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Transfer facility irking some Schreiber residents

By Ken Lusk
The News

Several hundred residents of Schreiber have appealed the passing of a bylaw that allows CP Rail to gain access to their own mine concentrate transfer facility in this town.

The bylaw concerns re-zoning, for the most part, an access road from Highway 17 to the facility. The change was from parks and open spaces to industrial. (Only part of the transfer pad itself sat on parks and open spaces).

The appeal has necessitated a yet unscheduled Ontario Municipal Board hearing into the matter.

The bylaw's purpose is only so access can be gained to the facility. Legally, the facility can operate right now.

Rose Marie Renaud of Schreiber has been circulating a petition which has now been signed by several hundred residents of this railway town.

The residents' main concern is that the concentrate from the mine may contain harmful substances.

Renaud has been in contact with CPR and Ministry of the Environment officials but has not been told exactly what the concentrate contains.

She has been told it contains about 16 per cent zinc, seven per cent copper, with some gold and silver included.

Renaud and the others are concerned the concentrate might contain harmful substances which

are used in the mining process.

Renaud has also been told the concentrate is between seven and eight per cent moisture, that it is kept in a clay state and that it is "finer than beach sand".

She is worried that when it is very windy, the substance could fly through the air causing harm to houses, trees, gardens and lungs.

But according to Minnova Inc. and CP officials, the very fact the concentrate is moist will keep it from blowing around.

Traffic hazard

But there are other concerns as well.

Renaud, and other people such as Robin and Pat Moore and Ruth Ann and Brian Birch, anticipates an increase in traffic flow in the area where an access road turns off from Highway 17 to the transfer site.

Renaud is concerned this will present a definite danger. She contends there already is a traffic hazard at this spot.

According to a CP pamphlet on the facility, there will be one seven-axle, 45-ton truck and one four-axle, 25-ton truck involved in transporting the concentrate from the mine site to the facility located just off of Highway 17 and Manitoba Street.

Each truck will make approximately six trips per day, Monday through Friday, during daylight hours only.

Renaud believes this will cause noise pollution that will disturb shift workers.

Schreiber Clerk-Treasurer Aurel Gauthier told the News that CP Rail has received approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications regarding the access road; this means that ministry does not believe there will be a traffic hazard there.

Pollute water supply

Renaud is also concerned that there could be leeching into the soil of the substance that could eventually get into the water supply.

But CPR and Ministry of the Environment officials agreed at a July 9, 1987, meeting that "no discharges will take place at the facility."

"All run off water and concentrate collected at the facility is to be pumped into drums or tank trucks and returned to Minnova Inc. for disposal..."

But Renaud finds it hard to believe that none of the concentrate "will spill in the next five years."

Not informed

Renaud also contends the public (residents of Schreiber) were not properly informed that this facility was going to be constructed.

Schreiber CT Gauthier said residents of this town who live within 300 feet of the area in question received a letter about the proposed transfer facility.

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Fashion Show

Tracey Clark, above, is shown modeling one of the gorgeous fashions at the Winter Wonderland Fashion Show at Lake Superior High School on Nov. 29. The show, sponsored by the Auxiliary to the McCausland Hospital, included fashions from Moore's, Robinson's, The Sewing Nook, the Strawberry Patch and Hurtig Furriers of Thunder Bay. Besides Tracey, other models included Mary Teniuk, Gwen Black, Jennifer Gould, Mike Gould, Elise Kenny, Linda Wilson and Cheryl Fowler. The event was well-attended and everyone had a very enjoyable evening.



Honesty pays!

Crystal McLean, above left, learned that honesty does pay. Crystal found a \$100 bill on Aug. 7 and turned in into the Terrace Bay Police Force. The owner of the bill could not be found and the money was returned to her. The force says that all articles found are retained by the department for 90 days. If owners are not found, the articles are returned to the finders. Constable Wes Fenton of the Terrace Bay Police Force is shown above returning the money to Crystal.

More than 3.3 million to watch games

More than 1.8 million ticket holders are going to watch the 1988 Olympic Winter Games in person, while another 1.5 billion worldwide will follow the action in the 10 official Olympic winter sports on television.

They'll see:

Alpine Skiing: a total of 10 separate medal events- five for men and five for women- including downhill, slalom, giant slalom, super giant slalom and alpine combined (downhill and slalom);

Biathlon: a combination of target shooting and cross-country ski racing. Olympic competition consists of 10 and 20-k races and a 4 x 7.5 relay for men. There is no Olympic biathlon competition for women;

Bobsleigh: two-man and four-man teams rocketing down a twisting, mile-long ice track in sleek steel and fiberglass sleds. Top competitors can reach speeds up to 150 km/h;

Cross-country skiing: a total of eight individual and relay events for men and women. Using long, narrow skis, they race through woody, hilly terrain over distances from five to 50 kilometres;

Figure skating: originally part of the Summer Games. In 1908, in London, England, skaters com-

peted in men's and women's sin-

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Letters to Santa Claus

Well kids, it's that time of the year again when Santa Claus would like to know what you want for Christmas. All you have to do is write to him and send it to the Terrace Bay-Schreiber News, P.O. Box 579, Terrace Bay, Ontario, POT 2W0.

In order for the News to publish your letters, our office must receive them no later than Friday, Dec. 11, 1987.

