# Township helps with upgrading

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"There are other provincial government programs available that do provide funding to clubs, municipalities, etc," said McGrath.

10 years ago the MNR was heavily active with grant programs, etc.

The MNR used to do a lot of the work, McGrath said.

He stressed that if people in our area formed a bona fide ski club, there would be plenty of grants available.

The recreation directors of both towns have helped a lot to upgrade the trails, said McGrath.

Their expertise and assistance with what is available to clubs is crucial he believes.

"The goal is to see a club formed in our area," he said.

Potential benefits to having a club include access to grants. Grants could assist with buying ski equipment, accessing ski programs, maintaining ski

trails and creating jobs said McGrath.

#### **Bottom line**

McGrath told the News the MNR still does weekly track setting for the trails as well as providing signage for the convenience of the skiers.

The bottom line for the MNR is to provide technical assistance, and to suggest ways, or guide, clubs so they can access money and reap the benefits of having a club going.

McGrath really wants to see a club formed.

He cited an example of a very successful ski club in Marathon.

They have a club house and several kids' programs. "The skiers took control," he said.

Every weekend there are programs going on in Marathon. The Jack Rabbit program is an example. It teaches kids about skiing.

McGrath said Marathon had a consultant come in who advised the club in numerous areas concerning running a ski

McGrath urges all people who would like to form a ski

club to contact either recreation directors (Schreiber-Ron Larivee, 824-2713; Terrace Bay- Dean Main, 825-3542).



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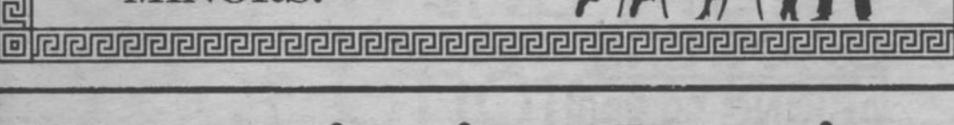
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