

Recreational services vital to communities in North Ontario

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provincial government to spend unallocated provincial lottery profits on the operation of hospitals.

As the Lottery Act stands now, profits from the provincial Lottery Corporation are designated for cultural and recreational facilities and activities.

If Bill 119 is passed, lottery profits would be given to the Trillium Foundation, which is an arm's length lottery distribution body for charitable social service organizations.

The Foundation would then distribute the money to help ease the financial burden experienced by many of the province's hospitals. And many realize that there is a bit of money in the pot.

With a present unspent kitty of approximately \$292-million and estimated revenues from inter-provincial lotteries, revenues are expected to reach \$465 million in 1988-89.

Dean Main said he is "very concerned" about the possible repercussions to recreational programs and funding in Terrace Bay if the Bill is passed.

"The Bill will pass if recreational professional community groups don't get organized and show our opposition to the Bill."

As the president of Northwestern Ontario Professional Recreation Society, Ron Larivee is trying to get that message to the government. Larivee wrote a letter to Premier Peterson expressing the Society's opposition to any change, and said that it would potentially mean a further loss of recreational services to the people of this area.

Larivee contends that the total \$465-million will be transferred to hospitals, and it will adversely affect small northern communities.

"Recreation is important — especially in Northern communities in order to attract residents and in

order to keep people here," Larivee told the News.

"If (recreational funding) isn't available to build or renovate, how can we keep people in the North?"

Larivee illustrates lacking services when he points out that if someone in this area wants to swim in the winter, they must travel to Marathon to find the closest indoor pool.

He said local hockey programs might also be in jeopardy if funding is transferred. Costs to subsidize travelling expenses for all

local teams might be affected, and it would mean that parents would have to pay more to see their children play in leagues or obtain competitive experience.

Larivee is preparing another letter, and he hopes it will have an impact before the second reading of Bill 119 is heard in September.

Toronto City Council is spearheading a province-wide blitz of town and city councils to voice their opposition to Bill 119.

Both local councils have followed the suit of Toronto City Council in condemning the proposed amendment.

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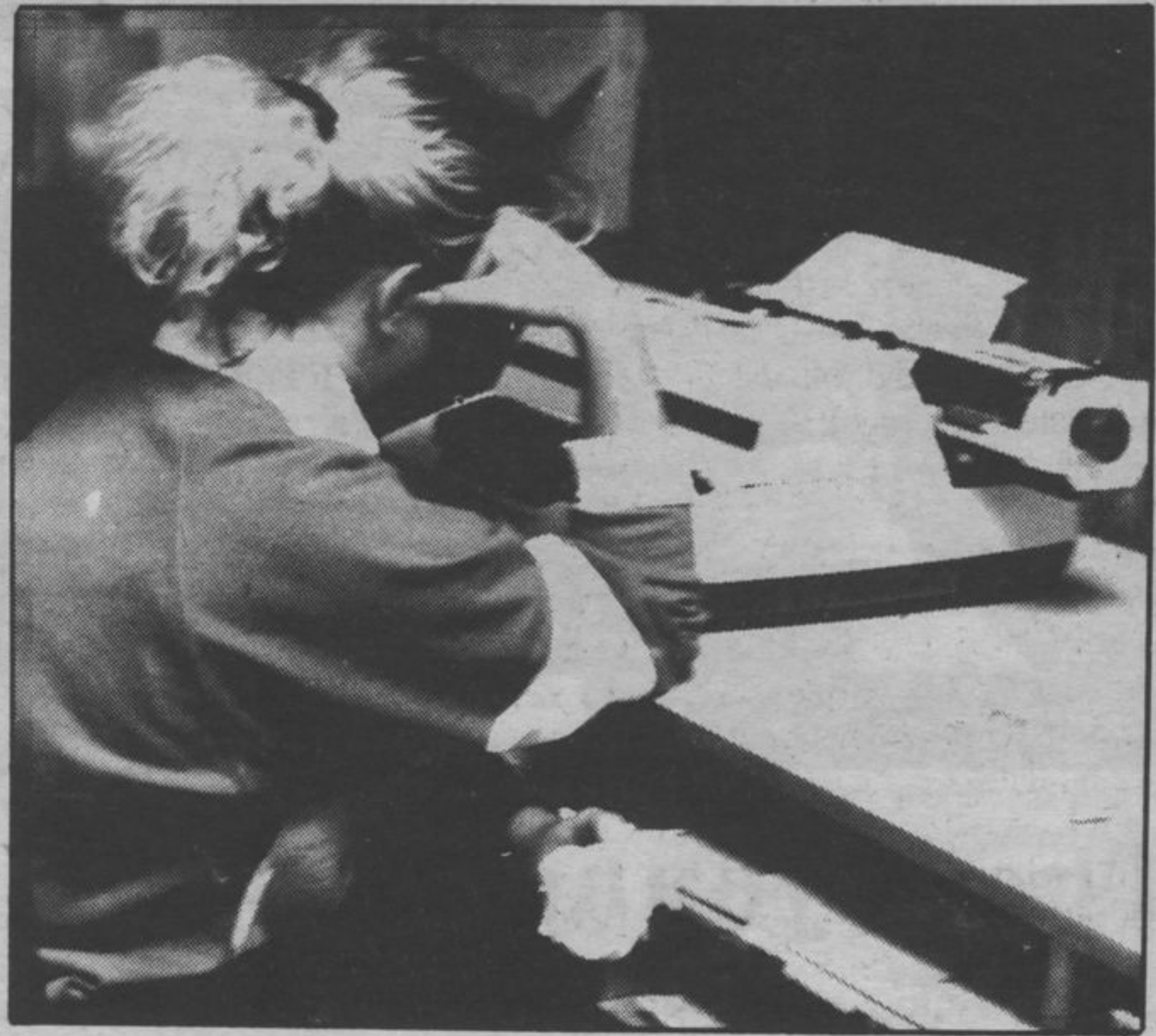
No teams will be accepted after September 11, 1988
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Golf Club to decide

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be watered at one time. As with the club house roof, the greens watering system has been leaking and will have to be replaced eventually.

The 24-page report identifies four projects to be considered by club members.

A proposed new Golf Club would include a pro-shop, a licensed dining area and lounge which would hold 150 people, club storage and full kitchen facilities.


The report says the golf club executive supports public use of the proposed facility, which could include use by cross-country skiing and snowmobiling clubs during the winter months.

A new maintenance garage is another construction project to be considered. A 6m by 12 m building would serve the clubs needs.

The cost of the proposed club house is pegged at \$300,000. The total projected cost for all options is \$500,000, but it is expected that the Executive will not accept all the proposals of the report.

The Aguasabon Golf Club has until September 9 to submit a grant application to Wintario to provide 50 per cent of total costs for any projects, so they will have to decide quickly what they want to shoot for.

It is expected they will play it conservative rather than shoot for the green from the tee.



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