

Happy New Year

Hansen arrives on New Year's Eve

By Ken Lusk

After crossing tens of thousands of miles and some 34 countries, Rick Hansen finally wheeled into Terrace Bay on a beautiful, snow-flaked new year's eve.

Hansen was originally scheduled to arrive at about 4:40 p.m. but due to a sudden snowfall, he arrived at approximately 5:30 p.m.

A large number of people greeted Hansen at the recreation centre as he and his entourage arrived. No time was lost in getting Hansen into the building.

There was standing room only in the conference room as Hansen, flanked by Kinsman Gord Moorey and Terrace Bay Councillor Chris Joubert, was welcomed by the people of Terrace Bay.

Spirit of new year

Councillor Joubert read a letter welcoming Hansen to town from Reeve Chapman, who was absent due to illness.

Following are parts of that letter.

"Northern Ontario is famous for its hospitality, and I want to continue that tradition by extending to you today, on behalf of the people of Terrace Bay, our warmest welcome.

"I don't believe we could ask for a better example of this New Year's spirit than the Man in Motion Tour, as personified by Rick Hansen.

"Your example confirms what we should have known all along; the world is made up of people with different abilities, and what is important is not what those abilities are, but how they are used.

"I hope you will remember us not for the coldness of our weather, but for the warmth of our hearts. Best wishes for continued success with the Man in Motion Tour in 1987."

Donations were then given to Hansen, which included many private ones.

\$892.66 from the students of the Terrace Bay Public School and a brand new pair of winter mitts from Pat Marcella from Sun and Fun Sports were just two of the generous donations given to Hansen.

Thankful for support

Although a detailed breakdown of donations isn't available, Kinsman Moorey said that between Marathon, Terrace Bay and Schreiber, over \$16,000 was raised for the man in motion.

Hansen then addressed the crowd and thanked them for their time and support in the cold and snow.

Hansen said it is encouraging and it means a lot to him to see so many people who believe in the spirit (of what he's doing).

Hansen hopes that as a result of the tour, there will be a better understanding of disabled persons.

He said there are potential barriers in this and all communities, and hopefully everyone will work together to break down these barriers.

Hansen said that it is not just one man who can make a difference, it is the thousands of people who have helped the tour that will make a difference.

Hansen gave thanks to his tour team and crew and said they have worked very hard over the passing kilometres.

He also thanked all of the hard workers in all the communities, the North of Superior Kinsmen Clubs, the reeve and people of Terrace Bay.

Special thanks went out to the Terrace Bay Police Department, the OPP, the telephone pioneers (Bell) and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications.

"Last but not least, a Happy New Year and all the best in 1987," said Hansen.

New Year's break

Hansen and his Man in Motion tour spent New Year's day in Terrace Bay but the tour resumed on Jan. 2.

The News was declined an interview of any kind with Hansen. A crew member said that they are still carefully monitoring Hansen's bladder because of the infection he had during Christmas.

Hansen resumed his trek across Northwestern Ontario on Jan. 2 and was again met by enthusiastic crowds from Schreiber and Rosspport.

In Schreiber, crowds gathered at the Bell Telephone building and welcom-

ed Hansen as he arrived at about 8:40 a.m. Again, generous donations were given.

Since Hansen started his global trek, he has worn out over 70 pairs of gloves and 100 pairs of tires.

He has crossed some 34 countries and four continents, covering over 25,000 miles (31 of them backwards).

He was robbed four times and had

nine skin suits stolen. He took 12 wrong turns and was lost no less than six times.

Hansen is aiming at raising \$10 million in aid of spinal cord research, rehabilitation and wheelchair sport.

Paralysed from the waist down since he was injured in a traffic accident more than 14 years ago, Hansen has succeeded in raising more than \$4 million to date.

Hansen arrived in Thunder Bay last Sunday, Jan. 4, and is scheduled to continue his journey today.

