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## Briefly

### Council vote

In clarification with Terrace Bay Council on the A&W issue, Reeve George Ramsay and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Lorne Mitchell told the *News* that although the motion passed at the Jan. 25 council meeting is a big step ahead for the A&W becoming a reality, it does not mean the A&W is definitely going to exist.

The township officials said the motion authorized council to go into "serious negotiations" with Bagdon Ltd. After that time, another vote will be held. Reeve Ramsay echoed Council. Houston and King's feelings that he will not vote for the A&W unless the contract with Bagdon has in it what they want.

### Council waits for change

The Township of Terrace Bay has sent a letter to the Minister of Education, Chris Ward, asking for a revision to Regulation 691/85; that regulation allows municipal clerks the responsibility for representing the residents and property owners of the unorganized areas in the tax arbitration proceedings.

Terrace Bay Clerk-Treasurer Dave Fulton told the *News* his office has received a letter back from the ministry stating that it plans to look into the matter in attempts to improve the present system.

The township office must now wait for further word from the ministry. "There is no more we can do at this point," said Fulton.

In his letter to Minister Ward, Fulton said, "The Council of the Township of Terrace Bay is very concerned" about the problem that has plagued the municipalities lately.

Fulton refers to the re-arbitration process that has occurred in the area due to repeated appeals by the Township of Manitouwadge. That township has appealed its tax requisition by the Lake Superior School Board of Education feeling it to be too high.

As a result, higher requisitions have been placed on the unorganized townships, making people living there very unhappy.

Ontario Regulation 691/85 attaches the unorganized townships to the municipalities for school board purposes.

Fulton wrote in his letter that, "Council feels that this places an unfair burden on its Clerk, and on Council."

"Council is elected to represent Terrace Bay, not the unorganized townships in the Lake Superior Locality," the letter stated. "The Clerk and Council cannot fairly represent both groups at the same time. To expect them to do so is unrealistic."

# Marcella out of business?

"BY THE A&W GOING INTO BUSINESS, I GO OUT OF BUSINESS". That is what *My Fries* co-owner and local contractor Joe Marcella believes.

By Ken Lusk  
The News

During an interview with the *News*, Marcella said he is 100 per cent confident that if the A&W becomes a reality, his fast food business *My Fries* will cease to exist.

He is not against an A&W per se; he is against a business coming into town and not having to pay property taxes.

Marcella said he is also concerned about the Greyhound Bus depot possibly having to relocate. "Who wants to take it? (the depot)," said Marcella.

He thinks other businesses in town wouldn't want to take over the depot.

"Bagdon's not too keen on it (keeping the depot)," he said.

Increased parking problems at the recreation centre is another concern of the *My Fries* co-owner.

### Terms of reference

Marcella believes there were some discrepancies in the terms of reference for the tendering of the concession (Diane's).

What the terms were in the advertisement placed in this paper and what they are now are totally different, he said.

Bagdon gave the township a great offer. All other applicants were not given a chance to come back with another offer, Marcella said.

The advertisement in the paper said the major equipment needed to run the restaurant would be supplied by the township. The A&W will use all its own equipment, he said.

"This isn't what (the ad) asked for. They changed the rules."

The new restaurant will "have to conform to the A&W corporate image. It irks me that (the township) negotiated with the A&W people several times on the terms of reference, but not with the other applicants," said Marcella.

Another area where he is concerned is with the withdrawal of the tender by Bagdon Ltd.

Marcella says Bagdon, at one point, withdrew his application for the tender of the restaurant. "When the leading applicant withdraws, the onus is on the township to approach the next (leading) applicant," he said. Marcella doesn't believe this was done.

"I submit tenders all over. The next person is immediately con-

tacted."

Before the vote, (Bagdon) verbally re-entered (his tender)," said Marcella. "This puts him in a great advantage. The A&W is in a stronger position."

Marcella believes accepting Bagdon's tender again re-affirms to Bagdon how badly the township wants the A&W.

"The other applicants have a real cause to complain. They were lead down the garden path," he said.

### Not enough traffic

"The highway can only hold so much traffic," said Marcella.

He said that come labour day, the highway traffic goes to zero.

*My Fries*, owned and operated by Marcella and his daughter Tanice, is only open from early May to early September.

"By the A&W going into business, I go out of business. There is not enough traffic to support both (*My Fries* and A&W). I wouldn't be stupid enough to take on the A&W with that little traffic," Marcella said.

He is "100 per cent sure" he will be out of business if the A&W goes in.

He said his daughter Tanice is "broken up" after she heard about the A&W situation. Marcella's daughter is in Montreal right now.

It was her "first kick at the

cat", he said; her first business endeavor.

Marcella and his daughter put \$50,000 into *My Fries* and in the first year of its operation, the town was patting them on the back.

"Two years later- bang," he said.

Marcella told the *News* that in the last two years that *My Fries* has been operating, "business has been good."

He said the first year there were the usual problems like getting equipment, new staff and the overhead costs.

Last season, the second year, Marcella said things started to get on track. Next season would have been the year that the bugs would have been worked out and he could concentrate on "making some money."

He doesn't think it's right to "compete with somebody I've got to subsidize."

The A&W should compete in a business sense, not a subsidized sense," he said.

Marcella also owns the Aguasabon Trailer Park and says he knows from that business and the *My Fries* business that there is not enough traffic to support his business and the A&W.

