

Questionnaires will help with recreational masterplan

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Schreiber Recreation Masterplan.

The Township of Schreiber has initiated a Recreation Masterplan which will consider all of the recreational facilities and programs owned by the municipality that are available to its residents.

The Masterplan will be a multi-purpose document that will provide guidance for the development of recreational facilities and programs in Schreiber in the short and long term.

Three steps

The project has been awarded to Conlin Engineering and Planning Ltd. and will be carried out in three steps.

Step One is a data gathering, analysis and presentation phase, which will include the distribution of a questionnaire to all the households in Schreiber.

Residents are being requested to complete one questionnaire per household and to deposit it in

return boxes which have been conveniently located at businesses throughout Schreiber.

A local student (Tammy Meister) has been hired for a period of eight weeks to encourage residents to complete the questionnaire and to tally the results.

Also in step one an inventory of recreational facilities and programs, user groups, recreational trends and the socio-economic traits of Schreiber will be completed.

Individual meetings will be held with user groups to determine their specific needs. The findings will be published in a first Interim Report to be submitted in early August.

Step Two is an alternative or options phase in which the various ways in which the municipality and other groups can serve the recreational needs and aspirations of local residents will be put forth.

The costs of renovations versus new construction and the feasibility of each alternative for serving these immediate, short and long-term needs will be detailed in the Second Interim Report.

As well, the financial situation of the municipality will be taken into account and funding sources will be documented.

The Second Interim Report will document these findings.

Step Three is the preparation of draft and final Recreation Masterplans, using the first two reports as data base.

In the final Masterplan, selected alternatives or options will be expanded upon and prepared as part of a recommended strategy for serving local recreational needs.

Direction will be offered for such matters as potential funding sources, programming changes, staffing, the roles of local agencies and organizations, joint-use agreements and bylaws, maintenance and phasing to meet future municipal recreational needs.

Student placement office open now

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Parise will be in Schreiber in Meeting Room 1 of the recreation complex all-day Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration cards

In order to help students find jobs, there are two major things Parise does. The first is having the students fill out the student registration card. This card asks the typical information such as the student's name and S.I.N. as well as the type of work preferred and what type of transportation the student has use of.

The second important job has Parise visiting as many businesses as she can to inquire whether there is interest in hiring a student for the summer. If a business owner does want to hire, Parise finds out what credentials the owner would like the student to have.

In this way, Parise can better match the student to a job.

Once Parise has a list of jobs that the community has to offer, she posts them on the job board so

students can drop into the centre and see if there is something available that they would be interested in doing.

As well, once Parise has a list of jobs available, she can look through her student registration forms, and in this way also, match a student to the job.

Once Parise matches students to jobs, she will conduct a final interview before sending them to the prospective employer. In this way she acts as a liaison between the student and the employer to ensure that the process runs as smoothly as possible.

Types of jobs

Parise told the News that there is a wide variety of jobs available to students who wish to find work for the summer- these include jobs in labour, waitressing, nursing aids, construction and maintenance.

There is also an odd job category that includes raking and lawn mowing, painting and babysitting. These jobs usually go to the younger students, said Parise.

She said she can also help show students how to fill out job-application forms and how to write resumes.

The Student Placement offices of Terrace Bay and Schreiber will be open for business until August 6 (see business hours earlier in the story).

Once again, you can reach the Student Placement Officer, Moni-

que Parise, at 825-3337 (work) or at 825-3590 (home).

Her office is located in the recreation complexes of Terrace Bay and Schreiber.

(in future issues of the News, Parise will be writing articles concerning topics such as what jobs are available and important hints on how to best present yourself to a prospective employer).

Boating Week

June 7 - 13 is National Water Safety/Safe Boating Week and the Canadian Red Cross Society reminds all water sports enthusiasts mixing water and alcohol can get you in over your head - permanently.

Boaters in particular should remember that the tough changes made to the Criminal Code of Canada (December 2, 1985) make impaired boating as a serious offence as impaired driving. Refusing to provide a breath sample in either a motor vehicle or a vessel is also an offence. It is especially important to note that the offence of impaired boating can be committed whether or not the boat is in motion.

Red Cross has been involved in water safety education for more than 40 years and reminds all water sports participants that water and alcohol can be a deadly combination. Don't wind up in the drink - leave the alcohol behind.

Practically every Canadian lives with driving distance of a body of water large enough to float a boat - or drown a person.

Every summer, careless and unsafe behaviour around water gets some swimmers and boaters into serious trouble that often ends in disaster. Water activities are supposed to be fun but recreation can quickly turn into tragedy - especially if alcohol is involved.

This summer, law enforcement groups and provincial boating authorities will be continuing to crack down on alcohol abuse on

our waterways. The crack-down, which got underway last summer, came about because there was a urgent need for some strong action against drunk-boaters and also because of the success of the "Don't Drink and Drive" programme. Drunk boaters (like drunk drivers) not only endanger themselves, they frequently put others at risk as well. Officials want to save lives and make boating pleasurable for everyone. They are determined to come down hard on alcohol abuse on our water ways.

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