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## Ontario Hydro study to determine feasibility of moving its head office

By Ken Lusk  
The News

A feasibility study to determine if Ontario Hydro's area office should move from Schreiber to another point along the North Shore was conducted by the company and the conclusion supported the move.

The study found the operation would save money and would be more convenient to operate if moved to Marathon, said Schreiber Clerk- Treasurer Aurel Gauthier.

The Townships of Schreiber and Terrace Bay have opposed the move and made a presentation to hydro before Christmas in an attempt to show the negative impact the move would have on this area; more specifically, a loss of jobs.

Gauthier told the *News* hydro was even offered land in Schreiber if the facility was kept in that town.

The townships want hydro to reconsider their decision, so the company has undertaken an impact study to see what effect the move would have on the economy of the area.

### January or February

Regional manager for hydro Roger Smith told the *News* in a telephone interview that the completed study did in fact show that there would be "some economic benefits" in moving to Marathon.

The second study, a community impact study Smith called it, will determine the impact on Terrace Bay and Schreiber if the jobs involved were transferred to Marathon.

Smith said there are 11 jobs

involved; that is, 11 workers are employed by hydro and work out of Schreiber at the present time.

The *News* learned money has been allocated for a brand new hydro service centre that will cost between \$400-500,000. The construction date is planned for 1990, Smith said.

He added that after the study is completed, it will be forwarded to the municipalities for their consideration and input.

Smith estimated the study will be completed by the end of January, or at the latest, the end of February.

Smith told the *News* the feelings of the workers involved are "mixed".

He said some workers don't want to go, some don't mind going, and others say they will go if they have to.

This area (Terrace Bay/Schreiber) is their home, Smith said, but there are two sides to the coin.

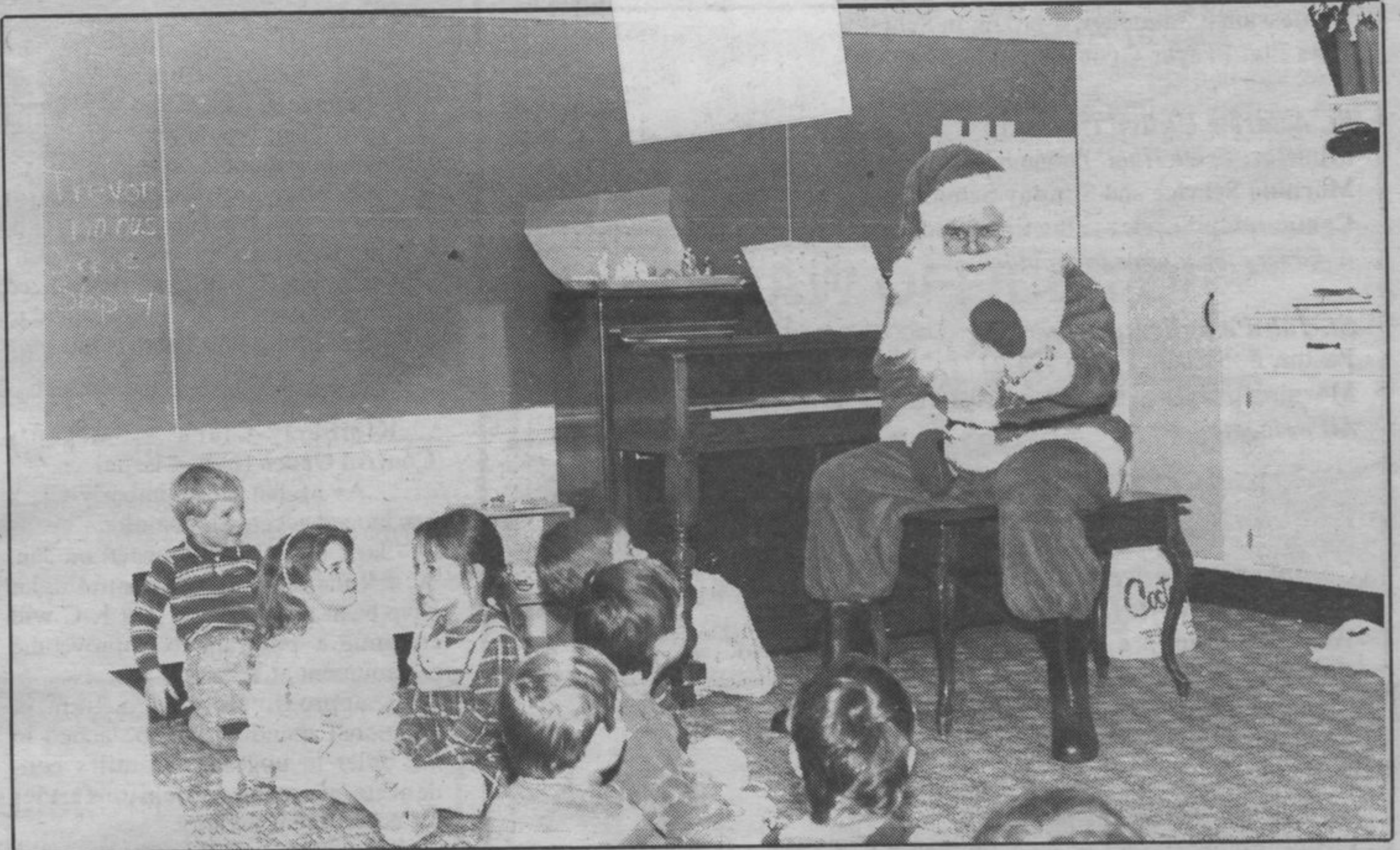
The workers do spend a lot of time away from home, and Smith sees that as an indication that moving them to another location would not be detrimental.

