



Police auction

Terrace Bay Police Chief Russ Phillips acted as the auctioneer for the first Police Auction held at the town Police Garage on Oct. 16. Chief Phillips called for bids on a number of found or seized items, including the snowmobile helmet he is shown holding in the above photo. Other items which were sold to the highest bidder can be seen on the table and on the floor near Chief Phillips.

Cigarette motion gets extinguished

By Conrad Felber

Smoking and snowmobiles were at the centre of two heated discussions at the Oct. 14 Terrace Bay Council meeting, and the end result was one new snowmobile for the local Police Force, and no change in the smoking policy in the Council Chambers.

Councillor Jim Ziegler moved and Councillor Chris Joubert seconded a motion at the meeting which, if it had been passed by a majority of Council, would have made the Council Chambers a no-smoking area.

Before the vote, a discussion was held on the motion, and Councillor Peter Romanuk quickly came out against such a no-smoking policy.

"We've had enough flak (over) the policy adopted at McCausland Hospital," he complained. Earlier this year, a policy banning smoking within most of the hospital was adopted. The hospital is located in Terrace Bay.

"If you can't wait a couple of hours to have a smoke, you're in pretty bad shape," Ziegler responded. "Maybe this (motion) will cut down on the length of our meetings." Many Council meetings sometimes go well beyond 11 p.m. after starting at 7 p.m.

"There's no reason why we can't have breaks during the meetings," Joubert pointed out.

"My feeling on it is that the statistics are there that smoking is harmful," Councillor George Ramsay said. However, he added that he had no desire to support Ziegler's anti-smoking motion.

"I can't push my likes or dislikes on others," Ramsay explained.

"I spend a lot of time in this place," Ziegler said, referring to the Council Chambers, where almost all Council meetings are held. "I don't wish to inhale second-hand smoke."

On Council, only Romanuk and Reeve Ollie Chapman have been noted to smoke at meetings. Ramsay

said he gave up the habit some time ago.

Reeve Chapman then called for a vote, and the motion was defeated by a vote of two for, three against.

After that discussion, Council then began to debate the relative merits of a snowmobile for the township's Police Force, which currently does not have one.

"We've talked about this for some time," Romanuk said, referring to previous Committee meetings, which are closed to the public. "They (the OPP) have one in Schreiber, where they are able to enforce their by-laws. We can't do anything about it here."

Both Schreiber and Terrace Bay have by-laws regarding the times at which snowmachines can be operated within the township borders.

"Enforcement of our by-law is pretty near impossible without a snowmobile," Romanuk added. "If we wait until the 1987 capital budget, that will eliminate enforcement for this winter."

"We didn't budget for a snow-machine this year," Reeve Chapman reminded him. "Also, is the constable on duty going to be driving around in a cruiser at night, or the snowmobile?" She added that the Township might be able to lease one instead of buying one outright.

Joubert noted that there is a surplus in the police budget this year, but Ramsay replied that "just because there are some dollars left doesn't mean you have to spend them."

"What's the sense of driving around in a patrol car?" Ziegler demanded. "If they have a snow-machine, they can protect the whole town...right now they can't enforce the by-law."

"We have the money, and I see a need for this," Joubert said. He reminded Council of the problems created by snowmobiles last year.

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Impact study going ahead

An impact study of the recent layoffs at Kimberly-Clark's pulp mill in Terrace Bay and its woodlands operations in Longlac is now almost a certainty, following the release earlier this month of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines' draft terms of reference for the study.

Terrace Bay Council's first chance to review the draft came at its Oct. 14 meeting, at which Council decided it might be appropriate to include Schreiber in such a study. A letter to that effect was sent to the clerk-treasurer of Schreiber following the meeting.

The possibility of an area impact study was raised at a meeting between Council and representatives of the Ministry on Sept. 19.

In a letter dated Oct. 1, the Northern Community Development Economist with the Ministry, Doug Melville, said once Council has had a chance to review the draft, he would like to arrange a meeting to consider the material and a project action plan.

A date and time for such a meeting is still to be established.

Melville added in the letter that "the Steering Committee mentioned in (the draft) is just a suggestion and, if worthwhile, would require your help to set up." Melville is with the Ministry's Regional and Community Development Branch in Thunder Bay.

In August, K-C laid off 255 permanent and 100 temporary workers in Terrace Bay and Longlac. At the

same time, the company suspended its woodlands operations until at least November 2 of this year, as part of its economic survival plan.

K-C of Canada President Jack L. Lavallet claimed at the time that the mill has sustained operating losses of \$78 million, including \$17 million last year alone.

The study, if it is conducted, will investigate what impact the layoffs have had in the area and what might be done in response.

Local man gets murder verdict



Cables buried

Bell Canada buried some of its telephone cables under the north side of Radisson Avenue in Terrace Bay last week, and local crews came in afterwards to cover up the trench, which ran the entire length of the street and even crossed in front of the Fire Hall. Here a couple of workers can be seen pouring cement into the trench to cover the cables.

A Schreiber man is now awaiting sentencing, to be handed down later this week, after being found guilty of second degree murder by an Ontario Supreme Court jury on Oct. 17 following a trial in Thunder Bay.

Yvon Lionel Carrier, 37, was charged with first degree murder on Dec. 6 last year in Terrace Bay following the shooting death of Vasil "Bill" Mateev, 56, of Terrace Bay.

The jury deliberated for about 14 total hours before delivering its verdict. Mr. Justice Douglas Carruthers will sentence Carrier on Oct. 23, Supreme Court clerk Darlene Ross said in a telephone interview on Monday.

Another clerk said Carrier is liable to receive a sentence of life imprisonment with no parole eligibility for 10 years. Judge Carruthers may decide to increase the eligibility period to 25 years.

Carrier's attorney, Alfred Petrone of Thunder Bay, told the News this week that he discussed the guilty verdict with his client over the weekend. Petrone added he has decided, "in all likelihood" to appeal the decision, regardless of what the sentence turns out to be on Thursday.

"I was a bit disappointed with the verdict," he added. "Under the circumstances, (a verdict of) manslaughter would've been more consistent." Such a conviction would have resulted in a reduced sentence compared to a verdict of second or first degree murder.

According to evidence presented at the trial, a financial dispute between Carrier and Mateev ended when Carrier got a shotgun and killed Mateev with a single shot to the back of the head.

Carrier had pleaded not guilty to the first degree murder charge.