

Recreation Northwest - "Sharing Together We Grow"

A Press Conference was held in the Press Club of St. Joseph's Heritage last Wednesday in order to familiarize the media with the upcoming Recreation Northwest Conference which is scheduled to take place at the Valhalla Inn on October 20th to 23rd.

Media personnel were given first hand information on the planning for this event as well as a list of the groups and organizations who will be attending this unique conference. Herb Gray

of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation was on hand to brief the media on the variety of subjects which will be covered during the weekend conference and to give them an idea of the planning that was behind the scene.

Herb Gray stated that the Planning Committee consisted of 17 members ranging from Kenora to Manitowadge and these concerned people travelled a great distance to attend various conferences and meetings in order to organ-

ize this great feat. "We wanted to get as many people involved in this conference as possible and through hard work, we have managed to bring together over 300 delegates from a total of 52 communities for a weekend of seminars, exhibits and just general interest," stated Gray. The Ministries of Tourism and Recreation and Northern Affairs are the major sponsors of the Conference and are being assisted by a number of groups throughout the region including

the N.W.O. Regional Sports Council, Thunder Bay Parks and Recreation, Ontario Arenas Association, Boards of Education, etc.

Northern Affairs Minister Leo Bernier recently announced that his Ministry will be contributing \$13,100 towards this event. He stated that "the Conference will give these people a chance to jointly plan skill development, programmes and information, sharing for Northwestern recreation. In the past, they

have always met independently; often services were duplicated and time was spent solving problems when the solutions were already available."

He also added that national trends are towards increasing leisure time due to shorter work hours, early retirement and other factors. These intensify the need for more leisure programmes. "Participation by the public in recreation, sport and fitness activities is growing faster than the availability of knowledgeable leadership. Recreation Northwest will spur public participation and help them to organize for the eighties."

Topics which are to be covered on the agenda include fund-raising, energy conservation in recreation facilities, concession management, co-operation with Boards of Education, marketing of recreation programmes for tourism, and much, much more. Resource people will be brought in from as far away as the Northwest Territories for this event.

The cost of the Conference has been kept at a minimum in order that everyone may be able to attend. \$50.00 covers the entire weekend of seminars, including various socials and banquets, plus three nights of occupancy at the Valhalla Inn. The low cost will help to promote this 'working conference' with practical take-home information. No one will be restricted from participating because of the high costs so the result will be a low cost seminar with top quality



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Resource people, good working sessions, and opportunities for interaction with colleagues.

On Thursday, October 20th, there will be a 'Recreation Fair', comprised of exhibitors who will be showing a variety of recreational services and equipment. "It's difficult for the outlying areas to purchase equipment, usually sight-unseen. This will give everyone a chance to see just what is available to the Recreation Departments from all across Canada," said Herb Gray. The displays and exhibits will be open to the general public on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will in-

clude exhibitors from Resurface Corporation, Paris Playground Equipment Ltd., Arenaquip, the Ontario Bicentennial Committee, Hockey Ontario Development Committee and Katimivak.

Special guests who are expected to attend this conference include the Honourable Reuben C. Baetz, Minister of Tourism and Recreation and Mr. Don Percy from C.F.R.N. in Edmonton. Approximately 15 people from the Terrace Bay area will also be in attendance for this 'one-of-a-kind' conference, so... "watch out Terrace Bay...you're in for some great recreational planning."

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Gilles Pouliot in the running



Gilles Pouliot, the N.D.P.'s new candidate is seen here with Terrace Bay Reeve David Speer who moved the

nomination and also MPP Jack Stokes who seconded the nomination.

Gilles Pouliot will be the New Democratic Party's Candidate in the next provincial election. Pouliot won the nomination by acclamation at the party's convention in Nipigon on Sunday, October 2nd.

Pouliot said that he would "fight for the elimination of the provincial sales tax on all products manufactured or assembled in Northern Ontario. For a reduction in the provincial tax for Northerners to help us cope with the higher cost of living. For the establishment of a Contingency Fund for municipalities with one industry, to help them

maintain essential services and plan for the future should the main employer decide to pull out so that the citizens will not be left holding the bag."

The NDP's new candidate was flanked on the platform by the party's leader Bob Rae, Deputy leader Jim Foulds from Thunder Bay's Port Arthur Riding, local MPP Jack Stokes and the party's industry critic Floyd Laughren from Sudbury's Nickel Belt Riding.

The former Reeve of Manitowadge was nominated by Terrace Bay Reeve Dave Speer, who said that Pouliot

was uniquely suited to be the Lake Nipigon Riding's representative because he had an understanding of the mining and forestry industries "and he has made it a point to become familiar with transportation, and those are the three major industries in the Riding."

"He is a franco-Ontarian, and he has an understanding of the problems of our first citizens, the native people. I can think of nobody in any political party in this Riding who would make a better member."

Pouliot's nomination was seconded by the

present member MPP Jack Stokes. Stokes said that he had his eye on Pouliot as a successor in the seat, for a long time. "If you could have seen, as I have seen, the manner in which he has represented the interests of the people in this area in such forms as the Thunder Bay Municipal League, you would know why I am seconding this nomination today."

Stokes went on to say that he would be remaining active in the affairs of Northern Ontario after his retirement at the next election and would be supporting Pouliot in the election.

Terrace Bay Council Notes

The regular meeting of the Terrace Bay Council was held on Tuesday, October 11 in the Council Chambers. Councillor Chapman was not in attendance. Reeve Speer called the meeting to order.

A motion was made to adopt the minutes of the September 26th meeting.

Correspondence:

Upon receiving a request for a donation to the Cancer Research Society, Council agreed to donate the sum of \$100.

Cullmar Const. Ltd., requested permission to connect to municipal water lines in the industrial subdivision. Council granted permission to Cullmar to connect a water line, to service their building and the Kodila building in accordance with their decision.

N.O.M.A. (Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association) requested that Council send a representative to Toronto on October 20th to present their resolutions to the Cabinet. Council decided that they would pass on sending down a delegate as they have no resolutions.

The Police Association requested a date for the commencement of contract negotiations.

Council acknowledged the receipt of the letter and will establish a date for such negotiations in the near future.

The Intermunicipal Committee on Family Violence requested that Council designate a member to sit on this committee. Councillor George Ramsey has agreed to do this and Council endorsed the mandate of this committee.

A memorandum was received from the Service Employees International #268 regarding contract negotiations on the definition of relief employees. A motion was made that the memorandum be endorsed by Council. A request was made from Chief Tom Tack for him to attend as a panelist on a course in police management Level I to be held in Aylmer, Ontario. Council granted their permission for him to attend.

New Business:

Five applications were reviewed in the Committee of the Whole for the position of Plumbing Inspector. One application was excepted and this will be announced when Council receives verification of the applicant.

Discussion was given to the erection of Christ-

mas decorations for the downtown area. Larry Simons will look into the costs, etc. of new decorations.

Council is seeking a replacement for Mrs. M. Hamilton on the Pine-wood and the McCausland Hospital Boards. It was decided that council would advertise for public applications.

Restaurant negotiations between the municipality and the restaurant owner of the Rec. Centre, regarding rental increases will commence shortly. Rent is the only item to be discussed as the contract still has one year remaining.

Plans are in the process of being made for the Township Christmas Party which is to be held on November 26th at the Legion. Joe Kennedy was asked to look after all arrangements for this event.

The Horticultural Society requested permission to plant a flower garden at the cemetery on the new embankment. Permission was given by Council for this to take place.

Michael Parkinson requested of Council for their support on his proposed Chrysler dealership which he hopes to start up in Terrace Bay. Council agreed to give

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