

Town councils meet with Ministry to discuss improvements to Highway 17

By Dave Chmara

Bumps in the road and the deteriorating quality of snow plowing along Highway 17 were the main concerns raised by Terrace Bay and Schreiber town councils in a meeting with officials from the Ministry of Transportation held Wed., Feb. 15.

Reeve Ziegler said the quality of road repair is not as good as it once

was, although he said he understands the main reason is the lack of manpower at the MTO station at Rossport.

He said a major problem with the highway between Terrace Bay and Schreiber is the uneven road surface on the south side of the highway just west of the overpass on the way to Schreiber.

"If you're in a small car, or even

a large one, the bumps there can really throw your car around," said Ziegler.

"Many people pull out over the centre line to avoid the bumps," he said.

This specific area of road was the scene of two deaths during the past year.

Ziegler also pointed out that since snowplowing has been con-

tracted out, the quality has been decreasing.

This is a prime concern as Ziegler said the highway is very busy early in the mornings with traffic from shift workers at the mill and then school busses travelling on a poorly cleared highway.

Councils tried to impress upon the officials from the ministry the importance of doing a good job of

plowing the highway.

Ziegler spoke with Minister of Transportation Ed Fulton last fall at which time Fulton said he would make a trip to this area to look into these and other concerns councils have.

Ziegler said he would like to personally show Fulton around to show him the areas of concern the towns have with Highway 17.

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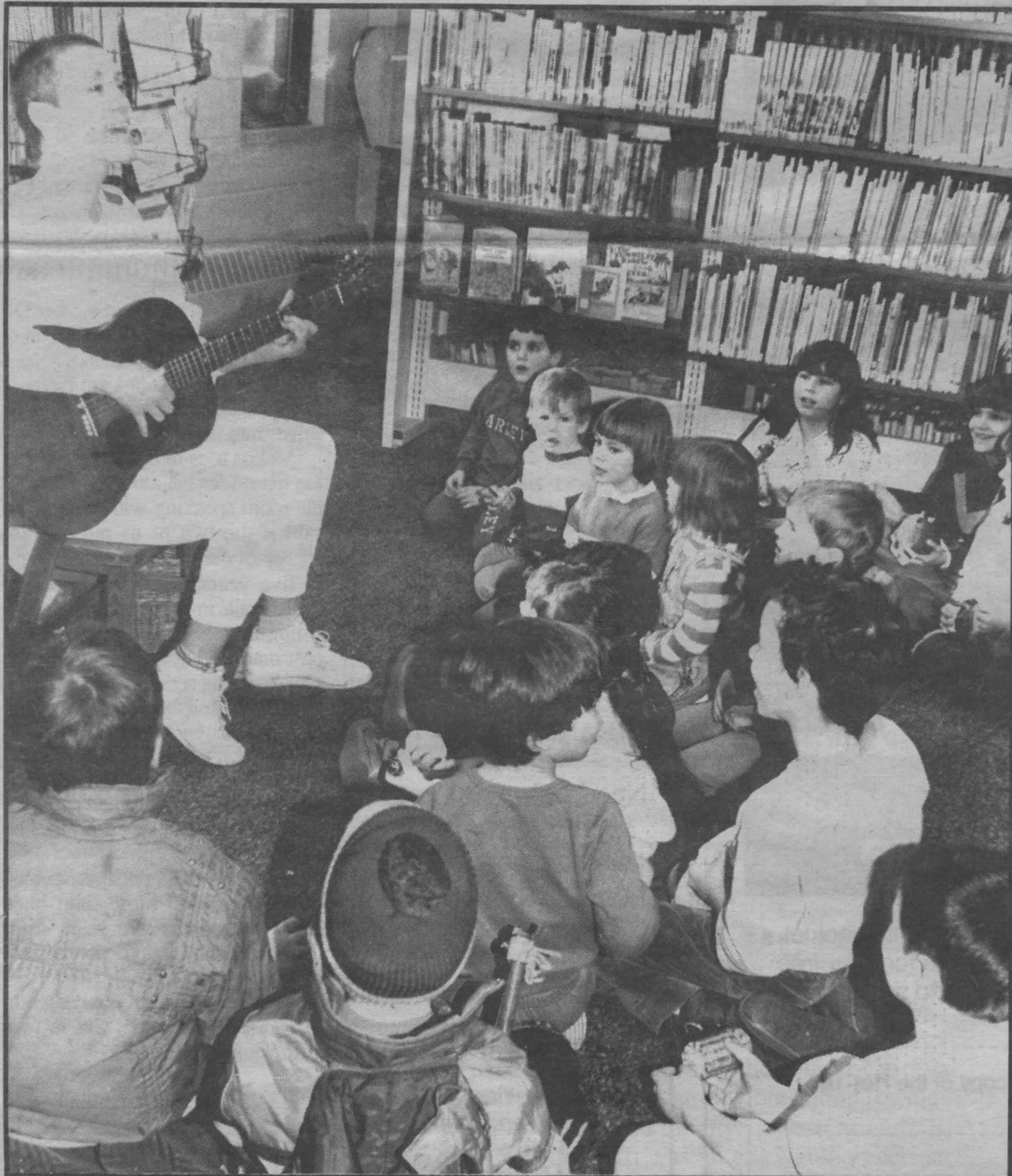
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Children played and sang along with Jennifer Garrett during a children's concert she held at the Terrace Bay Library Saturday afternoon. Garrett also conducted a concert at the Schreiber Library prior to the one in Terrace Bay. While the kids joined in without too much hesitation, it took quite a bit more coaxing to get the parents involved in the sing along.
Photo by Dave Chmara

Manitouwadge's Dance for Heart challenge is met by Terrace Bay

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The 3rd Annual Dance For Heart took place at the Terrace Bay High School gymnasium last Thursday evening with a total of 53 people taking part in the action.

Both young and old took part in the evening of fun, and the vast majority of the participants were female.

Dance For Heart is a fundraising event held to raise money and awareness into heart and stroke disease.

Marilyn Warf, the Thunder Bay representative for the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation, said per capita, Terrace Bay (and Schreiber) along with Manitouwadge, raise more money than any other area in the province.

In the spirit of friendly competition, Manitouwadge challenged Terrace Bay to raise more money (per capita) than themselves.

Anna McKie, the local representative for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, said incentives are used to get participants to increase the amount of pledges they receive. The more pledges, the more prizes received by an individual. Prizes range from pins to T-shirts, sweat shirts and sports bags.

Money raised goes directly to the HSF for research, to university medical centres and teaching centres.

Warf said the foundation can only fund half of the projects which

apply for grants due to limited funds.

The foundation is responsible for helping in the development of by-pass surgery among other things.

The foundation is also currently developing another chemical, TPA, which breaks down blood clots. Warf said if someone is about to have a major heart attack this chemical will reduce it to a minor one and also that the chemical may be able to stop mild heart attacks from occurring. Warf added the only problem with TPA is that it must be administered within 20 minutes of the onset of such an attack.

Money raised also goes to a local program run by Debbie Corrigan, who runs the Heart to Heart program for victims of heart attacks. This program teaches behaviour modification in the hopes of teaching people to live a lifestyle which reduces the risk of having another heart attack or stroke.

Warf said the foundation tries to take the research and transform it into education, in the hopes of preventing heart attack and strokes.

"Everybody thinks it's natural to die of a heart attack or stroke - that it's from natural causes," said Warf. She added, "At 52 it's not (from natural causes)."

Warf noted that 50 per cent of
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