



Hot action on ice

The action was hot and heavy behind the Marathon Midgets net during a game between the visiting Marathon team and the Terrace Bay-Schreiber Commodores on January 14. The contest was

a tight affair, with Marathon pulling ahead near the end to take a 7-6 victory. Both teams are in the North Shore Minor Hockey League. (Photograph by Conrad Felber)

Day Care Centre for Terrace Bay one step closer

The Terrace Bay-Schreiber area is now one step closer towards having its own Day Care Centre.

The Terrace Bay Day Care Committee attended the Jan. 13 meeting of Terrace Bay Township Council

and indicated that there is a need and a desire for day care in the area.

According to Ann Hara, the Committee was formed following a meeting of 18 women in April last year. A subsequent survey

conducted by the new Committee showed that 126 households in the area indicated an interest in day care.

After the women had presented their case, a motion was passed by council which called for the formation of a new Committee which would investigate the possible development of a municipal day care facility in Terrace Bay.

Township clerk coordinator Larry Simons said Councillor Jim Ziegler was appointed as the Chairman of the new group at the Committee's first meeting, which was held Jan. 16. Along with Simons and Ziegler, in the Committee are Angie Gereghy, Ann Hara, Carol Bull, and Councillor George Ramsay.

"Terrace Bay is a growing town with a definite need for day care services," Hara told council at the Jan. 13 meeting. "Approximately 10 per cent of Terrace Bay's population is four years old and under," she added.

Hara noted that aside from the telephone survey, a petition that was circulated at the Fall Fair last year also demonstrated a desire for day care in the township, as 137 people signed the petition and several residents expressed support for the idea even though they do not require the service themselves.

"Our committee has looked at existing facilities in Terrace Bay," Hara explained. "(They) are old and require considerable renovations to meet government standards." She suggested to council that a brand new building might be needed instead.

"(We) feel that a Day Care facility would provide quality care, consistent and accessible care, opportunity for parent relief, opportunity for preschoolers to attain socialization skills,

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Taxes going up

Taxes are going up ... again. That was the word out of Terrace Bay Township Council on Jan. 13.

At its regular meeting, council passed By-Law 1-86 which is an interim tax bill needed to cover debts until the full tax is collected later this year.

"In general, this is one-third of the average tax bill," Councillor George Ramsay said. Clerk coordinator Larry Simons explained that the increase on the average tax bill will be five per cent.

He added that the bills will be sent out at the end of January with payments due by February 28.

A subsequent by-law was passed enabling the township to borrow funds until the taxes are collected.

Later in the meeting an increase in hydro charges was also approved. In requesting approval of a \$131,000 hydro capital budget for this year, the township is faced with a rate increase to customers in Terrace Bay of four per cent.

Simons noted following the council meeting that the increase is effective with bills sent out February 1, which means current bills will not reflect the four per cent change.

In other township council matters, Ernie Kettle and Bill McDougall were both reappointed to the Recreation Committee. Kettle is the Committee's Chairman.

To fill a vacancy in the maintenance staff, council decided to hire Roger Lanthier on a full time basis. He will be the new Recreation Centre Maintenance Caretaker, effective Feb. 6, 1986.

Councillor George Ramsay was designated as the township's official delegate to the Thunder Bay District Municipal League Convention, which is to be held March 7 and 8.

Ramsay told council that he felt they should all attend the convention, as he thought it will be an important one.

Councillor Peter Romanuk will be attending

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Penner protests CP Rail decision

by Conrad Felber

The Member of Parliament for the Cochrane-Superior riding, Keith Penner, said this week that he intends to continue his protest of Canadian Pacific Rail's cancellation last year of rail passes for CP pensioners.

In a letter dated Nov. 28, 1985, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of CP Rail, I.B. Scott, admitted to Penner that he recognizes the elimination of passes was a unilateral decision by the company.

Scott added, however, that "CP rail was faced with a situation where, on the one hand, passes were being used by a small number of pensioners and were therefore of little or no benefit to most pensioners, and on the other hand, the increasing cost of health care was of great concern to many pensioners."

He said in the light of this situation, CP Rail chose to replace the passes with a health care package of greater overall benefit to the pensioners.

Penner's Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Muller, told the News this week that some CP pensioners have complained that the extra health care benefits are not really of any significant help and that they would prefer to keep the rail passes instead.

The disagreement came to the public's attention when Penner rose in the House of Commons on Oct. 31 last year to ask his fellow Members of the House to join with him in condemning the decision of CP Rail to cancel the rail passes of CP pensioners who retired prior to 1978."



Keith Penner, MP

When Parliament took no action, Penner again rose in the House to address the issue, this time on Dec. 18, 1985.

"I have the honour to present a petition today signed by more than 50 residents of Schreiber," Penner said, adding that the

petition condemns the decision of CP Rail to cancel the passes. The cancellation took effect on Nov. 1, 1985.

In a letter to Scott, Penner noted "it is my understanding that CP intends to replace the passes with an extended health care package. Although this package will benefit some pensioners, it will not help those in my riding. The Ontario government already has extensive health care coverage."

Penner asked Scott to carefully reconsider this policy.

"CP's pensions are meagre and often the passes are the only means my constituents have of visiting friends and family ... they view the pass privilege as part of their retirement package," Penner said.

In his reply to Penner's letter, Scott pointed out "the fact that the number of pensioners enrolling in the new Optional (Extended Health Care) Plan outnumbers those cancelling by more than three to one appears to support our assessment of pensioners' concern over the cost of health care."

Muller said Penner has told her he will "keep the pressure on," regardless of what he was told in the letter by Scott.



Now retired

Carol Black, a resident of Terrace Bay since 1952, retired from her job as senior assistant with the town Post Office late last year. She was with the Terrace Bay branch for almost 24 years and before that she worked as a postal clerk at the Nipigon Post Office for about three years. She has two children, Bevin and Larry. Both of them live in Terrace Bay, though she has relatives "all over the country."

First baby of 1986 finally here

The Terrace Bay area finally has a New Year's Baby, two weeks into 1986.

Jenna Louise Bottomley was born to Bonnie and Norman Bottomley of Terrace Bay at McCausland Hospital on January 12 at 9:37 p.m. The baby girl weighed 2800 grams (six pounds, three ounces) at birth.

This was Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley's first child. Mr. Bottomley told the News last week. He has lived in Terrace Bay since 1976 while his wife was a resident in 1971. He works at the Kimberly-Clark mill in the machine room.

Due to our news deadlines, the News was unable to get a photograph of the happy couple and their new baby daughter for this week's issue. This picture will appear next week, along with further details.