

Lagoon will be ruled out

# K-C to get new control order

By Conrad Felber

A new environmental control order to be issued within weeks by the Ministry of the Environment to the Kimberly-Clark pulp mill in Terrace Bay will not call for the company to invest in a \$20-million lagoon system despite efforts from a Toronto-based lobby group to have such a lagoon built in order to control the toxicity levels in the mill's effluent.

The Thunder Bay District Officer for the Ministry, Jim Drummond, told the *News* in a telephone interview on Monday that during a meeting held that morning with K-C officials from Terrace Bay, an informal agreement was reached on some aspects of the new control order, which would be initiated following the expiration of the current order on October 31.

Drummond said that the only outstanding item to be resolved is the

time frame for the substitute control order. A public information session and a subsequent public meeting on the proposed order will probably be held before the end of the month.

K-C officials have already admitted that the mill will not be able to meet the federal toxicity requirements portion of the existing order before it expires. Drummond said this item will be addressed in the new control order when it is initiated.

Last week, a researcher for the Pollution Probe Foundation sent a letter to Minister of the Environment Jim Bradley urging him not to grant the control order extension requested by K-C and to follow through instead with a stringent, two-year control order.

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## Housing survey response 'disappointing': consultant

It's now or never if Terrace Bay is going to get subsidized senior citizens housing within the next three years, a consultant from Thunder Bay warned those attending a meeting held in Terrace Bay on Sept. 25.

Gery Kowalchuk, of Doggett and Kowalchuk Appraisals, told a group of about 25 people that his firm had recently concluded a survey of the area which included a questionnaire sent to most residences in Terrace Bay and Schreiber.

He said he was disappointed with the response, in that out of 155 ques-

tionnaires sent to seniors in the area, only 50 were filled out and returned, while out of 200 sent to local families, again only 50 were sent back.

"It's extremely important to get more responses," he said, adding that he would prefer a 75 per cent response rate. A high percentage is necessary because at least half of the returned questionnaires are immediately eliminated.

"These are OHC (Ontario Housing Corporation) guidelines," he noted. The OHC assumes that about 50 per cent responding to such a questionnaire already own a home and would therefore not be eligible for a housing unit unless they are willing to sell their home.

Kowalchuk said he would now have to wait a few months before proceeding any further, in order to get more questionnaires brought in.

"This is extremely important," he stressed. "Once our Policy Statement is finalized, the OHC puts a lot of weight on it when they decide whether to go ahead (with a seniors housing unit). They won't subsidize a 20-unit building."

"Should we not be just as concerned with those 10 or 20 people as we would be with 100?" Reeve Ollie Chapman asked.

"That's a deal you would have to make with OHC," Kowalchuk replied. This was confirmed by Linda Jarvis, an OHC representative from Sudbury who attended the meeting.

"It is economically viable not to build under 20 units through our non-profit program," she explained. "We are trying to get at least those 20 peo-



Gery Kowalchuk

ple here."

She admitted that a 14-unit housing unit is being constructed in Manitowadge now, but pointed out that project is being done just to see if such a small unit is viable.

Terrace Bay Councillor Peter Romanuk said one reason why the response rate is so low is that many people are unwilling to disclose their income, which is something the survey demands.

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### Choir coming

The Ontario Youth Choir will be making a stop in Terrace Bay on Friday, Oct. 3 during its concert tour of northwestern Ontario. The choir will be performing at the Lake Superior High School starting at 8 p.m.

A release from the Ontario Choral Federation (OCF), which is presenting the choir's tour this year, noted that the choir has already performed in Thunder Bay, Atikokan, Dryden, and Fort Frances this fall.

The majority of the choir members are from Toronto, but one hails from Iroquois Falls while two others live in Timmins.

The concert will feature a repertoire of various selections ranging from Bach to Broadway to spirituals and folk-songs. Tickets for the concert will be available at the door.

### Initiation Day

Some Grade 9 students at the Terrace Bay campus of the Lake Superior High School seemed to enjoy Initiation Day at the school on Sept. 26, while others remained wary of what the seniors might make them do after encouraging the initiates to wear some pretty outlandish clothes, as shown here. A "Gong Show" was also part of the fun during the day.

## Council to speed up its budget schedule

Next year's budget for the Township, the contract for the new heating system at the Recreation Centre, and a new service at the airport were all topics of discussion at the Sept. 22 meeting of Terrace Bay Council.

In spite of a lack of a contract, work on the heating system is on or even ahead of schedule, Township Engineer Doug Baker explained at the meeting.

Clerk-treasurer Larry Simons said that the signing of the contract had to be deferred. "The contractors are working without one right now," he added.

Baker explained that the problem stemmed from a \$2,000 contingency rider in the contract which was prepared following initial acceptance by the contractor with the winning bid.

"With that item, the contract now works out to \$2,000 more," Baker said. The contract will now be worth

\$134,000 instead of the originally anticipated amount of \$132,000.

"We could've said 'too bad, fellows,' but we will revamp the contract instead and then send it out to be signed," Baker said.

Thanks to a new draft policy, Council will also be ahead of its traditional schedule for the preparation of the annual Township budget, Simons pointed out.

"This is a step in the right direction," Councillor Peter Romanuk said. "Even if we get two weeks behind, we'll still be ahead compared to the budget in other years."

Simons told Council that Dec. 15, 1986 would be the date for the initial presentation of the 1987 budget, which would receive its final adoption as early as Feb. 15 of next year.

Later, Council was informed that Terrace Aviation Inc. is now offer-

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### History seminar

Schreiber was part of a touring Ontario Historical Society seminar held by the Society's Executive Director, Dorothy Duncan, seen here at right showing some

historical slides to those who attending the meeting. The seminar was hosted by the Schreiber Historical Society at the Public Library on Sept. 23.