

# Apartments in Schreiber to receive assistance to upgrade

Ontario's Ministry of Housing and the Town of Schreiber recently signed an agreement to clear the way for the upgrading of 10 older rental apartments in the municipality.

Housing Minister Alvin Curling said he was pleased that Schreiber had decided to take part in the provincial Low-Rise Rehabilitation Program.

"Schreiber shares our concern that moderate-cost rental housing must be preserved," said Mr. Curling.

Under the program, which is administered locally by municipalities, a total of 17,000 units throughout the province will be brought up to municipal property maintenance and occupancy standards bylaws by 1990.

Part of the Assured Housing for Ontario strategy, the Low-Rise Rehabilitation Program involves a forgivable loan of two-thirds of the cost of rehabilitating each unit, up to a maximum of \$5,000

per unit.

Under the program, rehabilitation projects in Schreiber are now eligible for up to \$50,000 in assistance.

The program's aims include improving the physical condition of low-rise rental housing while retaining its market suitability of low and moderate-income tenants. It will also prevent buildings from deteriorating to the point at which they may require demolition.

To qualify for the program, landlords are required to minimize disruption to tenants during rehabilitation works.

More than 30 per cent of rental housing in Ontario is in low-rise apartment buildings, duplexes and triplexes. More than 50 per cent of the units are at least 25 years-old and many are in need of upgrading of essential services such as plumbing, wiring and heating.

The agreement Schreiber has signed with the ministry will allow it to administer the program and deal directly with landlords. The town has property maintenance and occupancy standards in place and has had experience in housing rehabilitation programs.

In order to qualify for assistance, buildings must be less than five stories, contain two or more rental apartments, and have been built before 1960.

Landlords with buildings containing 10 or more units may be asked to offer up to 10 per cent of the units under the Rent Supplement Program. Subsidized tenants would pay rent based on household income rather than the size or type of accommodation provided.

# McKellar Hospital to receive new equipment

Health Ministry approves contract at Thunder Bay hospital

Toronto June 18-The ministry

of health has given approval for the award of a contract for the renovation and expansion of the Kidney Dialysis Unit at Thunder

Bay's McKellar General Hospital, Health Minister Murray Elston announced on June 18.

Sillman Construction

Company of Thunder Bay has won the general contract for the project which will use local suppliers and services.

Construction will begin immediately and is expected to be completed by October.

The renovation -expansion project involves major alterations and installation of new equipment in the Renal Dialysis Unit of the hospital, at a total estimated cost of \$589,000.

The ministry is making a capital grant of approximately \$380,000 towards these costs and the hospital will be responsible for the remainder.

The Renal Dialysis Unit of the hospital was first approved in 1968. From 250 treatments that year, treatment demand has reached an estimated 3,500 a year, necessitating the planned alteration, renovation and expansion.

"This is a vital life support program, servicing Northwestern Ontario," Mr. Elston said, "and re equipment and expansion will enable it to deal effectively with the needs of a larger population."

The Thunder Bay District Health Council supported the proposals for the renovation and expansion.



Honour Roll

The above students from Terrace Bay Public School earned the right to be on the Honour Roll. The girls received the award at the 1987 year-end graduation ceremonies Thursday, June 18. Many

awards were given that night. As well, a video of the school trip to Toronto was shown to students and parents alike. Principal Don Davey said the students were fantastic during the trip.

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