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Terrace Bay may soon get Chamber of Commerce back

Although a few misgivings and a number of organizational obstacles still exist, it would appear that Terrace Bay's business community is well on its way to resurrecting a Chamber of Commerce for the town.

Several town businessmen and women attended a meeting on April 21 to discuss the possibility and ask questions of four visitors from the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations.

One of the concerns raised by the Terrace Bay

delegation was a fear that what happened to the previous Chamber, which died off approximately 10 years ago due to lack of interest, might happen again.

"Anytime you form a new organization, it takes off like gangbusters for six or eight months and then it slowly dies," former Terrace Bay Chamber member Mike Moore pointed out.

"Community issues keep your Chamber going," Doug Scott, the President of the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce, replied. "You

can help it by having social programs which appeal to your members."

Thunder Bay Chamber Vice-President Jim Colosimo noted that a network of Chambers does now exist to help new Chambers along.

"But to me your Chamber will become self-perpetuating," he added. "Don't kid yourself, with a small Chamber it becomes musical chairs with some people for a while, but there's nothing wrong with that." He made the comment after being told that the same

Terrace Bay people have been attending the formative Chamber meetings.

After the meeting, Thunder Bay Chamber President John Taylor said his impression was that the Terrace Bay Chamber will go ahead eventually.

One of the reasons behind the meeting was to discuss the differences between a Chamber of Commerce and a simple Business Association, and the Terrace Bay group was told more than once that a Chamber would suit their purposes best.

Many of those from Terrace Bay at the session agreed, and a few mentioned that a Chamber for the municipality does now seem inevitable.

Some, though, added that what remains up in the air now is the time frame for establishing the Chamber, as a few felt it would be best to press ahead with it now, while at least one businessman said it might be better to wait until after the slow summer season is over.

Subsequent meetings will be held, although times and places were not announced.



Show real, fire fake

Terrace Bay District Fire Technician Rob Viejou didn't start a real campfire in his forest fire prevention presentation, but the children seemed to get the idea. He visited St. Martin School in Terrace Bay on April 24 to give a slide show to the Primary Division students.

First solo exhibition held by local painter

By Conrad Felber

Anne Louise Powell has been painting since the age of 12, and has participated in a number of group art shows all across the province since 1972, but her very first solo exhibition did not take place until earlier this month in her home of Terrace Bay.

Many of the watercolour paintings which were on display at the show on April 19 and 20 were landscapes done of scenes in the Terrace Bay, Schreiber, and Rosspport area, she explained.

"I like to travel along the highway and explore the side roads," she said. Some landscapes are painted right on location, but others are done later, from sketches and photographs made at the site.

Painting continues to be a sideline for her, as she has been a full-time teacher since 1978. Right now she teaches at Lake Superior High School.

Although she was prevented by municipal by-laws from actually selling

any of her artwork at the exhibition, she pointed out that she can and has sold paintings out of her home. In fact, many of her pieces can be found in private collections across Canada and the United States.

Anyone interested in purchasing one of her watercolours or to order a commissioned piece, which she also does, should contact her directly at her home in Terrace Bay. She moved here after spending her early years in Ottawa. Powell was born in Sudbury.



Captain Kevin Roberts, at right, was on hand to represent his Terrace Bay-Schreiber Midgets Commodores team at the Schreiber Minor Hockey Association's annual awards banquet on April 20. He was presented with a plaque by North Shore representative Yvon Beauparlant marking the Midgets' victory in the North Shore League this year. Roberts was also awarded his club's Most Sportsmanlike Player trophy earlier in the evening.

Awards presented at annual Schreiber gala

Individual trophies were presented at the annual Schreiber Minor Hockey Association awards banquet, which was held on April 20 following a very successful season for the town Pee Wee, Bantam, and Midget teams, all three of which won their North Shore District Championship.

David Mikkonen walked away with the Most Valuable Player (MVP) trophy during the Schreiber-Terrace Bay Midget Commodores presentation. Team captain Kevin Roberts took home

the Most Sportsmanlike Player award, Emmett Houston was the club's Most Improved Player, while the Most Dedicated Player was Coe Comisso.

In the Bantam awards, the MVP trophy went to Mark Figliomeni, and Max Spencer won the MSP award. Jamie Duggan accepted the MIP trophy and Landon Klassen was voted the Most Dedicated Player on the team.

The Figliomeni Family copped two trophies in the Pee Wee awards, with David taking MVP and Joey winning MSP. Nelson

Pelletier took the MIP trophy, and goaltender Bryon Cosgrove won the MDP award.

MVP in the Atoms was Vince Pasqualino, with Dwayne Courtmanche as MSP, Robbo Cruip as MIP, and Ricky Doucet was MDP.

Bobby Spadoni took home the MVP trophy during the Novice division presentations, and D.J. Figliomeni was MSP. The MIP award went to Michael Larivee, and Gregg Zaporzan was MDP. The Outstanding Goalie Award went to Peter Speziale.



Art and artist

Anne Louise Powell, a watercolour artist who was born in Sudbury but now lives in Terrace Bay, held her first solo art exhibition in Terrace Bay on the April 19 weekend. She is shown here with one of her larger

works, titled "Morning", which was done near Terrace Bay beach in 1985. This painting is one of several at the show which are not already in private collections.