

# Single industry towns are threatened, warns Axford

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 erment and secondary industry," he explained.

He told his audience that funding for initiative programs should be the least of their concerns.

"The key is not where the money is going to come from," Axford said. "The key is the ideas."

Axford warned that single industry towns in the province will continue to close because such towns just don't have enough community involvement and foresight.

"If you want to control your future, you have to change your attitude," he said, adding "this can't be solved by just one program or one level of government."

He also warned that it usually takes at least five years to see the results of any decentralization program, which is why it is so important to act now.

"You have to get ideas

flowing and develop some sort of priority," he said.

Getting the whole town behind such a plan is also crucial, Axford said, because "if you lose community support for your initiatives, you lose everything."

Axford, who was also a member of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines' Advisory Committee on Resource Dependent Communities, said that group's report, which was released on June 2, may help town in the north if some of the report's 80 recommendations are adopted by the government.

"We recommended that they set up a Commissioner of Critical Industries," he said. "He would be able to draw out the community and involve the company, the workers, (and) everyone else."

Axford felt the government will be quick to appoint such a Commissioner,

who would visit areas like Terrace Bay before a crisis actually hits in order to avert it.

"We've been doing this now on an ad hoc basis only," Axford explained.

Former MPP Jack Stokes, who was at the meeting, said "one of the things that impressed me was the notion that in the 40 some years that K-C has been operating here, they've done nothing to diversify the economic base."

Stokes noted that it was only two or three years ago that the company thought of broadening its line of products.

"Of course, we don't want to bash K-C here," Axford said in reply, adding "they just didn't think of their social responsibility." He noted the Advisory Committee report felt such companies should hold a public meeting once a year to keep the people to the town informed.

"But how do you motivate a municipality?" Tom Quinton, Schreiber Councillor asked.

"People should look a little harder at their own investments," Axford suggested. "They should spend two hours a week in community involvement instead of stacking their store shelves or washing their windows." He used himself as an example, pointing out that he came to the Terrace Bay meeting from Red Lake for nothing, incurring a number of expenses along the way.

"But it is to your own economic benefit to do something," he added. "You've had a good ride

for a while, and now it's time to pay up...you've got to try and help out."

"You've got skills and abilities you haven't even tapped," Axford insisted. "We always fail to look at the human resource."

"There seems to be an awful lot of finger-pointing going on, though," town businessman Dave Cruickshank noted.

"It's normal you would have that kind of thing, but that's life, we go on," Axford responded.

Terrace Bay Reeve Ollie Chapman explained that she and a number of area reeves have taken one step towards having a single voice by forming a Heads of Council Committee, which had its first meeting on June 2 in Nipigon.

Axford applauded that move, but again pointed out how important it is for each community to do its own share.

"I strongly recommend some community advocacy here," he said. "It just has to come from within, although you can't force K-C to get involved too."

He said he expects K-C to make "some sort of announcement" as to their immediate course of action within the next few weeks. One source said such an announcement may come at a meeting on June 19.

"It is certainly time for them to act," Axford said, adding it might be wise to

wait until some sort of official announcement from the company before any action is taken by the community itself.

The consensus reached at the end of the meeting was that having a Chamber of Commerce would certainly help matters, but a

separate group of citizens might have to be formed as well. Seminars were also discussed as a possibility for the future.



Almost enough

A large crowd, but not quite large enough to win one of the two banners up for grabs, came out to the Terrace Bay Recreation Centre for the start of the annual North Shore Fun Run, which was held on May 26. Schreiber again took the banner for the highest turnout percentage, though Terrace Bay was second.

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**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers and visited me while I was in St. Joseph's Hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Orpana and Nursing Staff. Special thanks to Mom & Dad and also my loving husband for being there when I need you most. God bless you all.

Marina Mykietyn

**HAPPY 30th BIRTHDAY**

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**THANK YOU**

To Drs. Falckh, Dr. Smith, nurses and staff of third floor west, Port Arthur General Hospital, Dr. Wilkes, nurses and staff of McCausland Hospital, Terrace Bay for their care and kindness. To all the friends and relatives for their many visits, phone calls, cards, flowers and gifts. To Rev. Ed & Mrs. Prinselaar, Liz and Carrie for their concern, to my family for travelling so far to care for me in hospital and after I returned home. Your kindness will be remembered always.


Sincerely Della Moore

**IT'S A GIRL**

Terry & Steve Falzetta are very proud to announce the birth of their first child

Jesse Blaine

on May 23rd, 1986. Another granddaughter for Mr. & Mrs. Romeo Bouchard and Mr. & Mrs. John Falzetta. Special thanks to Dr. Bailey and also thanks to the nurses for treating us so well.



**Bits and Bites**

By Helene Ballard

Good morning! I hope you are all enjoying our lovely weather, and the bit of rain we had. I am sure it helped the fire scare. We could use more, but we are grateful for what we have.

I guess everybody is happy now that all the bedding plants have arrived. Now all our homes and lawns can look pretty, and if we all do our share and help keep the town clean. Remember to use the trash cans so everything will be OK.


We have a visitor in town from Fairbanks, Alaska: my daughter Fran Wagner, who is a guest of Syl and Lou Duquette. Hope you enjoy your stay with us, Fran.

Now folks, what well-known local grocer who frequents the golf course found himself locked out of his truck last weekend with his dog and keys inside the truck and had to call for help? I guess you have a smart dog to lock your doors, his paws are real handy. Next time don't forget your keys, or leave the dog home instead.

We welcomed a new resident to the home last week: Monsieur Eugene Croteau. We hope he enjoys the home. He seems to be quite lively for his age. The gentleman is 86 years young.

Just a word to remind you that June is Senior Citizen's Month, so when our special week comes around even if you do not live here at Birchwood, it's for all seniors. Let's join in and have fun. Remember, you are only young once.

A short column this week, but summer is just starting so more later. Until next time remember: "A little bit of powder, a little bit of paint, makes a little maiden look like what she ain't." Cheerio.



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**CARD OF THANKS**

Lawrence — The family of the late Clarice Lawrence wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to relatives, friends and neighbours, whose kindness was express in so many ways. The cards, flowers, and memorials to the various societies were appreciated. Your kindness will always be remembered.

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