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Crack down on instructors causes crisis at town pool

"We are facing a crisis at the swimming pool," Jim Ziegler, Terrace Bay Councillor, pointed out at the July 14 meeting of Township Council.

He explained that the Red Cross of Canada has, in the past, turned a blind eye regarding the qualifications of pool instructors "but no more...they now want qualified and certified

instructors."

Ziegler admitted that at the town pool this summer there have been a few instructors who were technically qualified but were without a recognized certificate, so they can no longer teach classes.

"We are not the only ones hit with this," the Councillor quickly added. He told Council that the

girls working at the pool will now "double up" on shifts to make sure every child in swim programs will be certified by the Red Cross from now on.

"But now their hours are up to 100 per pay period," Ziegler noted. "The two teachers we have left will be over 50 hours (per week) each."

He added that though the pool will now be limited in terms in instructors, there will be no shortage of lifeguards, who do not have to be Red Cross certified.

"My concern is for the safety of the kids," Councillor Chris Joubert said. "Some parents were really upset when they found out (about this)...we have to do something about it."

"We can understand the concerns of the people," Ziegler responded, adding that the only real course of action is to increase the pay period of the existing instructors, since there are only five or six weeks left in the pool courses.

"Then this will cost us an additional \$1,200 this summer," acting Reeve George Ramsay said.

Reeve Ollie Chapman was not present at the meeting.

Ziegler said that the pool problem was compounded by the fact that one of the previous instructors had recently left suddenly.

A motion was then passed approving of an immediate increase in the hours and pay for the two remaining certified instructors.

Schreiber recreation to get Master Plan

By Conrad Felber

Schreiber Council, at its meeting on July 15, gave a tentative go-ahead to a Culture and Recreation Master Plan for the township.

Such a plan may cost as much as \$30,000, but 75 per cent of the expenses will be picked up by the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, Council was informed.

Ron Larivee, Township Recreation Director, explained that a number of meetings have been held by the Recreation Committee to explore the necessity of such a plan, and a brief on what such a plan is and the benefits for doing one was then prepared and presented to Council.

"The biggest asset in getting a Master Plan for the township would be that it would make it easier to get (government) grants in the future," Larivee said.

He also noted that the final cost for such a plan would depend on the terms of reference, which would be prepared first.

"Now we have to decide whether we want to do one or not," Larivee said. "Even if we start on it now, it will be December of 1987 before it will be ready to be presented."

He pointed out that he has already helped to do one for Matheson, and the terms of reference alone took a year and a half to complete there.

"Since then, the process has been refined by the Ministry," he quickly added. The cost for such a project would come out of next year's town budget.

"It has to be done in such a manner that it can be an appendix to the Official Plan," he said. The township's Official Plan recent-

ly reached the final draft stage. "It can't conflict with the Official Plan."

"This sounds good to me," Councillor Gerry Godin said.

"The Master Plan will also be good for long range planning and budgeting," Larivee said. "It won't be binding either, and will be reviewed every two years or so."

"I think this is a must," Councillor Tom Quinton said. "Otherwise we might

get into a lot of hassles to get grants later on."

Quinton did add that he felt the projected cost of the plan sounds excessive.

"Our Official Plan only cost \$24,000," he noted.

"The cost depends on the terms of reference," Larivee explained. "It could be \$14,000 or up to \$30,000, but it is for our own good."

He pointed out that even

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Fishing's good

Don Gresdal, at left, and Archie Heinrich, both of Terrace Bay, had ample evidence that the fishing is still good in Lake Superior. They both caught their limit of lake trout at a spot about 35 miles off shore near Neys Provincial Park, and did it in under an hour. Heinrich attributed his good luck to the absence of commercial fishermen, all of whom had their licences bought out by the government some time ago. "The fishing is now improved 100 per cent," he claimed.

MOE reconsiders K-C clean-up order

By Conrad Felber

The Ministry of the Environment has reconsidered its recent environmental order, according to MPP Gilles Pouliot, who added that Kimberly-Clark of Canada will now no longer have to build an aeration

lagoon, at an estimated cost of \$20 million, at its mill in Terrace Bay by this fall.

In an interview with the News last week, the Lake Nipigon riding Member of Parliament explained that the provincial government recently changed its mind about the Ministry order for a number of reasons.

K-C Canada's President Jack Lavallet had told the Standing Committee on Resources Development at a meeting on June 23 that the company does not have \$20 million right now to spend on environmental issues.

The Terrace Bay mill is facing a projected deficit of at least \$25 million for 1986, Lavallet had noted, adding that to address all of the environmental problems directly would cost "in the order of \$70 million."

"K-C has really done its homework," Pouliot said in the interview. "But they still have to identify the problems."

At the June 23 meeting, Lavallet explained that his company has already completed a \$7 million project to address a spills control system which is considered to be one of the best in North America.

"If in the control order the Ministry has given us targets and we are doing better than the targets, I think that merely shows we have a system in place that is working well," he added at that time. "I do not

think we would ever design and put in a system that would just meet a target. That would be a foolish way to do it."

Lavallet also pointed out that the K-C mill has been used many times as an example of a system that works not only well but also "extremely well, both by the Ministry of the Environment and by other industrial groups who are facing the same thing."

He told the Committee that \$20 million for a lagoon is still a great deal of capital to spend.

"Whether we are a functioning, viable, profitable mill or not, that is a tremendous amount of money," Lavallet said. "We have to be very sure that such a device is going to work at Terrace Bay before we invest that money."

The Ministry of the Environment released a 140-page report earlier this month which included the results of a study conducted on the contaminants found in the effluent of nine pulp and paper mills in northwestern Ontario, including the Terrace Bay mill.

Some forms of dioxin, a dangerous carcinogenic chemical, were found in very low concentrations in some of the effluent during the study, as were some other toxic substances.

Ministry officials have been quoted as saying the Preliminary Investigation of Trace Contaminants in Pulp and Paper Mill Effluents will take years of further research.



Bike sticker

Gord Moorey of Superior Shoreline Insurance, at left, points out to Terrace Bay Police Chief Russ Phillips where the new bicycle identification sticker will be placed on those bikes which will be registered under the Police Force's new Bike I.D. program, co-

sponsored by Moorey. These stickers, which became available on July 18, cannot be removed once they have been put on. The program also involves a registration form. For more information about the anti-theft program, contact the Terrace Bay Police Office.