

Special transit system would be of benefit to disabled residents...

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Mr. Rick Miles, manager of the H.A.G.I. Transit in Thunder Bay described how their organization is set up and what they would be willing to do to help set up a local system.

Mr. Johnson of North Shore Cab and Mr. Trottier of Trottier Bus Lines were present, and Mr. Smith outlined funding available to taxi companies who wish to purchase accessible vehicles, and explained how existing bus compa-

nies could be used to provide a Special Transit System.

Mr. Trottier addressed the meeting by telling of his interest and experience in transporting disabled people. He expressed a willingness to help in any way possible. The question of driver training was raised, and it was explained that information packages are available to train drivers to deal with disabled passengers.

Mr. Miles of H.A.G.I. and Mr. Smith of the MTC discussed bud-

get proposals for the operation and maintenance of a Special Transit System.

Terrace Bay Reeve George Ramsay suggested a delegation be sent to council to present a more specific outline of operating structure and cost of the proposed system.

To this end, a steering committee was established to study all aspects of the proposal and come up with a concrete plan to present to council by July.

...new parent's group hopes to address needs of area's disabled children

There is a new group in town formed for the parents of handicapped children. DAG and the new group have basically the same goals. Those goals are to provide services and access for all the handicapped population and to have them fully accepted as important members of society.

The National Access Awareness

Week has been set for May 29 to June 4, 1988. This week was established to create public awareness of the difficulties for handicapped persons in Canada.

In planning for the Fall Fair, DAG is hoping to have a demonstration of difficulties experienced by the disabled and seniors.

The new local group for parents

of handicapped children is still in the process of establishing its goals and aims.

There will be a public meeting for this new group on April 17 from 1 pm to 4 pm. It will be held in the multi-purpose room at the Terrace Bay Recreation Centre. Interested individuals and groups are urged to attend.

Ministry releases results showing toxic effluents from Ontario mills

Dioxins and furans have been detected in the waste water discharged from Ontario bleached kraft pulp and paper mills, according to test data released March 31 by the Ministry of the Environment.

The most toxic form of dioxin — 2,3,7,8-TCDD — was found in five of seven kraft mill effluents analyzed.

Concentrations of 2,3,7,8-TCDD ranged as follows: Boise Cascade — Fort Frances, ND (not detectable) to 0.02 parts per trillion (ppt); Great Lakes Forest Products — Dryden, 0.06 to 0.16 ppt; Kimberly-Clark — Terrace Bay, ND to 0.02ppt; James River—Marathon, 0.13 to 0.4 ppt; and E.B. Eddy—Espanola, ND to 0.03 ppt.

No 2,3,7,8-TCDD was detected at either the Great Lakes Forest Products Thunder Bay kraft mill, nor at Domtar's Red Rock kraft mill. Two non-kraft mills tested, Abitibi-Price's Thunder Bay and Fort William mills, were also free of 2,3,7,8-TCDD.

Furans were found in six of seven kraft mill effluents tested, with levels reaching as high as 4.2 ppt.

Final effluent samples are still being analyzed from the two other

kraft mills is Ontario. Malette Kraft Pulp and Power in Smooth Rock Falls and Domtar in Cornwall. Results are expected this summer.

Effluent samples were taken last Summer and Fall after U.S. and Ontario studies established that these compounds are formed in the bleached kraft pulping process.

Seventy-four fish taken near five mills at Rainy River, Thunder Bay Harbour and Lake Superior at Marathon were tested. 19 of the fish showed dioxin levels ranging from 1ppt to 9ppt.

The Health and Welfare Canada fish consumption guideline is 20 ppt. In 55 fish, no dioxin was detected. Fish sample results are expected from other receiving waters later this year.

Tests of raw and treated drinking water from Fort Frances, Emo, Rainy River and Thunder Bay Bare Point water treatment plants detected no dioxin or furan. Further samples of raw and treated water have been collected from other locations downstream of kraft mills. Results are expected later this spring.

In a research phase of the study, suspended solids were isolated from the mill effluent and tested. Suspended solids, while comprising a small portion of total effluent

