

## NITC surveying training needs of area businesses

By Dave Chmara

The North Shore Industrial Training Committee (NITC) has hired a consulting firm, to carry out a needs survey to determine what kind of training is required in the area.

NITC covers the area as far east as Mobert, west to Pays Plat and north to Manitowadge which is a total population of about 15,000 people.

The survey will be sent by mail to under 500 businesses in this area to determine what types of training are required to upgrade employee skills.

The survey will be sent out in early January and Leslie Dickson, program co-ordinator with the Community Futures Program, said once the information is back and compiled she hopes for results to be in by the end of February.

NITC will then determine what training programs to pursue and work out and submit the required budgets to the Ministry of Skills Development and Employment and Immigration Canada.

Dickson stressed the importance of businesses completing the needs

survey. She said poor results will make it very hard to determine what courses will have to be purchased for the appropriate upgrading.

Dickson said once the courses are decided upon, the information will be given to the government from a local level. This way the upgrading will be geared to the needs of a particular area.

Many groups are involved with the program including labor, education, business and government.

Dickson also said NITC is hoping the training will be done at a local level, possibly even on the job site.

Marilyn Murphy is the co-ordinator of the needs survey and the contact for businesses if they have any questions about the survey. She is located in Marathon and can be reached at 225-0569.

The official Mission Statement of NITC is, "To determine the training needs in the region served by the NITC and to successfully train local residents and upgrade their skills thereby improving the existing skill base and increasing regional employability."

## Minnova employees no longer face starting cold cars for work

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upon because it was the most cost effective and convenient of the proposals.

The program will be run by both the employees and the company with the employees doing the driving.

The drivers were selected on the basis of which department they worked in, what shift they will be working, and their driving record.

All of the drivers are volunteers and Dickson said roughly the same amount of vehicles will be starting in Schreiber and Terrace Bay.

The car pool will operate seven days a week and cover all shifts.



Minnova officials were on hand to pick up eleven new vans and one suburban. The vehicles will be used as part of the company's new car pool program which company officials hope will be a long term program. It is estimated about 75 per cent of Minnova employees at the Winston Lake Division will be part of the car pool. Photo by Dave Chmara

## OPP winter car checks

Every year, the first snowfall seems to take Ontario drivers by surprise. This year, however, by preparing ahead, motorists can ensure safe driving throughout the winter.

Having your car properly tuned and fluid levels checked is the most important step. The gas tank should be at least half-full in cold weather to avoid gas-line freezing, resulting in stalling.

Snow tires should be used if the car is not equipped with all-season radials to alleviate slipping on snow and ice.

A kit containing ice scraper, shovel, booster cables, flares, blankets and a first-aid kit should be stored in the trunk.

When parking, run the car back and forth to make a track that will make it easier to get out later. Allow ample space between cars.

During rough weather conditions, headlights should be on at all times, and windows kept clear of

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### Christmas Greetings &

### Best Wishes For The New Year

On behalf of The Staff and Board of Governors of the McCausland Hospital

Laboratory and Radiology Services will be closed on Monday, December 26th, Tuesday, December 27th, and Monday, January 02, 1989, with the exception of Emergency Calls.

# Christmas Cheer

What a glorious time of year for one and all!

May you carry the hope of peace and love in your heart now and every day.

Reeve, Councillors & Staff

## Township of Schreiber

## Public inquiry to take place following air ambulance crash

Delegates to the Ontario Federation of Labour convention unanimously passed an emergency resolution demanding a full public inquiry into the contracting and delivery of ambulance services in Ontario.

The resolution, sponsored by the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, came in the wake of a tragic crash of an air ambulance near Chapleau, Ont. Nov. 30.

Two paramedics, members of OPSEU Local 649, were killed in the crash, as were the pilot and co-pilot employed by Voyageur Airways Ltd. OFL delegates stood for a minute of silence in memory of the crash victims.

Mark Lowell, chairperson of OPSEU's ambulance division, told the OFL delegates that one of the dead paramedics, Ian Harris, was

very worried about the lack of experience of the Voyageur pilots and had considered refusing to fly with them.

"He felt that the Voyager pilots were not trained or experienced enough in the kind of flying that is required in air ambulances, with the lives of patients in the balance," Lowell said.

OPSEU president James Clancy said the province's policy of contracting out air ambulance services to small airlines is a danger to the public. "When the government insists on doing something on the cheap, health and safety suffers," Clancy said.

A recent OPSEU-sponsored inquiry reported that ambulance services are confused and under-equipped, and called on the government to open a full inquiry.

### Schreiber Fire Department 3rd Annual



### NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

Schreiber Recreation Complex  
Music By: STEREO CLUB

9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Dinner & Dance	Dance Only
\$60 Couple	\$30 Couple
\$30 Single	\$15 Single

Advanced Ticket Sales  
December 16 and 23rd 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Centennial Fire Station

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