They have "mixed emotions," he said.

Smith also mentioned the fact that the Schreiber office is at the west end of the area that is served.

He intimated it would make more sense to have the office in a more central location, like Marathon.

The hydro outlet in Schreiber services mainly Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Marathon, White River and Manitowadge.



## HO!HO!HO!

Merry Old St. Nicholas took some time out of his busy schedule to visit area schools just before Christmas. Here he is shown talking children at St. Martins school in Terrace Bay. The students were especially pleased to see the grand old man with all his bells, some of his bells hung from his suit & he also carried one large bell that he rang as he came in & as he went out.

(K. Lusk photo)

## Another year over and a new one just begun

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Another year over and new one just begun. That famous phrase from a John Lennon song simply describes the exit of the old 1987 and the entrance of the young 1988.

What will this year hold? Will it be a happy year, a sad year, a productive year, or a wasted year?

Only time itself will tell if we will look back fondly on 1988.

But for now all we can do is look back at 1987; certainly an exciting year for area residents.

Kimberly-Clark of Terrace Bay received yet another control order to abide by as well as having to lay off 101 workers from the Longlac sawmill; the Winston Lake project geared up and is now hoping for a start up for the first quarter of 1988. Unfortunately there were two deaths at the Winston Lake mine site in 1987; CP Rail in Schreiber experienced a strike that lasted a week. Workers striked to protest massive layoffs railways planned as they prepared for deregulation.

The *News* now looks back at the first four months of 1987 in this first part of a three-part series.

Look back with us as we say good-bye to another year. Enjoy!

Hansen arrives on New Year's Eve (Jan. 7 issue)

"After crossing tens of thousands of miles and some 34 countries, Rick Hansen finally wheeled into Terrace Bay on a beautiful, snow-flaked new year's eve.

"...A large number of people greeted Hansen at the recreation centre as he and his entourage arrived. No time was lost in getting Hansen into the building.

"There was standing room only in

the conference room as Hansen, flanked by Kinsman Gord Moorey and Terrace Bay Councillor Chris Joubert, was welcomed by the people of Terrace Bay.

"Thankful for support

Although a detailed breakdown of donations isn't available, Kinsman Moorey said that between Marathon, Terrace Bay and Schreiber, over \$16,000 was raised for the man in motion.

"Hansen then addressed the crowd and thanked them for their time and support in the cold and snow.

"Hansen said it is encouraging and it means a lot to him to see so many people who believe in the spirit (of what he's doing).

"Hansen hopes that as a result of the tour, there will be a better understanding of disabled persons.

"He said there are potential barriers in this and all communities, and hopefully everyone will work together to break down these barriers.

"Hansen said that it is not just one man who can make a difference, it is the thousands of people who have helped the tour that will make a difference.

"...He also thanked all of the hard workers in all the communities, the North of Superior Kinsmen Clubs, the reeve and people of Terrace Bay.

"...Hansen resumed his trek across Northwestern Ontario on Jan. 2 and was again met by enthusiastic crowds from Schreiber and Rossport.

"In Schreiber, crowds gathered at the Bell Telephone building and welcomed Hansen as he arrived at about 8:40 a.m.. Again, generous donations were given."

Control order negotiations favourable says Lavallet (Jan. 28 issue)

"Jack L. Lavallet, president of K-C of Canada, returned from a meeting with government officials on Jan. 23 concerning the new control order and he told the *News* that the government was amiable.

"Lavallet said last Friday that negotiations are continuing through the weekend and that he expects a wrap up by this week. He said he believes the end is in sight.

"The negotiations have been

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### Mint condition

Luigina Costa of Costa's Food Market in Terrace Bay, right, accepts a 1987 Double Dollar set from Linda Robinson, consumer loans officer for the Bank of Commerce in Terrace Bay. Luigina won the set, which contains coins of different denominations, through the bank's Customer Appreciation Day draw held just before the Christmas holidays. (Ken Lusk photo).

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