"It's not good from a business point of view to support him (the

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# Aids information presentation

**Schreiber- AN AIDS INFORMATION SESSION** in Schreiber on Feb. 4 was attended by approximately 50 concerned citizens.

A variety of health professionals from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit and the Aids Committee of Thunder Bay presented information at the Schreiber recreation centre.

The presentations began with a film entitled "Aids: What Everyone Needs To Know". Aids (Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome) is a new disease which affects both male and female persons and homosexual and heterosexual persons, according to the film.

The film explained that the Aids virus is spread through blood to blood transmission; typically through sexual intercourse with infected persons, drug users,

needles, and from infected mother to child, in utero.

Advances in medical technology have eliminated the risk of transmission by blood transfusion.

The film emphasized that individuals cannot come into contact with the Aids virus through dishes, drinking of water fountains, swimming pools, casual skin contact or even being served food or drink by an Aids carrier.

Among the participants at the presentation were Dr. S. Graham, M.D., Darlene Dinette, and Serge Titley.

Dr. Graham, the medical officer for the Public Health Office for the Thunder Bay District, indicated that the Aids virus destroys the immune system which protects us all from disease.

When infected, the course of

the disease from transmission to death is usually about seven years.

Dr. Graham explained how the test for the Aids antibodies must be requested from your family doctor.

He explained that even if a person is an Aids antibody carrier, it does not mean that individual will have the disease.

"The rate of increase of the disease is slowing down," he said. "It is staying within the high risk populations, such as homosexuals and drug users, and not in the general public."

Darlene Dinette, a public health nurse, and co-ordinator of the Community Aids Programme, explained how Aids encompasses two very uncomfortable aspects of life; sex and death.

She said programs, such as Act-B and the Community Aids

Programme, can help to give Aids victims and their families support.

On a larger scale, they hope to inform persons on the ways of preventing the spread of Aids.

Serge Titley, the education officer of the Aids Committee of Thunder Bay (Act-B), spoke about his role.

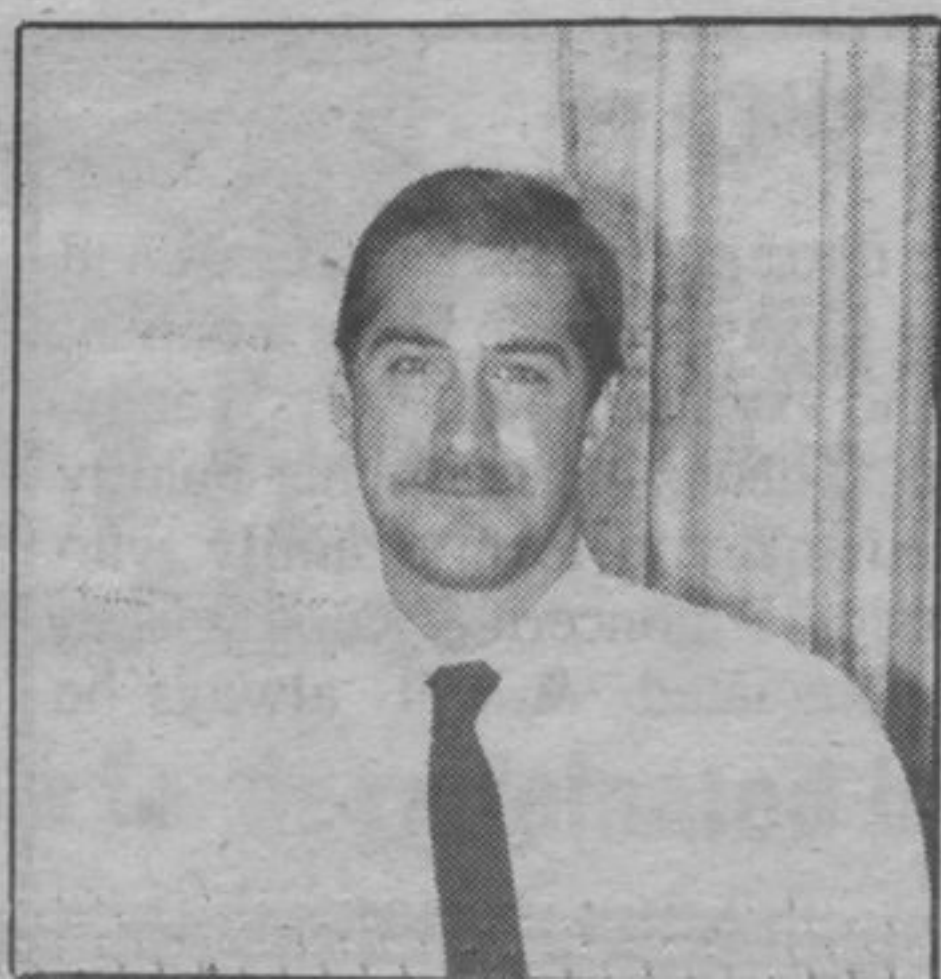
He emphasized that responsible sexual behaviour is the best way to prevent the spread of Aids.

"Aids is not just a gay disease or a punishment from God," he said.

Aids comes as the result of unprotected and irresponsible sexual practices."

Starting on March 1, there will be an Aids hotline (1-345-7133) with a recorded message followed

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MNR has put development of management plan for Slate Islands Provincial Park on hold  
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Council requests master plan for Birchwood be discussed with municipal league  
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