

Jim Files with supporters celebrating a good show in the recent election. Files lost to New Democrat Gilles Pouliot, gaining more

votes than Liberal Michael Power.

People unite to beautify town

On Monday April 29th, a small but committed group of women (14) met at the Schreiber Town Hall to discuss ways to improve the appearance of their community. This meeting was called and organized by Roxanne McLellan who

has recently been hired by Project Mayday to promote this kind of community action programme.

When the local Mayday group was informed that the appearance of the town concerned many of its citizens, they decided to do

something about it. They directed Roxanne to initiate a community meeting on the subject.

The meeting began with a request that people express what bothered them

slash piles, campfires, etc.

Fires start readily from an

open flame, burn briskly

and tend to spread rapidly

Fires start readily from

open flames, cigarette

butts, etc. Spreads rapidly

Explosive conditions, fires

start readily from sparks,

burn fiercely and extreme-

ly difficult to control

Quite easily controlled

Number on Scale

Index Class

Conditions

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Conditions

Number on Scale

Extreme

23 plus

Number on Scale

Moderate

4-10

High

11-22

about the town. A list was made of a lot of "eyesores". There were some comments made not suitable for a family newspaper, but a generally positive effort was made to list those things which people found offensive.

During the second part of the meeting, the group spent time trying to plan some action which would result in a more beautiful town. Roxanne informed the group about the Township's plan for lawns, flowers, and park benches for the centennial. She also had copies of the Property Standards By-law for the information of those present. This by-law has been difficult to enforce in the community. Perhaps further studies will help find a way to use it for

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 9th at the Recreation Centre meeting room at 7:00 p.m. If you need a babysitter, or a ride call Roxanne

This week in Fire

Prevention minimal adverse effects. Technician Terrace Bay Well, it is that time of

year again when you start to notice the activity of the return of the Forest Fire Unit Crews at the Ministry bases.

by A. TURNER

Their return is a little earlier than last year due to the increased work load. Terrace Bay District has been preparing for two prescribed burns in this area. A burn of this nature requires detailed planning to maintain rigid standards. The personnel involved must satisfy specified requirements of qualification and experience demanded by provincial classification.

A prescribed burn is the deliberate application of fire to meet forest management objectives.

The Ministry of Natural Resources annually burns many hundreds of acres to reduce the fire hazard in an area by removing flammable fuels; eliminate weed trees and allow for more desirable species to prosper, prepare logged areas for reforestation or natural regeneration and improve wildlife habitat for many animal species such as deer or moose that require open ground for grazing.

Prescribed burns are undertaken and supervised by skilled personnel who follow a detailed fire plan. In addition to providing control, planners also carefully consider the environmental factors such as air and water quality, erosion and public safety. Burns are approved only

when the desired results can be achieved with

Ministry officers will be happy to provide further information on the management of the forest lands of Ontario.

When you go by the various Ministry of Natural Resources' offices you inevitably see the Fire Weather Rating sign. Yes! That's the one with the pointer on it. So the story goes, it points to low, moderate, high and extreme.

Well, what does it mean?

It is the fire weather index which is calculated daily by experienced personnel to indicate the burning conditions of forest fuels. These calculations are completed on the basis of relative humidity, wind rainfall, speed, temperature and season of the year.

One example of this is explained: if the relative humidity is low, if the wind speed is high and if there has been no rainfall for some time, then the fire weather index will be high. Therefore, a high F.W.I. or Fire Weather Index will indicate that forest fuel is quite dry and is more flammable.

A low fire weather index indicates that fuels are not very flammable and that there is little danger of a serious forest fire.

Index Class

Number on Scale

Conditions to be expected according to index class Fires spread slowly from

everyone's benefit.

The meeting ended with setting a date for the next meeting. Anyone interested is invited and encouraged to attend.

McLellan.

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Services. It's not an easy task. Few jobs demand more of a person. But fewer still give more

in return.

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Thank You

To Dr. Bailey and Dr. Lau, also nurses of The McCausland Hospital and other members of the special care staff. Also, thanks to friends and relatives who sent cards, flowers, and gifts, those who phoned and visited me in the hospital, those who sent food to the house and offered prayers for my recovery. Your encouragement and concern for my recovery will always be remembered.

Marg Gerow