

Head lice Q's & A's



When vacations are coming to an end and it's almost time for your children to head back to school, it is very important to check that they have not been infested with any head lice during their stay at camp or other crowded places. And if they have been spared, it would be wise to warn them about the risks of infestation by these pests, which are not dangerous but very unpleasant.

Six to twelve-year-olds are the most prone to head lice, but anyone can become infested. Little girls aged seven to nine years are the most vulnerable. It is recommended that they wear their hair in braids or ponytails if it is long.

Every year, approximately 70% of our elementary schools report cases of head lice infestation. In fact, it is a national problem that strikes 2% of the Canadian student population in elementary schools at all levels of society.

There is no shame in having head lice and it is not a sign of uncleanliness or illness. Lice are easily spread but they can also be eliminated just as easily, with proper treatment.

What are they?

Head lice are tiny greyish-white insects without wings that live and lay their eggs (nits) on the human scalp, at the root of the hair.

How do they spread?

Head lice spread very quickly, either by direct contact from one person to another, or by sharing personal items such as combs, brushes, hats, scarves, earphones, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, etc. Warn your children!

How can they be detected?

Constant itchiness of the scalp and continual scratching of the head may well indicate the presence of head lice. They can be detected by carefully examining the hair at the back of the head and behind the ears. Since they hide from light, they might not be visible, but their little whitish eggs can be found - and that is a sign that they are not far away...

How can you get rid of them?

You can get rid of head lice with special medications called pediculicides sold in pharmacies, generally in the form of shampoos or creme rinses.

It is important to use a product that destroys both the head lice and their nits (eggs). Otherwise, re-infestation will occur as the nits hatch in seven days' time.

It has been proven that a product containing permethrin, such as NIX*, is a safe and effective way of getting rid of head lice and nits in one single application. In addition, the preparation containing permethrin has a residual effect that protects against re-infestation for at least ten days. Children may start using their regular shampoo immediately.

For further information, you may contact the:

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Terrace Bay Council briefs

By Dave Chmara

At the last Terrace Bay council meeting, council supported a resolution by the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association which calls for the government to reverse its decision and restore VIA Rail passenger service from Sudbury to Winnipeg along the shore of Lake Superior.

The resolution also calls upon the government to restore passenger service from Winnipeg to Vancouver through Banff to maximize tourism.

Plans are still underway for area politicians and hospital board representatives to meet here in Terrace Bay Nov. 17 and 18 to discuss problems with recruiting and retaining doctors.

Council hopes by hosting a forum with other communities, some solutions may be discovered for resolving these problems which many towns in

Northwestern Ontario are experiencing.

It was decided to accept the offer made by Cathy Withers to teach first aid to municipal employees.

Under the deal, the cost to the town will be \$6 per employee with Workman's Compensation Board picking up the remaining \$29 fee.

The issue of bringing natural gas to town came up once again. A company called TS2000 has made a proposal to council to truck in compressed gas. They would then pump this gas into a pipeline system (which would be built by the town).

The township of Terrace Bay would act as a utility, as it does for electricity, and would be responsible for maintaining the pipeline and billing customers.

TS2000 is asking for a minimum 5-year contract and says the

system could be ready by next March or April.

However, it would take at least a couple of years for the town to build the pipeline.

On the other hand, ICG appears interested in bringing in a pipeline of its own within a few years.

Council is planning to set-up a meeting with a representative from TS2000 and ICG for early November.

Council is concerned that no hospital representative attended the doctor recruitment tour which was held in several cities in Southern Ontario. The hospital board had asked council for \$800 to offset expenses while attending the recruitment tour.

However, the money was returned to council and council has received no explanation why nobody attended the tour.

Belair criticizes gov't over air and rail

Reginald Belair, M.P. for Cochrane-Superior, has reacted strongly to the proposed cutbacks in transportation to Northern Ontario. Air Canada will terminate its DC-9 jet service to Timmins, effective February 15th, 1990. VIA Rail will cut its Cochrane-Kapuskasing line as well as the Sudbury/Thunder Bay line on January 15th, 1990.

Belair was extremely upset at the following statement made by Air Canada's vice-president of passenger sales; "The airline will re-deploy its 100 seat - DC-9 aircraft on larger higher density markets."

Belair stated, "As usual, Northern Ontario will be deprived in order for urban areas to be bet-

ter served".

The DC-9 fleet is rapidly aging and should be replaced soon. Obviously, these aircrafts will gradually be replaced with a new fleet which will strictly serve the heavily travelled southern routes. The North will be left with slower, smaller aircrafts. "Three daily flights to Toronto in a DASH-8 will not supply the demand. Air Canada will need to add additional flights. This defeats their purpose of reducing costs", added Belair.

Air Canada's press release stated that deregulation played a part in the discontinuation of its service to Timmins. In 1987, the national airline's share of scheduled flights to Timmins amounted to 53%, whereas it is 17% today.

VIA Rail

Benoit Bouchard, Minister of Transport, by decree of Cabinet, has cut 51% of VIA Rail's operation across Canada. A total of 2,761 jobs will be eliminated, as well as an unknown number of indirect jobs. Most branch lines serving remote areas of the country are being abandoned.

Belair is most concerned with seniors, the poor and the disabled, who will lose an affordable, convenient means of transportation. Bouchard has also indicated that fares will double in many instances.

"Rail transportation in Canada has played an important role in regional development while servicing remote areas. This concept should not be sacrificed for the sake of profits," stated Belair.

The Rukavina Task Force on Rail Passenger service is currently in the hands of Rene Fontaine. "I am hoping that the Report contains a recommendation whereby the Ontario Northland Railway will take over the Cochrane-Kapuskasing line and offer the service as far as Hearst. The Highway 11 corridor will still be serviced," commented Belair.

The Sudbury/Thunder Bay/Winnipeg run will adversely affect the tourism industry in the towns of Marathon, Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rosport and Nipigon.

It is not clear yet how many jobs will be lost there. Belair intends to ask the Minister for alternate means of transportation to service this area. Belair is quoted as saying, "I'm also concerned about the railroad pensioners who receive, as part of their collective agreement, a lifetime pass for railroad travel in Canada. This major retirement benefit will be greatly reduced."

In conclusion, Belair reiterated, "The Government of Brian Mulroney is breaking another election promise and has left Northern Ontario to fend for itself. We deserve better."

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