

Band to operate hydro plant in Marathon

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over 13 submissions, and received top ranking in all review categories. I was particularly impressed with their thorough consideration of the project's environmental implications."

The project is expected to take two years to complete and will provide short-term jobs for local residents during construction, and long-term jobs in the maintenance and operation of the plant. Construction on the Black River, upstream from Heron Bay, is expected to begin next spring.

When completed, the hydro plant will produce 12 megawatts of electricity, enough to supply a town of up to 5,000 people.

"Revenue generated locally by the sale of the electricity will create long-term economic benefits to both the band and the surrounding communities," said Kerrio.

The competition for the site was conducted under the Small Hydro Development Program, which is administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources with co-operation from the Ministry of Energy.

The project is the largest small hydro development initiative undertaken so far as part of MNR's Crown Land as a Development Tool program.

Shop smart

By Maurice Fenelon

With Christmas drawing ever so near, consumers are preparing for the holidays and festivities we all look forward to. There are, however, a few things we do not look forward to and that is receiving three identical ties or a sweater two sizes too large or a gift that is unsuitable for another reason.

What would you do if faced with this situation? You would return the items to the seller for a refund or exchange, right? Sounds simple doesn't it, but buyer beware, it isn't always so easy.

In fact, stores don't have to take back any merchandise, unless they have agreed in writing to do so.

But the best way to avoid problems is to shop carefully, particularly when buying a gift. Know clothing size, color preferences, and other necessary details before spending any money.

When buying an appliance, always be sure it is covered by a satisfactory warranty.

For health reasons stores normally won't take back such personal clothing as underwear or bathing suits.

Comparison shopping at reputable stores will help avoid regrets over a purchase and should all but eliminate the need to seek refunds.

To be safe, check refund and exchange policies in advance. Although they do not have to do so, many retailers post notices at check-out counters explaining their terms for accepting returns.

Some shops offer refunds of the

full price. Others issue credit notes that can be used on future purchases in the store. Unless an item is custom-made, many retailers allow customers to exchange items they do not want for similarly priced merchandise. And there are shops which adopt an "All sales final" policy.

If no signs are posted, ask the following questions:

- Are full returns offered? if not, what form of compensation, if any, is available?

- At stores which allow returns of some kind find out what proof of purchase is required. If a sales slip, cancelled cheque or charge bill is needed?

- Does the merchandise have to be in its original packaging, totally unused, with labels still attached?

- Do returns have to be made within a specified time?

In order to take advantage of refund or exchange privileges, be sure to comply with all the shop's requirements and have a valid reason for taking merchandise back. Handling returns costs the retailer money and the expense may have to be reflected in higher prices. Some merchants charge customers returning goods 10 per cent or more of the original price to cover the cost of putting the item back on the shelf.

Occasionally, shops may find a reason for refusing to take back merchandise despite policies. Explain the situation calmly to a sales clerk, then go to the manager if it is necessary. Be prepared to compromise, perhaps by taking an exchange instead of a refund or agreeing to have the store repair the item free.

If an agreeable solution isn't found, send a registered letter to the person in charge or hand deliver it. Include your name, address and phone number, a full description of the product purchased, when it was bought and the price. Send copies of receipts or other documentation. Outline the complaint, how it has been dealt with so far and propose a solution.

And remember if you need batteries for children's toys, camera flashes and other Christmas gifts buy them well before Santa's day and remember to check the battery size.

Winnie's Scribbles

Thirty-two members of the Chimo Club enjoyed their monthly meeting Fri., Nov. 18. Ken Davis, president, chaired the meeting and conducted the routine business. A letter from the Schreiber Legion Branch was read inviting the members to the Legion for their annual Christmas Party on Sat., Dec. 10.

Those planning to attend must sign the list in the Chimo Club by Sat., Dec. 3. Santa Claus should also make an appearance with an exchange of gifts.

Pat Guina presented his financial report and Bingo report which were approved as presented. Bingo winner for November was Sandra Larivee. Beth Macadam gave the bazaar report which had been very successful in spite of the storm that day. She thanked all her committee members and everyone who had donated and supported the bazaar.

Winnie Campbell reported for the refreshment committee and she thanked all who had supplied lunch during the year at the meetings. Eva Gordon gave her Sick and Visiting report having sent out several "Get Well" cards and one sympathy card.

Beth Macadam presided then for the election of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee composed of Alice Sparkes and Eirene Harness. Nominees elected are: President, Ken Davis; 1st vice-president, Alex Gordon; 2nd vice-president, Leona Fournier; Treasurer, Pat Guina; Secretary, Helen Jartus; Trustee, Mike McGrath. Officers will be installed at the Christmas Party.

Birthdays were celebrated by Juanita Gellert, Eirene Harness,

Margaret Nesbitt, Irene Spicer, Betha Miller, Bena Welbourne, and Irene Morin.

Al Slater showed a film while the ladies were preparing lunch. Shuffleboard winners were: 1st, Mel Webb and Etta Gray, 2nd, Leona Fournier and Alex Gordon. Bridge winners were Bena Welbourne and Alice Sparkes.

A birthday party was held for Chris Campbell who was eight yrs. old. His school friends and relatives attended at the A & W for lunch and birthday cake and we all went bowling. He received nice gifts.

Our deepest sympathy to the Thorstons on the passing of Mrs. K. Thorstenson. Get well wishes to Mavis Godin in hospital.

Mrs. Jean Huard's daughter from Mississauga is visiting here.

The Anglican Church held their Christmas Tea and Bazaar. Another stormy day but lots of people attended. Turkey patties and salads and cookies were served. Winners of the draws as follows. Light cake won by Nora Richardson, dark cake won by Joyce Gilmore (T Bay), quilt won by Dorothy Rummery, Nean McKenna the quilted wall clock, door prize Emma Pitkew. Also lots of knitting and baking tables, fish pond and childrens tables. Thanks to all who helped.

On Dec. 18, the childrens pageant was held at St. Johns. The junior choir sang Christmas carols. A X-mas party was held with gifts from Santa for all the school children ages from 3 yrs. old to 12 yrs. About 40 children attended.

Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year.

Hellene's Bits & Bites

At last the elections in both Canada and the U.S. are over, so maybe we can get back to normal.

In regard to the elections, it was too bad we did not have a polling station here at the Home for the seniors as we had before, some thought should have been given to this matter.

The weather was not the best and walking outside for the residents is sometimes difficult. It seems to me whoever was in charge of this could have helped. Don't forget, just because folks are old, their vote still counts and something like this makes them feel like second class citizens.

After all, they are the back bone of this country, so another year I hope different arrangements can be made so the seniors don't have to go outside their home to vote.

I guess now the next thing is

Christmas. Already we hear and see the coming of the big day. No doubt the wee folks have their gift lists all written down. I hope you parents will heed the warning on T.V. about unsafe toys. We don't want any accidents over the holidays, and let us remember the poor and the hungry people - make a gift to the organizations who take care of these people, you know I'll bet you will have a nice warm feeling about doing this.

Not much news this week except for a crank call I received, but it went in one ear and out the other. Something like that comes with this job.

Until next time: Ad in the Thompsonville Press.

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NOTE THAT PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR:

- porches/decks/steps
- installation of wood stoves, furnaces, etc.
- chimney construction/modification
- garage/sheds
- structural alterations
- additions.

For further information please contact the Township of

Terrace Bay Building Department.



Winnie Campbell
(Saturday, December 3rd)

Happy 85th Birthday "Mom"

From the Family