomeni, Terrace Bay,

Don Burton, Schreiber, Larry Urbanowski, Manitouwadge and Andree Desilets, Manitouwadge.

## A Night to Remember

### Schreiber School stays open

The two year battle over the high school in Schreiber ended last week as the Lake Superior Board of Education voted to throw out its previous Motion closing the building at the end of June of this year. The cheering crowd of over 300 people packed into the gymnasium of the Schreiber school for the vote stood to give a sustained round of applause to the Board members as they voted to save the school.

The Closure Motion was replaced with two other motions. The first said, "It is the policy of this Board to offer and maintain elementary and secondary education in each of the communities of Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Marathon and Manitouwadge from Junior Kindergarten to grade 13 inclusive."

The second motion was taken directly from the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Schreiber controversy. "That the Board maintain the two campus high school organization of Lake Superior High School." Both motions passed unanimously.

Only nine of the fourteen Board members attended the meeting in Schreiber. The absent Trustees were Joan Nugent and Gerry Armour of Terrace Bay, Bob Cheetam and Pat

Richardson of Marathon, and Marg Cole of Manitouwadge.

At the Board's last regular meeting in Marathon on April 18, Trustee Bob Cheetam read a letter on behalf of the five Trustees. The letter said that the five Trustees would not attend the Tuesday night meeting in Schreiber unless they were assured before the meeting that any motion passed by the Board about keeping the school open would be tied to receiving additional funding from the provincial government first. Cheetam said, "Surely it is in the best interests of all that the Lake Superior Board unanimously support such a motion, rather than continue the traditional controversial split at the Board table." Trustee Cheetam went on to give a Notice of Motion tying the retention of the Schreiber Campus to receiving additional funding from the province. The Notice of Motion is a procedural device that officially informs the other Board members that a member intends to move a motion at the next meeting and allows the other members time to be prepared to discuss it.

After the Marathon meeting an obviously irritated Trustee from Schreiber said, "This puts us as a Board in an

impossible situation. We are supposed to go to Schreiber to discuss the pros and cons of the whole issue and then vote on the question. Any Trustee is free to put forward any motion they feel is appropriate and have it put to a vote, but they obviously don't feel comfortable with the democratic process. They only want their Motion on the floor and if it's not going to pass they are not coming. If we as a Board don't play by their rules, they are going to pick up their ball and bat and go home."

Board Chairman Mike Reid opened the meeting in Schreiber with some introductory remarks and then said, "As you are probably aware we have received three Notices of Motion. As they all refer to keeping this school open we first have to consider rescinding the previous Motion closing the school."

Trustee George Bodak from Manitouwadge moved that any motions closing the Schreiber school be rescinded. The motion was seconded by Trustee Jim Figliomeni from Terrace Bay. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Chairman Mike Reid then gave the floor to the Trustees in the order in which their Notices of Motion had been received.

Manitouwadge Trustee George Bodak, seconded by Terrace Bay Trustee Jim Figliomeni, moved the motion establishing a Board policy of offering and maintaining elementary and secondary education in all four towns. Bodak said, "In order for a community to be a community it must have an elementary school and a high school." The motion was passed unanimously.

Schreiber Trustee Tim Delaney moved the motion containing the Allan Report recommendation that the Board maintain the two campus organization of Lake Superior High School. Delaney said, "This Motion effectively concludes the whole debacle and controversy over the Schreiber Campus Closure. Hopefully, as a Board, we will be able to move on to the business we were elected to perform. The business of education. Hopefully, the Board will be able to work together for that as well."

Schreiber Trustee Don Burton said, "In June of 1981 this school was targeted for Closure. Subsequently the Closure was delayed until June 1983. I sat on the Schreiber School Closure Committee and went through volumes of material. The recom-

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Schreiber Kinsmen President Dave Kay presents Schreiber Recreation Committee Chairperson Irene Borutski with a cheque for \$1,068 towards the purchase of new playground equipment. The funds were raised jointly during the NHL Oldtimer's Game.

## Terrace Bay Council

### A Minute of Silence

The Terrace Bay Council met for its regular meeting on Monday, April 25, in the Council Chambers. Reeve Dave Speer chaired the meeting with Councillors Ollie Chapman, Bill Houston, George Ramsay and Joe Kennedy present.

Reeve Speer opened the meeting by saying, "We have all suffered a great loss with the death of Bill Hanley. I hope that we will all be able to carry through. It will be difficult for some of us. We will take a Minute of Silence in memory of Bill Hanley."

The Council maintained a Minute of Silence and then went on to carry out the regular meeting. Under consideration of the Minutes of the last regular meeting on April 11, Councillor Joe Kennedy said, "I have a question. I was looking at the ad

tendering the breaking up of the pool deck. The ad did not include taking away the debris. I thought that was included in the Motion we passed." The Deputy Clerk informed the Council that the Recreation Director had preferred to have only the breaking up in the tender and intended to have students remove the debris.

Councillor Chapman said that she was preferred to move an amendment to the motion authorizing the work if it was required. Reeve Speer said, "I think we are talking about semantics here. The motion authorizes both the tendering of the breaking up and the removal. We have chosen to only tender the breaking up and not the removal. Nothing has been added to the

motion. I do not see the problem there." Councillor George Ramsay concurred, "Why don't we just leave it like it is. If there is a problem we can deal with it then."

Councillor Bill Houston asked, "Have we done anything with Phillips, Wilson and Milton, the surveyors." Councillor Houston that the area of land the surveyors will be dealing with has not yet been defined by the Council. Reeve Speer said, "We are going to have to talk further with Kimberly-Clark about the boundaries. So far we have just a verbal commitment from them." Councillor Ollie Chapman added, "I think the first step is to get a letter of commitment from KC. Do we really have a need for this work just now." Speer replied, "In the

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The North Western Ontario Municipal Recreation Association opened it's Annual Conference in Terrace Bay over the weekend. Forty five delegates from Hornepayne to Dorion attended the two day conference which began Friday evening and concluded Saturday night with a banquet at Birchwood Terrace. From left to right Terrace Bay Rec Director Terry Bryson, Rec Committee Chairman Ernie Kettle, Clay Pettapiece of Manitouwadge and Ollie Chapman, President of the Ontario Recreation Association.