

# Across the Great Lakes in ? days



Don Simo maneuvers his 11 foot sailboat around Rosspport Harbour, on the last wing of his Lake Superior voyage.

Rosspport played host to a rather unique sailor and his vessel last weekend. The reason why it was unique was obvious.

The sailing craft was 11 feet long, 4 feet wide (with 10 inches of freeboard), and carried a dagger board instead of a keel. For local sailing this craft would be ideal, but the pilot and owner of the boat have travelled four out of five of the Great Lakes with this vessel.

Don Simo of Sheffield Lake, Ohio, commenced his voyage of the "Eric Voyager" on Lake Erie in 1981 and from there proceeded to

tackle Lake Huron in 1982 and Lake Superior in 1983. In 1984, Don fully intends to finish his trek on Lake Michigan.

He started his Lake Superior voyage from Marquette, Michigan and ended up in Rosspport 4 days and 1½ hours later.

The sailboat is homemade with a Latean rig. It hosts one sail but does carry a storm sail in case of need. On board can be found a VHF radio, a E.P.I.R.B. electronic distress and homing device, a full wet suit (Just in case) and a good supply of freeze-dried food.

When asked what the reaction of the public had been concerning his voyage, Don smiled and said that the general attitude of the people is good. "They all think I'm a little crazy but they all congratulated me on the success of my mission and they all seem to respect me for what I am attempting to do."

"You have to be determined to succeed and to keep yourself going. Most of all, I have to remain in good physical and mental shape and I have to be prepared for anything that comes along."

When describing a normal day out on the lake Don told us that the



Lewis Straubert, Harbour Master of Rosspport welcomes Don Simo to Rosspport.

sailing is generally pretty good. "The worst problem is that the boat is quite cramped and I don't have that much room to spread out my maps. I don't know the lay of the land up here and the maps are fairly accurate. After two or three days on the water, I find that the cramped conditions start to get to me." Sometimes Don

pulls off to an island or the nearest shore just to stretch and to catch a few winks of sleep.

"It's a long sail", says Don. "It certainly is the longest trip that I have ever taken with my boat, but I am thoroughly enjoying every mile."

Good luck Don! You sure have more spunk than I do!

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## Terrace Bay Council notes

by KAREN E. PARK

The regular monthly meeting of the Terrace Bay Council was held on Monday, August 22. Councillors Chapman and Houston were not in attendance.

Previous to the 7:00 p.m. meeting, members of the Terrace Bay Curling Club met with council to discuss rentals for the coming season.

During the evening council dealt with a wide variety of subjects which are of interest to the public.

Correspondence was received from the Faye Peterson Transition House in Thunder Bay with their explanation of method for charging communities for their services. The Faye Peterson Transition House is designed to meet the needs of battered women, etc. from communities along the North Shore. All neighbouring municipalities are charged in accordance to their need for services. The billing system is done on a per person per day charge for which the municipalities are compensated 80 per cent by the Ministry. Councillors were curious to know if any residents of Terrace Bay are currently using the transition house and whether or not that if the proposed crisis home (currently being looked into by the Ministry of Community and Social Services for Terrace Bay) if destined to be built in Terrace Bay.

would eliminate any further funding being given to the Faye Peterson Transition House. A committee to investigate a crisis home in Terrace Bay is being proposed by council.

The Ministry of Citizenship and Culture are offering a workshop on September 17th, for organizers of Bicentennial programmes. Topics to be dealt with at this upcoming workshops will cover programming, special events, researching of the history of the community, etc. Anyone interested in attending this workshop or sitting on the Bicentennial Committee urged to contact the Municipal Office within the next few days.

The McCausland Hospital sent a letter to the council thanking them for their financial support in the 1983 health official recruitment tour.

The Thunder Bay District Municipal League quarterly meeting will be held in Schreiber on September 10th. The majority of councillors and the reeve will be attending.

From the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, council received notification that approval of the airport project and the subsidy was in the works. Garth Morris' tender was accepted and the work crew is all ready to go.

A letter of resignation from the plumbing inspector, John

Usher, effective August 31, 1983 was received by the council. A letter of acceptance will go out to Mr. Usher as well as best wishes on his new venture with CUSO.

The Dog Control Officer submitted his report for the months of June and July. There were several occurrences reported as well as councillors receiving calls about dog related problems. Councillor Ramsey suggested that they seriously look into the problem and discuss future needs for a By-Law Enforcement Officer. Further discussion on this matter will continue at future meetings.

Motions were made to pay the following accounts: Township - \$221,198.71; Library - \$7,322.19; Hydro - \$53,351.87.

A motion was made to send a floral tribute to the late Maraget Sideen on behalf of the Terrace Bay Council and also to send a delegate to Thunder Bay for the funeral. Marg Hamilton attended on behalf of the Township and Terrace Bay and many thanks go out to her for this gesture.

Council passed a motion accepting J. Snoff's tender for STP tender 83-3 regarding work on the sewage treatment plant.

The third and final reading of the by-law naming Lawrence Simmons as Clerk-Treasurer of Terrace Bay was made. Mr. Simmons will

be assuming his new position as of September 1, 1983.

A by-law amending the zoning of W. Broughton's house from R 2 to R 1 was read.

### Committee Reports

#### Police

Painting of the offices has been done and quotes are being received for new tiles that will replace the carpet currently in the office.

#### Fire Dept.:

Firemen are concerned about obtaining another truck which is equipped with a longer extension ladder, preferably a bucket ladder style and pumper truck. These concerns will be looked into and will be given council's utmost attention.

#### Hydro:

Installation of the new low sodium street lighting is completed. The lighting costs have been reduced by 75 per cent since installation. Reasons for the low sodium lights are as follows: in foggy and snowy (white-out) conditions the lighting has three times the penetration that the standard systems have; they are insect repellent due to their muted yellow appearance; the lamps last considerably longer plus each lamp is individually controlled. When one lamp isn't functioning, this will not affect the operations of other lamps; adjustments of other lamps; and the lamps which were replaced, were over 20 years old and in

need of replacement.

A motion was made to purchase a new portable generator, plus attachments at the cost of \$1499.00 plus \$539.00 (for attachments).

A motion was passed for the purchase of two amethyst rocks to be used as monuments for the cemetery and the marker of the "Bill Hanley" Memorial Building; at the cost of \$350 and

\$100.

Under *New Business*, Reeve Speer suggested that council request another study to determine whether or not it would be feasible to build a senior citizens apartment building in Terrace Bay.

An engineering company was recently hired to make recommendations regarding energy conservation for all

municipal buildings. Other than a bit of weatherstripping and minor repairs, it was concluded, that all buildings were in excellent standing as far as conserving energy was concerned.

The meeting was adjourned with council going into an "in-camera" session to discuss matters regarding the Municipal Office and the Police Caretaker.

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- Meet John Roy
- Student Minister
- Tot Lot wind-up
- Economic Development Seminar
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