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**"No" to private property snow removal**

## Council turns down request



The above photograph is indeed one of Santa Claus, but not in the flesh. This St. Nick is merely an almost life sized painted creation that can be seen standing in front of Birchwood Terrace in Terrace Bay. Also decorating the exterior of the senior citizen's residence are Santa's reindeer, not visible in this picture.

Terrace Bay businessman Mike Moore said he understands the township council's recent decision to say "no" to his request regarding the removal of snow from private property on Radisson Avenue, but he added that the council also did not show too much flexibility on the controversial matter.

Moore and a number of other Simcoe Plaza business people had approached council on Dec. 9 to ask them about the possibility of snow removal from the back of their stores. Council made its decision after the meeting, and informed Moore in a letter which was sent to him last week.

"What they did, in effect, was turn us down," Moore said. "They said they could not plow us out and not provide the same

service to other businesses."

The Plaza store owners had made the request because they said they need the area in the back of their shops to park their own cars and to accept deliveries.

"I understand the council's point of view," Moore said. "They probably made the right decision, and it was a tough one to make, but the businesses on that street are going to find that it will be a difficult decision to live with."

Although many Plaza shops also have access from the Plaza itself, a few businesses face Radisson itself, and now the owners of those stores realize that they will be responsible for clearing the snow from the front of their establishments.

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Members of the Terrace Bay area Catholic Women's League got all dressed up as Santa's elves in order to put on an entertaining musical skit at Birchwood Terrace on Dec. 17. The skit was

held to entertain residents, staff, and visiting families. Some of the "elves" can be seen in the photo above in the middle of one of many songs performed during the evening of fun.

## Action Group formed

by Conrad Felber

There is now a handicapped action group for the Terrace Bay and Schreiber area, although it doesn't have an official name yet.

Gertrude Cotton, the organization's publicist explained last week that a core committee of five people was created recently, with Rod Thompson as Chairman.

"We are quite undecided as to the name (of the group)," she said. "We can't use the same name as the one in Thunder Bay." That organization is called the Handicapped Action Group, Inc.

For the moment, though, the local committee's name will be the North Shore Disability Action Group.

"There is also a group in Manitowadge-Marathon, and what they have suggested is that we come under the same umbrella and meet with them perhaps once or twice a year," Cotton told the News.

The other members of the committee are Vice Chairman Shirley Mikus, Secretary Elizabeth McLean, and Treasurer Ann Mercure. Terrace Bay Reeve Ollie Chapman is also a member of the association.

"I started out as a representative of township council," Reeve Chapman said. "But I'm going to stay with it, as I am concerned about seniors, youth, and handicapped people."

The committee, which was formed at a meeting on Dec. 12, will meet again on Jan. 23, 1986. At that time the group will become further organized with a more concrete schedule.

"We still have to get some funding and we have to set ourselves up on a non-charitable basis," Cotton said.

She added that one of the organization's top priorities is to make people aware of the fact that there are handicapped people in this area who need assistance.

Cotton noted that any interested parties are welcome to attend the next scheduled meeting of the committee, which is currently set for the lobby of the McCausland Hospital in Terrace Bay on Jan. 23 starting at 7:30 p.m.

