

Schreiber gets over \$6,000 for playground

Capital grants to help build 11 new recreation facilities in Northwestern Ontario have been announced by Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation, Hugh P. O'Neil.

Under the grant program, Schreiber will receive \$6,002 towards the purchase of playground equipment.

The regional grants form part of the \$28 million to be spent province-wide in two phases this year under the Ministry's Capital Conservation and Capital Grants for New Recreation Facilities programs.

O'Neil announced the second phase of grant allocations, of approximately \$7 million, following the first round of allocations, of \$21 million, announced last January.

"I am delighted that these programs are helping communities build and conserve recreation facilities which will encourage all Ontarians to remain active and healthy," O'Neil said.

"Special efforts are made to

ensure that the physically disabled have access to such facilities."

O'Neil added, "In keeping with the long-term health care directions this government articulated in the recent Throne Speech, I wish to note that these projects will greatly enhance the health and lifestyle choices of all Ontarians."

Recreation is a key to wellness and an essential part of a healthy, fulfilling lifestyle. One quarter of Ontario's health care budget is spent treating preventable lifestyle-related diseases. High-quality recreation programs have been shown to reduce these costs by half, he said.

Among the larger grants in Northwestern Ontario, the City of Thunder Bay will receive \$150,000 for landfill, grading, sod and lighting at the Wilson Street Headland Park. The City will also receive \$28,500 to pave walkways and the parking lot at Junot McComber Park.

Literacy discussed at conference

Thirty people from Northwestern Ontario adult literacy programs attended the first international literacy conference ever held in Thunder Bay. The conference was sponsored by CUSO and Literacy Northwest with the financial help of the Department of the Secretary of State, multicultural programs.

Our special guests at this conference are from Bunkpurugu, a town in Northeastern Ghana. They are here as guests of the local committee of CUSO. Thunder Bay and Bunkpurugu are 'twinning' as a special international development project of the CUSO group here.

The conference opened with introductions and presentations of gifts. Rocky Serkowny brought greetings from Secretary of State. Steve Horychuk representing the Atikokan Public Library presented the guests with a typewriter. This was a most welcome addition to the literacy program in Ghana and will also be used by the other community groups represented at this conference, health and agriculture. Jack Playford, director of adult education for the Lakehead Board of Education, presented the five Ghanaians with sweatshirts.

The workshops on Friday were interesting. The first, with Audrey Anderson and Siat Kanturib was on developing materials for use in adult literacy programs. Audrey spoke about developing materials in Northwestern Ontario; Siat spoke about the materials they developed for their work in Ghana. All of us learned something about appropriate materials. The literacy program in Bunkpurugu has almost 2,000 students and none of the educational resources we have here in Canada. They have written and produced all their own teaching materials.

The second session Friday was Literacy and Community

Development. Carol Natzke from Confederation College led us through defining community development. We looked at our programs, and the program in Bunkpurugu, and asked ourselves if we were doing all we could to promote community development in our region and our towns? Literacy is a community issue. The model in Bunkpurugu, where the literacy program includes agriculture and health as part of the curriculum and has community development as the foundation of the program, is one we should keep in mind when we plan our next materials development or community awareness program.

The last session on Friday afternoon was on Literacy and Health. Suzan Long from Thunder Bay, and Janet Anafu from Ghana led an exploration of health issues affected by literacy. This session was interrupted by the beginning of a snowstorm. For the people from Ghana, this was a new experience. Even we hardened Northerners could enjoy the snow when it was so exciting for someone else!

The conference was an opportunity for all of us to look at another program and perhaps change the way we look at our own. Literacy is an exciting field. Often we forget that in a morass of paperwork and grant applications and all the other duties that make up our every day work life.

Maureen Running and Pam McKeever, our adult literacy coordinators, attended this conference and will be involved with the CUSO group in the future. If you are interested in hearing more about this exciting conference, call Maureen or Pam.

Literacy in the Workplace

It can be a training program offered in the workplace with the

co-operation of management and labor. What is included in this program will vary from company to company.

Some companies may not have any training or literacy needs at all. Others may have a great need to improve communication in the workplace.

It's job specific and tailored to meet the needs of your job or your company.

It's the result into the needs of the company, and the workers, for communication in the workplace. Communication in the workplace may be many things: orders given by memo, bulletin boards, shift reports, repair manuals, WHMIS, policies and procedure, job descriptions etc. There are many ways we communicate at work and most of them require skills: listening skills, reading skills, writing skills or skills with the spoken language.

With the decline in unskilled jobs and the new necessity to change jobs several times in a lifetime, companies are searching for ways to help their older skilled workers keep up with technological change - and changing communication needs in the workplace - through training programs.

Literacy in the Workplace may be what you need!

The Schreiber Terrace Bay Adult Learning Program recently sent Pam McKeever, one of their staff, to a training institute at George Brown College. This Institute was called Literacy in the Workplace and was designed to qualify her to go into a workplace, assess literacy needs in consultation with people who work there and make recommendations based on this needs assessment. If you think there may be a need in your workplace for this kind of analysis, call Pam at 824-2657 or 825-9160. She'd be glad to talk to you about this innovative program.

Dear John:

John Deere Answers Your Lawn and Garden Woes



A Day at the Races

Dear John: I'm a big fan of pony races, but I don't have much horse sense when it comes to fertilizing my newly planted lawn. Can you offer any tips?

Dear Filly Fan: Lawns grow at racing speed during this time of year, galloping away with the nutrients and leaving exhausted soil behind. The nutrients need to be replaced to keep the lawn healthy and well-groomed throughout the spring and summer.

Select a fertilizer with a 3-1-2 ratio of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium to set the odds of a healthy lawn in your favor. Nitrogen gives your lawn its deep green color and comes in several forms. A high concentration of water insoluble nitrogen gives winning results.

During spring fertilization, apply no more than one pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn. Fall feedings call for more concentrated nitrogen applications for root growth throughout the winter.

Dear John: My lawn has its ups and downs—lots of hills that make mowing a real chore. What's the best way to mow my rollercoaster lawn?

Dear Seesaw Sal: Depends on your type of mowing equipment. If you're using a riding mower

or a lawn tractor, riding up and down those hills will give you the best control. If you're using a walk-behind model, mow across the sloped areas; should you slip or lose your balance, you'll be less likely to fall onto the mower. In both cases, always try to mow in a forward direction to keep a clear view.

If the hills in your lawn seem too steep to mow securely and comfortably, consider replacing the grass with a decorative groundcover.

Dear John: My wife was in the middle of her annual spring cleaning and found some seeds that I stored away for the winter. I say they're no good. She says I'm no good. Who's right?

Dear Ralph and Alice: Last year's seed stockpile may still be worth planting this season. Here's a way to find out: fold a few seeds in a damp paper towel. Place the towel in a warm area, such as a sunny window ledge or near a heating vent, for about a week. If more than half of the seeds germinate, they're worth using for another season. Go ahead and plant them, but it's a good idea to plant twice as many secondhand seeds as you normally would to make up for any that may not sprout.



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