Pouliot complains about high gas prices in Terrace Bay

In a letter sent earlier this month to both the federal and provincial Ministers of Energy, Lake Nipigon MPP Gilles Pouliot complained that the current price of leaded automobile gasoline in Terrace Bay and Schreiber is "unjustified" compared to the prices of the same product in Thunder Bay, Nipigon, and Toronto.

He noted in the letter than on April 3, leaded gas was selling for as low as 44.5 cents per litre in Thunder Bay and 47.1 cents in Nipigon, while the same day in Schreiber leaded gas was being sold for

As a result of parental

requests, the Terrace Bay

Public School launched a

Sexual Assault Prevention

Program in February,

1986, according to a news

resources and personnel of

Marathon Public School

which has implemented

"Red Flag, Green Flag",

staff reviewed several

prevention programs. It

was decided that "Feeling

Yes, Feeling No" from the

National Film Board of

Canada would meet the

needs of the pupils,

parents, and staff of the

to the program at an infor-

mation night earlier this

year, and the response was

extremely positive and sup-

portive, the release added.

to the Grades 2 to 6

students inclusively in the

initial year, and an adapted

version will be used with

the Grade 7 and 8 students.

In subsequent years, the

Grade 2 students will

receive the intensive train-

ing and the others will be

given reinforcement

through various follow-up

The objective of the

"Feeling Yes, Feeling

No" Program is to give

children skills that will help

protect them from being

sexually assaulted. It is a

preventative program bas-

ed on the concept of Per-

sonal Safety: "I am

responsible for my own

health and welfare." The

program did not induce

fear into the children or

teach them to distrust all

activities.

Presentations were made

Parents were introduced

Drawing from the

release.

school.

between 53.0 and 58.0 cents per litre.

"What is the nature of contracts between oil companies and retailers and who is setting the price at each station?" Pouliot demanded. "How can an oil company charge 54 cents per litre for their product in one town while it is 47.1 cents just 56 miles away on the Trans-Canada

He also said that on the same day, April 3, leaded gas was 33 cents per litre in Regina.

Highway?"

adults.

"A comparison of prices today reveals that the prices in Schreiber and Terrace

School begins program

Students responded with

interest and enthusiasm and

gave evidence of learning

many Personal Safety

Skills. The staff of Terrace

Bay Public School feel that

"Feeling Yes, Feeling

No" is an important addi-

tion to their program and

Bay are higher than they were in Toronto on February 12, even though the world price (for oil) has dropped over 50 per cent in that time," he said.

possible "What justification is there for a price of 61 cents per litre in Armstrong, while the same product sells for 44.5 cents just 170 miles away?" he added.

Pouliot noted in the letter that both governments have said that one cannot compare the price spread from one jurisdiction to another, "but surely it is valid to question a wide price differential for the

appreciate the support

shown by the parents as

well as the trustees of the

Lake Superior Board, the

This year's program is

now down to its last two

sessions, and a survey form

will be sent to parents next

release noted.

month.

same product in neighbouring communities, particularly communities on the same railway line and same highway."

He added in the letter than both Ministers' unwillingness to act on behalf of northern motorists has placed senior levels of government in the debit column in their account with Northern Ontario

residents.

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"If you are not prepared to intervene to correct the wide disparity in gasoline prices between the north and south or between northern communities, why don't you give northerners a tax credit to compensate for the extra they must pay, since a large portion of the

provincial taxes," he suggested.

Pouliot concluded the letter, dated April 7, by asking the Ministers to correct this "longstanding injustice." Copies of the letter were also sent to the Ontario Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations and the Terrace Bay-Schreiber News.

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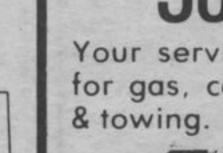
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