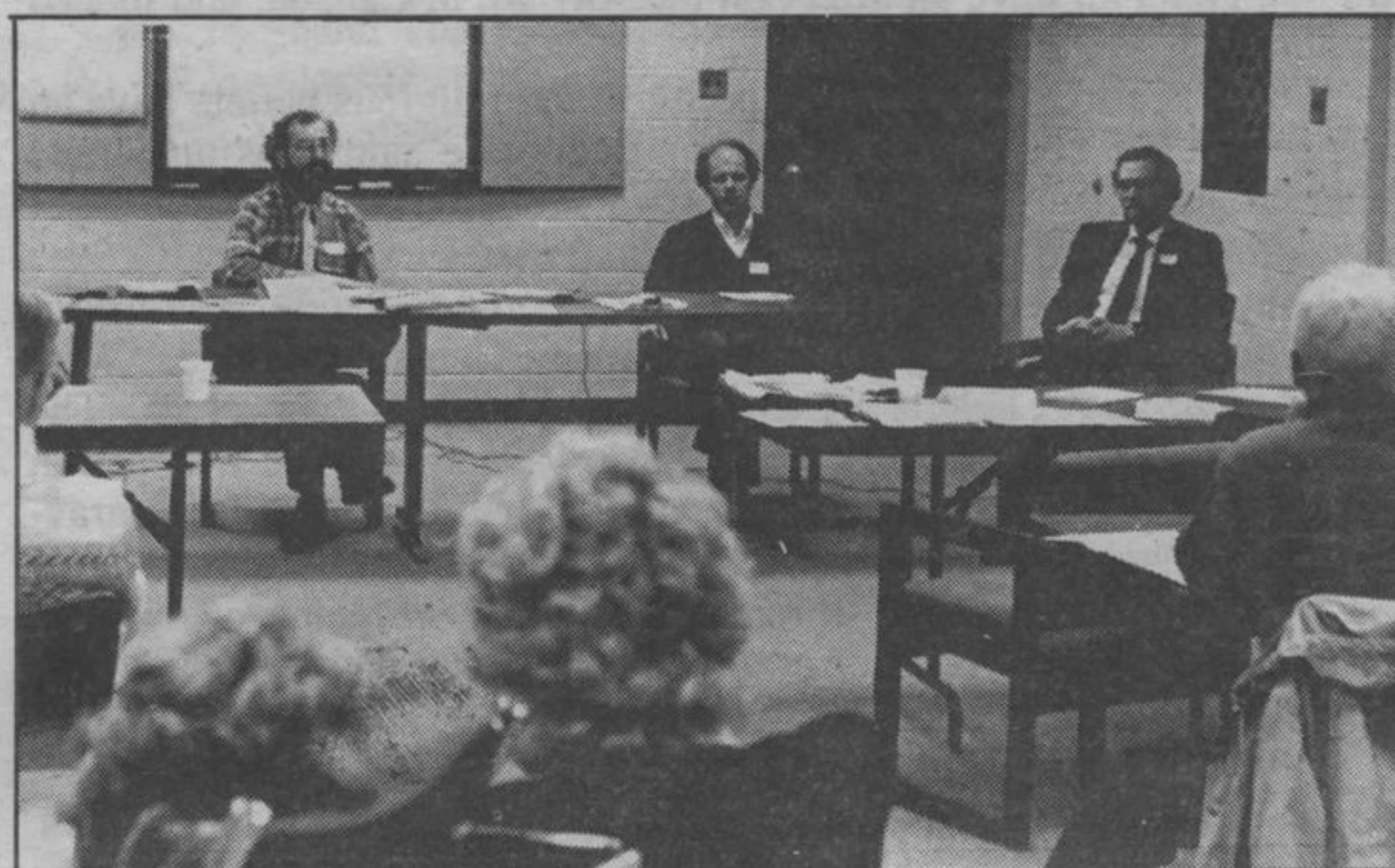
volume, normally contain virtually all of the dioxins and furans. Dioxins were detected in suspended solids at levels ranging from ND to 2,888 ppt. Furans were detected at levels ranging from ND to 6,425 ppt. These results are not considered to be as reliable as the data for total mill effluent.

"Today's results underline the serious pollution problems which kraft pulp and paper mills must correct," Environment Minister Jim Bradley said.

Program "clearly needed"

"The MISA (Municipal Industrial Strategy for Abatement) waterways cleanup program, which requires polluters to abate this sort of contamination to the levels attainable by the best available pollution control technology economically achievable, is clearly needed by this industry. Ministry officials are working with industry representatives to get comprehensive monitoring and abatement underway," Mr. Bradley said.

An expert committee report, studying toxicity and abatement options for this sector of the pulp and paper industry under Ontario's MISA, is due to be released in April.



Attending the DAG Seminar (l to r): Simon Hoad, Community services manager, March of Dimes; Gene Trottier, Trottier Bus Lines; and David Smith, Head of Program Development and Evaluation, Ministry of Transportation and Communication. photo by Greg Huneault

Canada Day coming soon

Celebrations will have something for everyone

Plans for Terrace Bay's Canada Day celebrations are shaping up very nicely. Participating groups are quite enthused and there will be something for all ages — from tots to teens and right up to senior citizens.

Some of the many events planned include: the annual parade, sidewalk sale, bike rodeo, baby pageant, bingo, horse shoes, bed race, beer garden, teen dance, free see "Plenty" on page 9

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ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shynkaryk are pleased to announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Donna Anne, to Gordon Daniel Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Adams of Kenora, Ontario.

Wedding to take place August 5th, 1989

PETERSON

Funeral services for the late, Mrs. Noreen Peterson, age 78 years of Terrace Bay who passed away in hospital on March 23, 1988 were held on March 25 at 2:00 p.m. from The Community Church, Interment in Terrace Bay Cemetery. Survived by son Reg and four grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband Carl. Pallbearers were: Dave Falzetta, Bill Randa, Doug Caldwell and grandsons Steve, Mike and Matt. Attending from out of town: grandsons Matt of Calgary, Mike and wife Sue of Thunder Bay, granddaughter Allison of Toronto, Mrs. J. Zvonar, Joy Caron and Nancy Van Oudheusden, all of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Dr. Adey

Wishes to announce his retirement from the active practice of medicine because of uncertain health.

Patients wishing to transfer their records to another doctor can do so by signing a release. The chart will be sent to the doctor of their choice.

I would like to thank all the patients who have given me their trust and confidence over the years.

God bless you all.

Lordy, Lordyl
Arlene
is 40!

Happy Birthday!
Love
Lorraine, Rolande
&
Michele



Janice
Welcome to the
'Dirty 30's Club'

Love Jan

