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Newly renovated school opens

By Dave Chmara

Last Tuesday, April 25 marked the official opening of the newly renovated and expanded Terrace Bay Public School.

Officials from the Lake Superior Board of Education, Ministry of Education, school faculty and staff, parents, students and politicians were on hand for the evening's ceremony.

Sharon MacKenzie, principal of the school, thanked everybody for taking the time to come out and help celebrate the school's opening.

Joan Nugent, Vice Chairman of the Lake Superior Board of Education, commented on the school's beauty. She also thanked the students for their patience during the renovations. Students had to trek between the school and portables to attend classes during the renovation and expansion of the school.

Nugent noted the upgrading of the school's facilities cost a total of \$1.3 million - \$823,000 of which came in the form of grants from the Ministry of Education.

The other \$502,000 was raised through taxes from the Lake Superior Board of Education. Nugent noted there are no debentures resulting from the work done on the school. It is all paid for.

She also mentioned the board will now be attempting to raise \$743,000 for renovations to the Lake Superior High School in Terrace Bay.

Jack Stokes offered congratulations on behalf of Gilles Pouliot who was unable to attend the opening ceremonies as Tuesday marked the opening of the new session of parliament. Stokes said, "educational bodies, boards, schools, students and faculties are alive and well on the North Shore. It's very important to place a high degree of importance on education."

Jack Malcolm with the Ministry of Education, offered congratulations on behalf of the ministry and its minister, Chris Ward. He said, "this shows the commitment by the ministry and marks the fulfillment of upgrading the aging schools in the sys-

tem."

During the ceremony a plaque was unveiled to mark the opening of the newly renovated and expanded school. It will be displayed in the school on a perma-

nent basis.

MacKenzie said a time capsule was filled, with the help of all the grades, and will be opened in 20 years - sometime in April in the year 2009.

Don Davey, who will be returning next fall to resume his duties as principal of the school, also offered congratulations to all those involved in upgrading the school.

He also thanked everybody for being so patient during the renovations. He joked he got out of the school just in time as teachers were becoming tired of hearing him say, "in order to see the rainbow, a little rain must fall."



School officials unveil a plaque to mark the official opening of the newly renovated and expanded Terrace Bay Public School. Above, Joan Nugent, Jon Ferguson, Rita McBride and Danielle Salesses perform the unveiling.

Photo by Dave Chmara

Other L.S.B.E. news

At the April 18 meeting of the Lake Superior Board of Education the following resignations were passed by resolution and become effective August 31, 1989.

Allison Perry and Tina Lage from Lake Superior High School.

Jacque Guertin, Richard Simpson and Phillip Hurst from Manitowadge High School.

Peter Rochus from Marathon High School.

Wayne Tessier from Schreiber Public School.

Barbara McMillan and Lucie Giroux from Marathon Public School.

Noel Chambers was appointed to the full-time teaching staff at Lake Superior High School effective September 4, 1989.

During the meeting the issue of opening exercises and religious education was discussed. A formal resolution was passed stating that schools of the Lake Superior Board of Education shall be opened each day with O'Canada and shall include a variety of readings or prayers from the document "Readings and Prayers for Use in Toronto Schools."

Resolutions were also passed with regard to the continuation of the French Immersion Program at Marathon Public School, and the offering of an extended Core French Program at Grades 7 and 8.

The Trustees accepted the resignation of Trustee Paul Cebriario. They also agreed to support the McCausland Hospital in establishing a Lifeline Program.

The recommendation of the Board's Administrative Council to apply to be included in the Ministry of Education's Provincial Reviews for 1989-90 for Grade 8 mathematics, Grade 10 mathematics (general) and Grade 12 mathematics (advanced) was also supported.

Telephone solicitations could be fraudulent

Residents in a number of areas of the province have recently been subjected to misleading or fraudulent telephone solicitations, and the Ontario Provincial Police would like to alert citizens to the common elements of many of these schemes.

Typically, these telephone solicitors advise people they have won a prize, or have an "opportunity" to do so. Usually there is some purchase to be made before the prize can be collected.

The caller suggests that payment for the product or service being offered be made by credit card, and asks for a credit card number. Once the number is given, the customer is immediately charged the agreed-upon amount.

"The majority of these types of telephone solicitations are designed to mislead potential customers - to make them believe

they're going to get something at a much better price than anywhere else," said Inspector Ken Christopherson of the OPP's anti-rackets branch.

"The value or nature of the prize, or the requirements for claiming it, may be misrepresented," said Christopherson.

"What you think you heard and what was actually said may be two different things, but even if what you heard was exactly what was said, it's difficult to prove misrepresentation."

A customer's first indication of a problem may be his or her credit card statement.

Persons who believe they've purchased a bargain holiday from a so-called "travel agent", for example, may find their credit card statement indicates the money went to a restaurant, car rental agency or some other business.

This is probably because the telephone solicitor has no arrangement with a credit card company, and is using an imprinting machine belonging to some other business to process orders.

"By the time you get your credit statement and realize something is wrong, it's too late," Christopherson said. "The money is gone."

These telephone scams usually involve no more than a few hundred dollars each, but throughout North America, it's estimated they bring in hundreds of millions of dollars a year.

"There are two key rules to remember when dealing with telephone solicitors," Christopherson said.

"Never reveal your credit card number over the phone, and if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."



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