Clerk-treasurer explains A&W lease

Terrace Bay Clerk Treasurer Administrator Dave Fulton told the *News* that if the township's negotiations with Bagdon Limited on the A&W issue go through,

that franchise will surely be paying its fair share of both property and business taxes.

Many residents have claimed that it is not fair that the A&W could go into a town-owned building, therefore not having to pay its share of property taxes.

Fulton said if negotiations succeed, the lease of the A&W will have the property taxes built-in.

The clerk treasurer told the News he believes people think that because it is a lease agreement, there are no property taxes included.

"The restaurant portion is assessed for tax purposes. There are tax levies on it. It can be built into the lease rate," he said. "The A&W will be paying twice as much (as the previous lease holder)."

He added that if the A&W goes through, the rent will be set up so the township can recover its costs.

Fulton reminded the News that all this is tentative. Everything previously mentioned depends on whether the township can negotiate a satisfactory deal with Bagdon. The two parties are still "in discussion".

Other businesses

Fulton said all other businesses in Terrace Bay own their own space. The A&W would not necessarily pay less in taxes than the other businesses.

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They are "all assessed on equal footing," he said, "(depending) on the type and size of the building."

The A&W will be paying its fair share of both property and business taxes, said Fulton.

Taking measurements

Fulton told the *News* that Tom Bagdon himself has been in to the restaurant to take measurements.

He said that if negotiations go through, actual renovations could not begin until the present lease expires- March 31. Fulton estimates that the restaurant could be open for business one and-a-half months later.

Six proposals

Fulton said the township received six proposals for leasing the restaurant, and the township interviewed five of them. The sixth application was from Montreal and Fulton said the township did not think that would be a viable choice. It was not "a good enough proposal," he said.

The present lease holder, Theo Panagakis, was one of the six applicants. (More on Panagakis in this issue).

"We were not unfair about it (reviewing the applicants)," he added.

Council took a look at the proposals and the list was broken down to the best proposals, he said. "(Council) felt Bagdon's was

the top one."

Withdrew proposal

Fulton explained to the News that the call for the restaurant lease proposals was made last October and the applications started coming in in November.

"Time dragged on," Fulton said. He also said that the A&W head office in Vancouver changed its mind and thought that the company had only so much money to go around and that it wouldn't be able to fund the Terrace Bay operation this year.

So their proposal was with-

drawn, but later re-entered to the township.

The News then asked Fulton if that is the wrong way to go.

"Not necessarily," he replied. He said the township decided to let the proposal stand. The proposal could have possibly gone to someone else, but the township still felt Bagdon's was the best proposal, Fulton said.

Council sees this as something good; providing good service to the residents of Terrace Bay, he said. "It will improve (our) image as a tourist centre.

Schreiber Recreation

Mixed Volleyball

We are still trying to get a mixed volleyball league started. Anyone interested in playing recreational volleyball one night per week should contact the recreation office at 824-2317.

Tae Kwon Do

Joe has agreed to run a club out of Schreiber. Instruction will be held each Tuesday and Wednesday from 8-9 p.m. at the rec complex until the end of July 1988.

This is open to anyone ages 10 and up. To register please come to the centre on Tuesday, January 5, at 8 p.m. or come the complex on Tuesday or Wednesday evening to talk to Joe.

Torch relay

Petro-Canada is in the process of producing a book on the '88

Torch Relay. Our Torch Committee would like to include pictures of Schreiber's Torch Days Celebrations.

We ask anyone who has good pictures of any of the events or ice sculptures to bring them to the recreation office or to Brian Birch before Feb. 5. Your pictures will be returned.

Teen Drop In Centre

There is now a Teen Drop In Centre operating out of the games room and meeting room 3. If you are looking for a place to just meet your friends to sit and talk, come out to the recreation centre on Friday and Saturday nights from 7-11 p.m.

First Aid Course

The department has been approached to organize a First Aid Course. Anyone interested should contact the office at 2317.

Schreiber Library

At the Feb. 9th Schreiber Council meeting, Schreiber Public Library Board Chairperson Patricia Davis and Trustee Betty Ann Klassen presented for council the library's 1987 annual report. Following are excerpts of that report:

-as of December 31, 1987, the board accepted with regret the resignation of board member Helen Stokes;

-other board trustees for 1987 were Donna Mikeluk, Norah McGuire, Helen Stokes and Pam McKeever; librarian, Teresa Stortini; part time help, Louise Stefurak, Jeannette Howard, Victoria Stachiw, Allyson Reid, Suzanne Currie, Tracey Howard.

Women's Drop In Program

This is an ongoing program of workshops, crafts, coffee and conversation. Attendance ranged from three to 15 women in the 14-week spring program; slightly lower attendance in the fall with the emphasis on crafts. This program will continue.

Historical Society

Norah McGuire is the board member responsible for the establishment of our local society. On. Sept. 19 a workshop was held about societies with two consultants from the Ontario Historical Society. Residents of Schreiber and Rossport attended.

Literacy program

The library's Adult Basic
Literacy program is established
and running well. We use the
library for tutoring and our collection of literacy materials is
there.

Office space and a quiet place for tutoring would be very helpful to this program.

Highlights- '87

On May 6th and 7th, Prospects North, New Direction in Northern Library Service, presented by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, was held at the Valhalla Inn. This was attended by Trustees Helen Stokes, Pam McKeever, Norah McGuire, Pat Davis and Donna Mikeluk.

In June, Confederation College kindly donated a Commodore Pet Computer, a tractor printer and a dual drive floppy disk to the library. Dale Cooper set up the computer and made up a disc of games.

The Schreiber Public Library Board donates book awards to graduates in the three schools in Schreiber. The awards for 1987 went to Michael Renaud and Christopher Commisso.

In October Cascade Theatre performed 'This Can't Be Happening at Mcdonald Hall' to a large audience of school children at the public school.

Community programs

It is the policy of the board to encourage community use of the library. Meetings, concerts, workshops, tutoring, displays, and presentations are all held in the library.

Its central location and accessibility make it the ideal community gathering place. Our only problem is space. We were very crowded when over 100 people showed up for the Royal Ontario Museum presentation on dinosaurs.

Our attendance figures show a significant rise in participation in library-sponsored programs.

We have 457 members of the library as of December, 1987. This represents approximately 25 per cent of our population.

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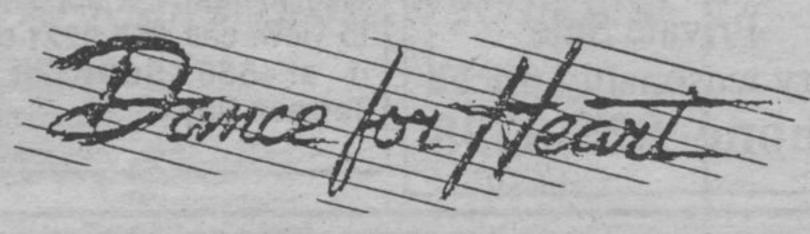
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On February 25th from 7-10 p.m. approximately 100 participants will participate in Dance For Health; a nation-wide fund raising special event that promotes cardiovascular fitness and the development of regular physical fitness through aerobic dance exercise. Anyone 18 years of age & over is welcome to participate.

This event will be held at the Terrace Bay High School Gym.

Participants will collect pledges for 3 hours of invigorating exercise. The money raised through this event will be donated to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario to continue its support of Heart Disease & stroke research. Anyone wishing to participate may pick up the pledge sheets at the Recreation Centre & for further information, contract the Recreation Centre or Anna McKie at 825-3840.



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