

Freeze seriously hurts northern municipalities

This past weekend in Kenora, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association decided to petition the Ontario Government "to increase 1989 Unconditional Grants to Ontario municipalities in a fair and equitable manner to properly reflect the increased operating costs."

The Liberal government announced on December 12, 1988, that it would freeze these grants at the 1988 level of \$871 million.

While hitting all municipali-

ties hard, this freeze seriously hurts northern municipalities because a greater portion of their operating budget comes from these grants.

In Northern Ontario, the unconditional grants average 20.8 per cent of operating revenue, almost two-and-a-half times the provincial average of 8.5 per cent.

That works out to \$556 per household in the North compared to an average \$239 per household province wide.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario has calculated that every household in Southern Ontario will be forced to pay an extra \$7 in property taxes in 1989 just to cover the inflation of providing 1988 services; Northern Ontario households will pay \$80 extra this year.

This freezing of unconditional grants is an ominous signal for municipalities and their taxpayers. The recent federal budget is dramatically cutting back payments to the provinces.

New Democrats demand that the Liberal government increase

the unconditional grants to municipalities at least at the rate of inflation, and that the Treasurer introduce progressive tax measures that will ensure that banks and other large corporations pay their fair share of taxes instead of transferring the burden to municipal taxpayers.



The Birchwood Auxiliary held a Bake Sale last Thursday. The baking went fast and money raised goes to support activities such as birthday parties, Christmas socials and other year round activities. Photo by Dave Chmara

Thank You

To all my friends, family, co-workers and town employees for their cards, calls, and flowers while I was in the hospital.

A special thank you to Dr. Wilkes, Shelley, and Alanna.

A very special thank you to Daryl and Ruth-Ann.

Only you know what the extra special care meant to Edythe and I.

Thanks again.

Mike Cosgrove



Commission of Inquiry into the Air Ontario Crash at Dryden, Ontario

The Honourable Virgil P. Moshansky, a Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, has been appointed, pursuant to Part I of the Inquiries Act, as Commissioner to inquire into the contributing factors and causes of the crash of Air Ontario Flight 363 Fokker F-28 at Dryden, Ontario, on March 10, 1989 and to report thereon, including such recommendations as he may deem appropriate in the interests of aviation safety.

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE CONVENED ON THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, 1989 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE CONCERT HALL, THE ROYAL YORK HOTEL, IN THE CITY OF TORONTO, for the purpose of determining procedures and considering applications for status by interested individuals and organizations. Anyone who wishes to participate in the Commission's hearings is invited to attend and make submissions. **NO EVIDENCE WILL BE HEARD AT THAT TIME.**

The Commission is also seeking comments and information from all interested individuals and organizations with respect to any of the matters within its mandate. Anyone who wishes to make a written submission or to submit relevant information is requested to provide the Commission with a brief statement concerning the nature of the information or submissions intended to be given to the Commissioner. All correspondence in this regard should be addressed to:

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Commission Secretary
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The Township of Terrace Bay "RECREATION DEPARTMENT" Requires Part-Time Maintenance Caretaker

The Terrace Bay Recreation Department are now accepting applications for one part-time Maintenance Caretaker to work in the Recreation Centre.

In the summer months this position involves vacation and sick day relief work and approximately 24 hours per week during the winter months.

An application with a resume must be submitted to the Recreation Office or to the following address by Friday June 2nd, 1989.

Terrace Bay Recreation Department
P.O. Box 460
Terrace Bay, Ontario
P0T 2W0

For additional information and for a job description contact Dean Main at the Terrace Bay Recreation Office at 825-3542.



THE LAKE SUPERIOR BOARD OF EDUCATION Invites Applications for the Position of: SECRETARY

This is a temporary position replacing staff while on leave until December 29, 1989 at the Administration Office in Marathon, Ontario. Duties will include acting as receptionist for the Board Office, typing, filing, handling correspondence for the Administrative Assistant and Special Education Co-Ordinator, and other duties as assigned.

The successful candidate must have a demonstrated proficiency in secretarial skills, possess well-developed interpersonal and communication skills and enjoy working with the public. Bilingual candidates will be given preference. Candidates must possess at least a High School Diploma and preference will be given to those with previous secretarial experience.

The salary is \$19,069.00 per year and a full fringe benefit package is available.

Applications should include a complete summary of previous work experience and education and references. Deadline for application is June 1, 1989.

Apply to:

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