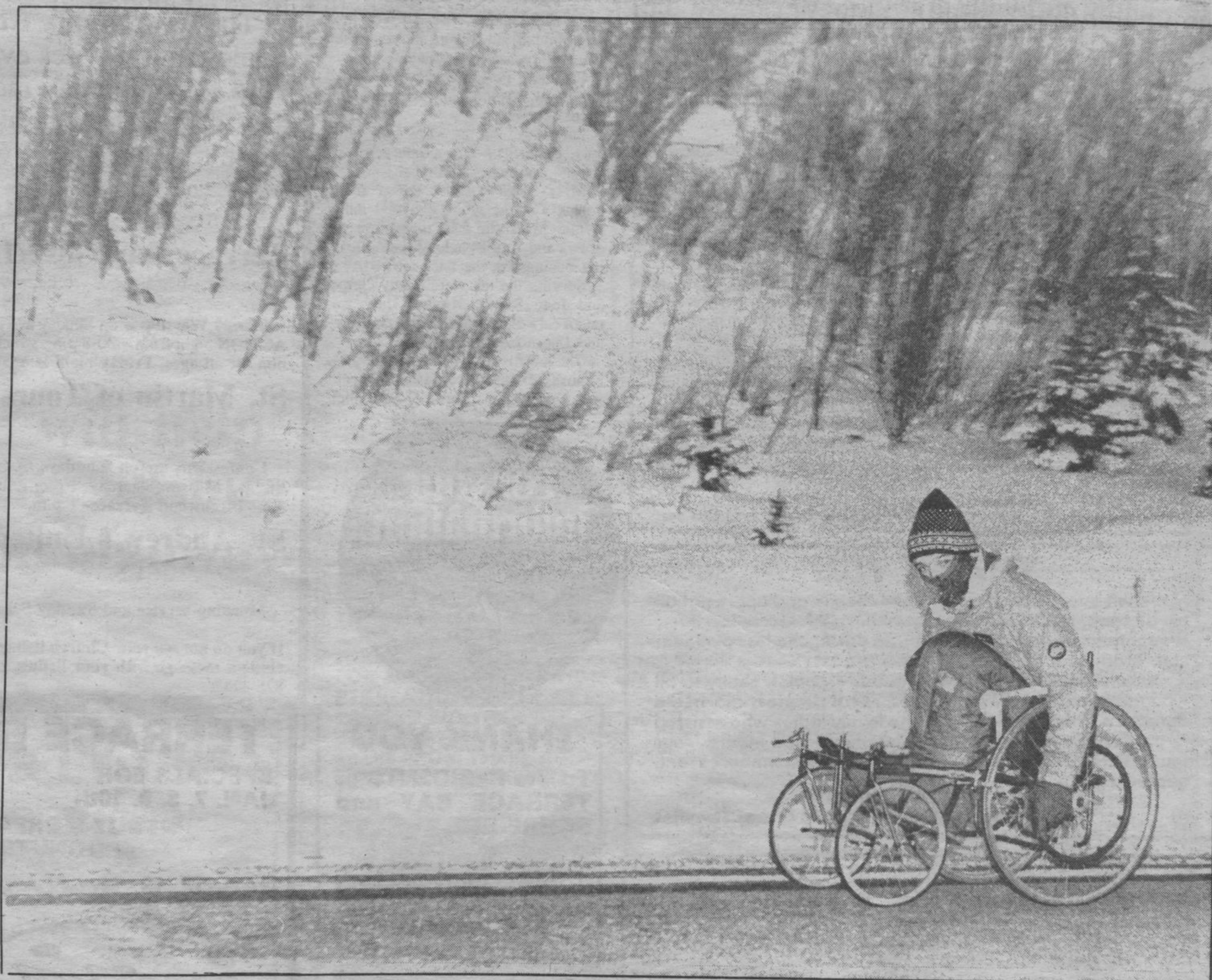
The Times-News reports that Hansen said the next part of his trek will be the toughest- winter on the Prairies.

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The long and winding road

One can see the determination in Rick Hansen's eyes as he wheels his way to Schreiber on Jan. 2. The Man in Motion crew is still carefully monitoring Hansen's bladder infection that kept

him off the road and in Wawa for a week during Christmas. Hansen arrived in Terrace Bay on Dec. 31. (Photo by Ken Lusk).

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