

Second housing meeting held

Another housing meeting was held in Terrace Bay on Dec. 10 in hopes of generating further interest in the project, and Consultant Jerry Kowalchuk said that everything depends on the amount of responses received.

The response to the initial survey was poor, and the group in attendance at this second meeting- about 17- was smaller than the first one.

Kowalchuk, of Doggett and Kowalchuk Appraisals, reviewed what has happened so far and told the group that the initial 30 per cent response rate is not good- he would like it be around 75 per cent.

That response rate is necessary, he said, because the OHC (Ontario Housing Corporation) immediately disqualifies questionnaires if they are not filled out properly- many have not been

filled out properly. The high percentage is necessary because at least half of the returned questionnaires are eliminated, he said.

Prove need

Terrace Bay resident, Ernie Kettle, asked Kowalchuk when it is (construction) going to happen, and he responded that if there is a need for a senior citizens' building, that would definitely lead to one being built. He said for example, that if it was shown that there are 35 needy people, it would substantiate the building of a 30 plus units building.

Kowalchuk said that the buildings would be two-storey structures and the senior citizens' apartments would have elevators. The cost is substantially

decreased when building more than one storey, said Kowalchuk.

The buildings would be built in such a fashion that the corridors could be extended if more room is needed.

Rent geared to income

Kowalchuk explained the guidelines used to decide the rental amounts.

For seniors to rent a one-bed apartment on the rent geared to income plan, income should be less than \$1,700 per month and for a two-bed apartment, \$1,900 per month or less.

For a family renting a two-bed apartment for RGI, income should be less than \$1,800 per month, and for a three-bed, \$1,950 per month or less.

With the RGI, families and seniors will not pay more than 25 per cent of

their income, said Kowalchuk.

If the monthly income is \$800, the rent will be \$200 per month.

For senior citizens paying market rent, a one-bed apartment would be \$425 per month (utilities included), and two beds would be \$475 per month all-inclusive.

For families, two beds would be \$450 plus utilities and three beds would be \$485 plus utilities.

Kowalchuk said that all these apartments would have brand new refrigerators and stoves, and there would be parking and laundry facilities.

Have own home

If a senior citizen will be paying market price for an apartment, and owns a home, whatever that person does with the home will not affect the rental cost, Kowalchuk said.

But, if a person is applying for RGI, the house must be sold within one year. Whatever it was sold for will be considered as income when deciding whether that person is eligible for RGI, he added.

Kowalchuk said that hopefully no one would sign the house over to a son, for instance, to reduce the rent. That would be frowned upon and would eventually come to light, he said.

Questionnaire Important

Kowalchuk also instructed those in attendance about a few points that are very important on the questionnaire.

He referred to the question of how soon applicants would need the housing. There are blanks for immediately, 3-5 years and 5 years and beyond.

He said that it is not considered a real need if applicants have stated 5 years and beyond. The housing can only be supplied if it is apparent that there is a present need.

Whether wheelchair facilities are needed as well as how many children will be living in the apartments are also important.

The results of the survey are expected early in the new year, Kowalchuk said.

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Attention Boys and Girls

This is just to remind you that the *News* will be looking for your 'Letters to Santa'.

We will print as many as we can in the newspaper and we will see to it that your letters are sent to Santa himself at the North Pole.

Don't forget to include your name so that the readers will know who you are.

Send your letters to Santa Claus, care of The Terrace Bay-Schreiber News, Box 579, Terrace Bay, Ont., POT 2W0.

Fun and excitement in Boy Scouts

By Ken Lusk

The scouting movement of Terrace Bay now has 11 boys, but Scout Leader, Ken Benoit, told the *News* that there is definitely room for more.

Benoit, and Assistant Leader, Moe Stark, would like to see that number increase to at least 15, and they don't believe it will be to difficult.

With the population increase because of the mine north of Schreiber, there will most likely be more boys to join the club, said Benoit.

Exciting programs

Benoit said that the Scout programs are running well and that he really enjoys the challenge of working with the boys- before coming to Terrace Bay, he was involved with the movement for three years out West.

He said that the Scouts have been involved with the MNR for a couple of years now. The club built and monitors Golden Eye nesting boxes placed within the region in hopes of increasing that duck population.

Work with fish hatcheries is also being done with the Rod and Gun Club. The Scouts are monitoring speckled

trout and keeping an eye on such things as water temperature and ice buildup.

A trip to Poly Lake last month taught the kids how to cook and organize for a large group meal, and it was also a "retreat for the kids to get to know each other" before most of the programs get into full swing, said Benoit.

The programs will teach the kids self-discipline, how to work together in sections or groups, and to achieve personal accomplishment within groups and individually, he added.

The kids will take compass training so they will be able to follow a course, will undertake a survival training program, and will learn first aid.

They will learn what food can be eaten in the bush, and more importantly, what food can't be eaten, as well as how to walk in the bush.

Benoit said that for example, there is a certain way to walk up steep inclines so as not to become tired.

Toboggan Pack

A major project in the planning stages now is the Toboggan Pack Camping trip slated for March.

In the two days and two nights, the boys will learn basic survival, Benoit said.

All of the essentials will be contained on a toboggan and the boys will have a 14 ounce can which will be their survival kit. It might contain thread, a chocolate bar, an Oxo cube, a light and a compass, said Benoit.

A canoeing trip is planned for June and Benoit wants to do the Steele River run, he said, because many different skills can be tested and exercised there, such as portaging.

Badges

We can't forget the badges, and the most important is the Citizen's Badge of which there are three levels.

This badge is for community work, said Benoit, and one part of earning it will be sit in on a council meeting.

The Scout working for this badge will discuss prospects for the future, take a look at the town's past and suggest how the future could be improved its citizens.

There is an Adventuring Badge, and the Scouts will spend a day and a night hiking in the bush and will keep an account or diary of what they see and do.

sure, and possibly two, who he hopes will receive the Chief Scout Award in April in Thunder Bay.

It is the highest award that can be earned, he added, and Scouts from all over the area will attend the ceremony.

The Scouts received a Specialty Badge for their work with the ministry last year, said Benoit.

He added that at one time, the kids were a little embarrassed about being in the Scouts, but now they are nothing less than proud. He said their pride was evident at the Remembrance Day ceremony.

The Scouts meet every Monday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at the clubhouse, and if you are interested, or you think your son may be (he must be between the ages of 11 and 15), Benoit would like you to drop by the meeting or call him at 825-9658.

There are 11 boys now, Benoit would like to have 15, but the sky is the limit- it would be great to have 20 or more, he said.



Be prepared

Above are the Terrace Bay Boy Scouts headed by Ken Benoit, far left, and Moe Stark, far right. They are, front, Frankie Roen, Trevor Seergovin

Adam Moore, Billy Hopper and Trevor Stark. The Scouts meet every Monday night at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. (Photo by Ken Lusk).

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