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Upgrading of Schreiber Treatment Plant Construction to begin about mid-July

By Angie Saunders
 The News

The upgrading of the Schreiber Sewer Treatment Plant should start in about mid July according to Peter Doig, chief operator at the plant.

The Ministry of Environment has allotted Schreiber \$2.046 million for 1990-91 allocations. The remaining 22% of the cost will be split between the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and the Township of Schreiber.

The existing plant, in operations since 1976, is capable of handling 130,000 gallons of sewage a day. An increase of flow over the years has brought the town's daily sewage to around 200,000 gallons, which exceeds the capacity of the plant.

In the town of Schreiber, too much water flows, causing a hydraulic water overload. Schreiber residents are quite free with their water because there are no meters to measure the amounts used. Installing meters and manpower to read the meters would be too expensive.

Anything over the 130,000 gallon amount isn't decomposed properly, resulting in the Township having to haul sewage build-up to drying beds for decomposition - a process that is very expensive.

The Ministry of Environment, who recognized the problem, went after grant funding and came up with the proposal.

Peter Doig, who didn't want to use excessive amounts of chemicals, realized that doubling the

capacity of the plant would solve the problem of overloading.

"The new plant will be able to handle around 300,000 gallons of sewage in a 24 hour period but the final capacity won't be known

until the final drawings are received."

The tenders close May 31 for contractors. They will be reviewed by the consulting engineer who will make the decision on the best contractor to hire for

the job.

After the contract is awarded, in about mid-June, it will probably take the contractor about a month or so to prepare, making the construction date somewhere around mid-July.

New and improved ambulance

By Angie Saunders
 The News

North Shore Ambulance Services Ltd. in Schreiber received a new 4x4 modular multi-patient ambulance on Thursday, May 17th.

The 1989 one-ton Chevy Cheyenne replaces the older 4x4 suburban that had room for only one patient and one attendant.

Patrick Dingwell, owner and operator of the North Shore Ambulance Service said, "The new ambulance can carry two cot stretchers as well as provide space for several ambulatory patients."

The cot stretchers are available with straps so patients can be secured.

This modular ambulance is a

new proto-type which eliminates the older more traditional type of emergency lighting and replaces it with a more economic low voltage lighting system that's just as effective.

The vehicle is completely air-conditioned. The patient compartment also has equipment including a trauma kit, splints, blankets, resuscitators, and a fire extinguisher to mention a few things.

A lifeline box, in a combination safe, the number which is known only to the 10 ambulance drivers, is located at the front of the rear compartment. This contains the keys to the home lifeline units of all Schreiber and Rosspport residents.

Pat Dingwell mentioned, "there have been two calls since we received the new ambulance last Thursday."

North Shore Ambulance Service Limited is owned and operated by Patrick Dingwell who employs nine other volunteer ambulance drivers, Pat Bourguignon, Gene Ross, Paula Pulkki, Ann Brown, Bert Logan, Jon Figliomeni, Cathy Papineau, Jamie Pollard, and Brian Mauro.

The Schreiber ambulance jurisdiction goes west to Gravel River and east to the Terrace Bay dump.

In addition to the new ambulance, the North Shore Ambulance Service also has an emergency support unit that covers all of the North Shore of Lake Superior from Nipigon to

Marathon and North to Geraldton and Longlac. This unit is used as a mobile command centre for disaster and multi casualty situations. This unit carries a variety of equipment for use in major emergencies.



Shown is the new 4 x 4 ambulance which arrived in Schreiber on Thursday, May 17th. The ambulance replaces the suburban which could only hold one patient and attendant.

Photo by Angie Saunders

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