

Highway 17 study finally initiated by minister

Dear Gilles
Thank you for your letter of January 22, 1987 which included a letter from Mr. V. Townsend, Chairman Occupational Health and Safety Committee, Domtar

Packaging, Red Rock, expressing concerns for the safety of those who travel Highway 11/17 between Nipigon and Thunder Bay and for the lack of noticeable improvements to the highway

network.
Let me just say that I am also concerned about the recent accident rate on this stretch of highway and would like to see it reduced. I realize this is a very important transportation link, for those who

work and shop in this area and in order to improve the safety, upgrading of this facility is required.

Since the Trans Canada Highway is aging and the original design no longer reflects its national importance, as stated in my previous correspondence, we have recommended that the Federal government give consideration to funding the upgrading of the Trans Canada route. To this end, I initiated a study to evaluate what is required in time and dollars to four-lane Highway 17 from the Manitoba/Ontario border to Ottawa. It is anticipated that the results of this study will be available by the middle of 1987.

which provides for the construction of additional lanes on this facility where safety and operational objectives indicate they would be most effective. The Ministry is also providing partial paved shoulders on all sections of Highway 11/17 and Highway 17, as particular section are rehabilitated.

In reference to Mr. Townsend's concern for the lack of noticeable improvements to the highway, I am pleased to inform you that we will soon be tendering a project, in this vicinity, with construction to be carried out this summer. The rehabilitative work proposed will include some of the interim improvements as mentioned above.
Yours Sincerely,
Ed Fulton
Minister.

Easter a time for new beginnings

Dear Sir:
Easter is a time of new life and new beginnings. But for the 40 million destitute blind of the Third World there are few new beginnings. Poverty has doomed them to darkness and despair.

There is an all-Canadian organization, Operation Eyesight Universal, which brings eye treatment and educational programs to the destitute blind of Asia, Africa, Bangladesh and many other countries where there is a need.

Operation Eyesight Universal started about 25 years ago and I have been an admirer of them for

many years. I marvel by managing donations so well that 90 cents out of every dollar of income is used in curing the remedial blind.

A tax deductible donation of \$25 covers the cost of surgery, food, hospital stay, post-operative care and glasses. It's a real miracle. Operation Eyesight, along with the co-operation of dedicated doctors and nurses in the developing world, can accomplish so much for so little money!

And for every \$25 donation you receive a patient identification card indicating who it was you restored sight to.

Miracles can happen and are happening. We in Canada can help to make those blind eyes see again.

Donations may be sent to Operation Eyesight Universal, P.O. Box 123, Station 'M', Calgary, Alberta, T2P 2H6.

They issue receipts for income tax purposes. What better way to celebrate Easter than to give someone a new life and a new beginning.

sincerely,
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Terry Fox Beach plans ongoing

Mr. Bruce Fallen
Program Co-ordinator
N.O.T.I.C.E.

Dear Mr. Fallen:

Further to a telephone conversation with you on March 26 regarding the possibility of tapping funds from the N.O.T.I.C.E. Program to be applied to the development of the Terry Fox Beach area at Jackfish Lake on Highway 17 under the sponsorship of the Terrace Bay and District (Agasabon) Chamber of Commerce.

While it is premature for you to advise of the depth and scope of this new program, it would appear that there are

real possibilities for the chamber to benefit in their plan to develop a tourist attraction at the Jackfish Lake location to commemorate Terry Fox's mission, as well as his visit and stopover.

The chamber plans to install a boat dock, picnic tables, toilets, barbecue pits, a hiking trail, as well as a flag pole and commemorative plaque in memory of Terry Fox.

This will be the first undertaking of the newly-formed chamber of commerce that hopes to motivate others in broadening the economic base of this area and attract more tourists by giving them a reason to stop over to enjoy the scenic beauty and to learn of the uniqueness of Northern Ontario and

its potential as a destination for those seeking a change of pace and something different.

We are anxiously awaiting more details of the N.O.T.I.C.E. Program and will be submitting a comprehensive plan for your consideration as soon as the details of your Inter-ministerial Committee are finalized.

We are most grateful for the interest and cooperation received from the Terrace Bay office of the Ministry of Natural Resources and look forward to the same degree of support and enthusiasm from your working group.
sincerely
Gilles Pouliot, MPP
Lake Nipigon Riding.

Daughter writes poem- mother retires

(The following was submitted by Lorraine Weaver. It was written by Billie Bagdon, Lorraine's youngest and No. 3 daughter. Billie read it to Lorraine at Lorraine's retirement party on March 11 at the Restaurant LeBlanc in Schreiber).

On Lorraine's Retirement Reflections of a Lady

Once upon a time
Back in 1927,
A little babe was born.
She was surely sent from heaven.

Out on a prairie farm
This little girl was raised.
In times as those, there was much toil
And very little praise.

This lovely girl worked very hard
With little time for play.
Her household chores filled up her nights
And school filled up her day.

But her school days ended quickly
For she was needed more at home.
The family then had packed and moved,
From Saskatchewan they did roam.

Beardmore was the lucky place
To then grace my mother's being
And in Schreiber just soon after that,
Bill Weaver she was seeing.

A job at CP Rail came up.
Lorraine quickly filled the spot.
And right away, fellow workers knew
She thought of them a lot.

She always did her very best
To call her crews so well.
They all loved her dedication.
So of course, there's more to tell.

Her friendly smile and warm brown eyes,
Were a treat for all to see
But her familiar voice when calling crews
was appreciated especially.

Now one man in particular,

Had captured Lorraine's heart.
So the two of them were married
And they've been happy from the start.

To add to their good fortune,
Their children brought them joy.
Three little bouncing baby girls,
But, alas, there was no boy.

All went fine, then in '69
Came about a promotion for Bill.
It was distressing to leave workers & pals,
But they never lost their will.

The girls had grown up and gone away,
To study their chosen fields.
But on weekends, usually home again
For Lorraine's delicious meals.

Quickly 5 years had passed by,
And back to Schreiber, in '74 they came.
A lot of changes, though, had come about
And things were not quite the same.

Two daughters were gone and married,
The third one making plans.
Plus four grandchildren already...
Now that, Lor thought was grand.

So back to work in Schreiber Yard,

Until today, that's where she's been.
Competent in every way,
Efficient, bright and keen.

I suppose that's why we love her so
And because she's always shown
Her kindness and affection
To all she's ever known.

So I find it very fitting
To compose this poem for my Mom.
It is a tiny tribute though,
Considering all that she has done.

In fact, together both my Mom and Dad,
Have worked hard for CP Rail
And during those years never let
anyone down
No, not once did they ever fail.

So I'm very proud to be a part
Of my Mother's special day,
And I know I speak for all concerned
When wishing her the best in every way.

And in closing, I'd just like to add
CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done.
Even though CP'll miss you terribly,
You enjoy your retirement, Mom.

You've earned it!!!

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