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Reeve responds to Ministry press release

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According to a recent press release from the Ministry of Northern Affairs, it was announced that Terrace Bay would be receiving \$101,648 in the form of a grant from the ministry, towards water and sewer services for a new highway commercial site and four apartment lots, referred to as the "west of legion development".

Within the press release Minister Rene Fontaine mentioned that the project would allow the construction of a 35-unit motel and restaurant. Fontaine also spoke of four apartment lots and said that the project would be completed in the 1985 construction season.

Unfortunately the ministry neglected to confirm their claims with the township council in Terrace Bay.

According to Reeve Peter Romanuk, the council received a letter from the ministry stating that the grant was available to them, but that the grant was based on tourism and confirmation of the motel had to be given.

A group had proposed the original plan for the motel development mentioned in the ministry's press release, but the council

has not heard from this group in almost a year.

The Council of the Township of Terrace Bay wishes to advise the public that the "west of the legion development" is in a very early stage. The land has not yet been purchased or sub-divided. At present the council has no concrete proposal from a buyer or developer.

It appears that the Ministry of Northern Affairs has jumped the gun by issuing the press release and that minister Rene Fontaine has been a little premature in his claim that construction will be completed in the 1985 construction season. With time drawing short in the construction season and no concrete proposal before council, it appears as if it could be a while yet before construction begins.

Diving accidents on the rise

Sports and recreational activities are second only to motor vehicle accidents as causes of spinal cord injury in Ontario and diving accidents are now cited as the most common cause of quadriplegia and paraplegia.

This from Doctor Charles Tator, Head of Toronto Western Hospital's Spinal Cord Treatment, Research and Prevention Centre, whose eleven-year study of spinal cord-injured patients has revealed some startling statistics.

Tator's study, to be presented at the Sports

Life/85 Congress in November, involved 67 males and 11 females between 12 and 90 years of age, with a median age of 22. Statistics have shown young males 13 to 30 years old are the high risk group for diving injuries.

Tator has been involved with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations public awareness campaign on diving safety for the past three years. Consumer Minister Monte Kwinter said he hopes the ministry's public service announcement for television, featuring 22-year old

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Portaging rapids on the Pukaskwa River.

Fire crews and their attributes

The fire season in the Terrace Bay district has been in a low state at most times with sporadic high fire weather indices periodically. There have been a total of ten fires that have required suppression activities.

The first question that comes to mind is "What are all those firefighters doing when there are no fires?" Integrated Resource Management is a term used by Natural Resources to utilize manpower to its utmost. An example of this is where experienced persons are shared by other departments.

The Ontario government has established the Ontario Geological Survey. Recently fire crews assisted this department in its Drill Core Library program. In the past, drill cores and the information that they contain, were often casually placed in boxes and left on the ground in the area of the drilling site. As a result, primary and subsequent exploration information was often lost or damaged. Later many prospects had

to be redrilled at a considerable cost in time and money. To get around the problem of storing cores and to make the drill core data collection system in Ontario more efficient, the Ontario government has developed a program to establish Drill Core Libraries. During 1982-83 construction work continued on the first three storage facilities at Timmins, Kirkland Lake, and Sault Ste. Marie. The crews were transported to Marathon, Ontario where drill cores were manually loaded to fill a transport truck.

Other assistance is given to the Timber section by assisting with the tree plant, Lands division by maintenance at dump locations, Junior Ranger training programs, maintenance of road signs, releasing trees in plantations, prescribed burns, brushing, cutting road maintenance and the list goes on.

A tip of the hat to the Fire Fighters, let's help them by keeping Ontario green



This mine-rescue team worked in Geraldton in the 1950's. Gold was discovered in the Geraldton-Beardmore area during the 1930's. Today, significant gold mining development centres on Hemlo to the south, near Marathon. This is one of the many historic photographs in "A Vast and Magnificent Land" recently published by the Ontario Ministry of Northern Affairs. This 224 page pictorial

history book is a bicentennial tribute to the people who settled and developed Northern Ontario. The hard cover book will be available from Lakehead and Laurentian universities.
(Photo courtesy of Geraldton-Longlac Times Star)