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MNR supplies bailey bridge as short-term solution

Several bridges found unsafe

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THE MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES (Terrace Bay) has informed the *News* that several bridges on access roads in this district are unsafe for public use.

Ben Prince, from the ministry in Terrace Bay, said that out of 14 bridges in the Terrace Bay

District, four cannot handle heavy loads and two cannot handle any traffic at all.

Of the two bridges that cannot handle any traffic, one is of special concern to Prince and the MNR.

This bridge, numbered #402, is located near Hillsport, Ontario, and is a major artery out of that small community.

Prince said it is the MNR's duty to notify the public of the danger. Now that the ministry has done its part, it is now up to Buchanan Forest Products to rectify the danger, he said.

But Dick Fry, chief forester with that company, told the *News* "to us (that bridge) is safe for light traffic."

Fry is aware of the ministry's study of these bridges and he said he does not want to question the findings at this time.

Although his company has the

land use permit on the road, he said, it is not used to any great extent by the Buchanan Forest Products company; it is used by the general public.

Buchanan uses it "sporadically for haul purposes," he said. "The MNR has a civi-culture camp so they use it to get there."

(At a civi-culture camp, tree planting/general replenishing of the forest with trees takes place).

Fry said that although his company has an agreement with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications to plow and upgrade that road, Buchanan does not necessarily have the responsibility to repair the bridge.

"If it is unsafe, someone will have to fix the bridge. There is no need for us to repair it," he said.

Fry expects an agreement will have to be made between Buchanan, the MTC and the MNR.

He said the travelling public of Hillsport is "not stuck. There are alternate routes into Manitouwadge." (Camp 70 and Olie Lake roads).

*Fry later called back to say his company has informed him that the MNR has agreed to supply a bailey bridge as a short-term solution. Fry said Buchanan will install it.

A long-term solution will have to be worked out with his company, the MTC and the MNR, he said.

Study done

Ben Prince from the Terrace Bay office of the MNR said that over the last few years, several bridges on access roads in the North Central Region of Ontario have collapsed - at least three incidents occurred because of the weight of loaded trucks.

There is a lot of heavy traffic on these bridges, Prince said.

Several bridges were built with untreated wood for short term use with a lifespan of perhaps 10 years.

The MNR decided to undertake an inventory and structural evaluation of all bridges on access roads to ensure the safety of MNR employees and the public.

An engineering study of the bridges was carried out by MNR engineers, with the assistance of two Thunder Bay engineering consultants, over the summer and fall of 1987.

The results were released last month.

Prince said the engineers used Ontario Building Code measures and the study was consistent with good engineering practices.

The MNR also undertook a major communications program to inform everybody about the

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Briefly

Students against drunk driving

Superior SADD (students against drunk driving) will hold official kick off ceremonies this Thursday and Friday. Lake Superior High School students from both Schreiber and Terrace Bay have formed their own SADD organization.

Thunder SADD (from Thunder Bay) will be here to take part in this two-day official opening.

In the morning on Thursday, February 25th, presentations will be made at a general assembly at the Schreiber campus of the high school. On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, seniors from both elementary schools in Terrace Bay and Schreiber will be addressed.

A symposium open to anyone who is interested in SADD will be held on Thursday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Terrace Bay high school library.

This general information evening symposium, which will include a video by Thunder SADD, is directed at parents and students who are interested in obtaining contracts for life.

The purpose of these contracts is to stop parents and students from taking a ride home from someone who has been drinking.

The kick off ceremonies are co-sponsored by the Terrace Bay Police Department and the Schreiber OPP.

Both forces appreciate the interest shown in the program by all schools; students and staff. Parents; your involvement is crucial to the success of the SADD program.

Schreiber Atoms champions

The Schreiber Atoms took the championship as three teams from Thunder Bay, and one each from Red Rock, Terrace Bay, Marathon, Manitouwadge and Schreiber competed in a two-day round robin divisional play tournament.

The Schreiber Atoms played poor hosts at the Annual Invitational Tournament held February 5th and 6th.

The local team took the championship trophy donated by Cos Filane and the individual trophies that were given out to the championship team.

They also took two of the three most valuable player awards for the tournament.

Chuck Boon won the most valuable goaltender honours after allowing only six goals against in three games. Gregg Zaporzan of the Schreiber team garnered most valuable forward honours.

Best defenceman honours went to Scott Pederson of the Current River Astros. The MVP trophies were donated by Frank Trichilo of Reid's Engraving.

Division A saw the Current River Astros, Marathon, Red Rock and Terrace Bay squaring off.

After two days the Astros emerged the division winners with wins of 2 to 1 against Red Rock, 6 to 4 against Terrace Bay and 7 to 3 against Marathon.

Marathon won the right to play in the consolation final with wins of 4 to 2 over Terrace Bay and 5 to 2 against Red Rock.

In Division B it was a much closer race for the top spot. Schreiber and the Current River Rockets tied their first game and both teams went on to win their remaining games against

Manitouwadge and Erb Transport of Thunder Bay.

With both teams tied with five points, the tournament rules stated that the deciding factor would be total goals for divided by total goals against.

The tight checking system employed by the Schreiber team payed off as they finished ahead of the Rockets.

Schreiber had a 2.5 average and the Rockets a 2.42 average; thus, Schreiber gained the final by .08.

The consolation final saw Marathon jump out to a quick 3 to 0 lead against the Rockets and the game was never in doubt. Marathon won the consolation and trophies with an eventual 5 to 2 score.

The championship game was a much closer and a more exciting game.

The Schreiber boys were much smaller and were given little chance to beat the bigger and stronger Thunder Bay team.

They however came out skating and checking and never really gave the Astros a chance to get their game into high gear.

At the end of the second period the teams skated to the dressing rooms with Thunder Bay leading 3 to 2.

The start of the third period saw Thunder Bay take a 4 to 2 lead. A couple of big saves by Chuck Boon seemed to give the local team a big lift and they tied

the score 4-4 with just under five minutes to play.

The last minute-and-a-half saw some of the most exciting hockey witnessed by local fans this year.

Clinton Riley scored his second goal of the game with 1:29

left to play to give Schreiber their first lead of the game.

Current River came back just 19 seconds later to tie the score again.

It looked like the champi-

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Police Profile

In our first Police Profile, we look at Terrace Bay Police Constable Wes Fenton, a man who says the most enjoyable aspect of his job is his involvement with the local children.

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