

This week in fire

By Norm Gladish
Fire Prevention Technician
The week ending June 2nd, has been a busy time for Ministry of Natural Resources Fire Fighters in the North Central Region (roughly Atikokan to white River).

Atikokan Fire Crews actioned 4 new fire starts in their district and provided helitack to a Fort Frances fire. Despite the strong winds all that week, quick and aggressive initial attack by unit crews with CL215 bomber assistance contained all fires to a small size.

Thunder Bay crews handled a single small railway fire.

Our district (Terrace Bay) handled two small railway fires. The first broke out close to Stevens, the second a few miles north of Caramat. Both fires were a threat to nearby woodlands operations where logging has recently occurred and large volumes of harvested timber could have been lost. Again, CL215 water-

bombers held these fires until fire crews gained control. No values were lost to either fire.

Meanwhile, an industrial fire resulted from a land clearing project on the Hemlo Gold Mine site. This fire was contained largely by Mine employees. One MNR fire crew provided assistance while a few water drops from a Twin Otter aircraft helped cool things down.

All three Terrace Bay fires were kept to a size of one hectare or less (a hectare is 100 meters x 100 metres or close to 2.5 acres).

Geraldton Fire Crews responded to 2 fires in the Ogoki Post area, some 210 kilometres north-east of Geraldton. Fire broke out within the Marten Falls Indian Reserve, a village of 286 people. Due to direct suppression efforts of fire crews and CL215 water-bomber, four homes under immediate threat from the fire were saved. Residents that had moved out of the smoke, soon were able

to return home. No further risk was anticipated as all available fuel near the village had been consumed. Losses were limited to two outhouses and a toboggan, despite the fire growing to 600 hectares, at last report.

As of June 3rd, 500 wildfires have been actioned in the province of Ontario. Unlike the past few years when the north-west has seen most of the action, this year the Algonquin region has had the most fires - 160 to date.

Although we've had less than half the number of fires suffered by this time for the past few years, don't become complacent about wildfire. A few dry, windy days can create extreme fire danger, as proven by this past hectic week. You can help by always extinguishing your campfire before leaving the campsite.

Poster / Slogan Contest

Again this year, the MNR has sponsored a forest fire prevention

poster/slogan contest for elementary students in the North Central region.

The contest is was won by the student who best answered the question- What can you do to prevent forest fires? Participating districts in the region choose a winner in each category who then participates in a regional competition in Thunder Bay.

Erin Almost (Grade 1- Terrace Bay Public School); Jennifer Lessard (Grade 4- Our Lady of Lourdes Separate School); david Oakley (Grade 5- Manitowadge Public School); and Jaclyn Hache (Grade 7- Our Lady of Lourdes Separate School) have won first prize in their category for the Terrace Bay district. Each was presented with a pack sack decorated by a crest depicting MNR water bomber and fire fighter. Plaques were also awarded.

Second prizes were given to Meagan Tuomi (Grade 1- Our Lady of Lourdes Separate

School); Brady Curlew (Grade 4- Manitowadge Public School); Monica Proudfoot (Grade 6- Manitowadge Public School); and Yvonn Labbe (Grade 8- Our Lady of Lourdes Separate School).

Honorable mention goes to the following students: Jason Collins, Jackie Ferguson, Eric Johnson, Shawna McKeon, Vanessa Nabigon, Farica Jung, Rene Antunes, Mark Constantin, Michelle Nelson, Melinda Roy, Nina Aguiar, Amanda Slykhuis, Natasha Goodchild, Jason Curran, and Jennifer McCleary.

Congratulations to all prize winners. More than 300 students entered the contest. The purpose of the contest is to generate interest in forest fire prevention among young people. The large number of entries and quality of work indicates that many teachers are doing their part in reinforcing the fire prevention message among their students.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under The Forest Fires Prevention Act

The period from April 1 to October 31 of each year is declared a fire season.

During the fire season, fire permits are required in a designated fire region;

- for all outdoor fires except fires for cooking or obtaining warmth,
- to ignite fireworks in or within 300 metres of a forest or a woodland.

Also, work permits are required to conduct operations which are liable to cause an accumulation of slash or debris within 300 metres of a forest or woodland.

No person shall throw or drop live coals, smoking material or hot ashes in or within 300 metres of a forest or woodland.

No person shall smoke while walking or working in a forest or woodland during the fire season.

The regulation under the Act provides, in part, that every person who starts a fire out of doors shall;

- take all reasonable steps to keep the fire under control,
- ensure that a responsible person tends the fire, and
- extinguish the fire before leaving the site.

Fire permits may be obtained from local Ministry of Natural Resources offices or from township fire wardens.

On peut obtenir un permis de faire du feu auprès des bureaux de district du ministère des Richesses naturelles ou des garde-feu de canton.



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Terrace Reeve sends letter to Ministry of Transportation

Mr. C. E. Pritchard
District Engineer
Ministry of Transportation
Thunder Bay, Ontario

Dear Mr. Pritchard,

As you are aware, approval has been granted to prohibit parking on the north side of Highway 17 in Terrace Bay for westbound traffic from 100 meters east of Radisson Avenue to 100 metres west of Lakeview Drive. This prohibition is for safety reasons.

My purpose in writing is to request that you make the posting of no parking signs in this area a top priority. We are extremely concerned about the safety of children and other pedestrians who must cross Highway 17. It is

very common for transports to park in this area, restricting visibility and making it difficult for drivers to see pedestrians. We just recently had an incident where a child walked out from behind a parked transport and was almost hit by a car.

We understand that your signing department is faced with a manpower shortage at this time, but we would really appreciate anything you can do to have these parking signs installed in Terrace Bay at the very earliest opportunity.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,
Jim Ziegler
Reeve of Terrace Bay

Answer



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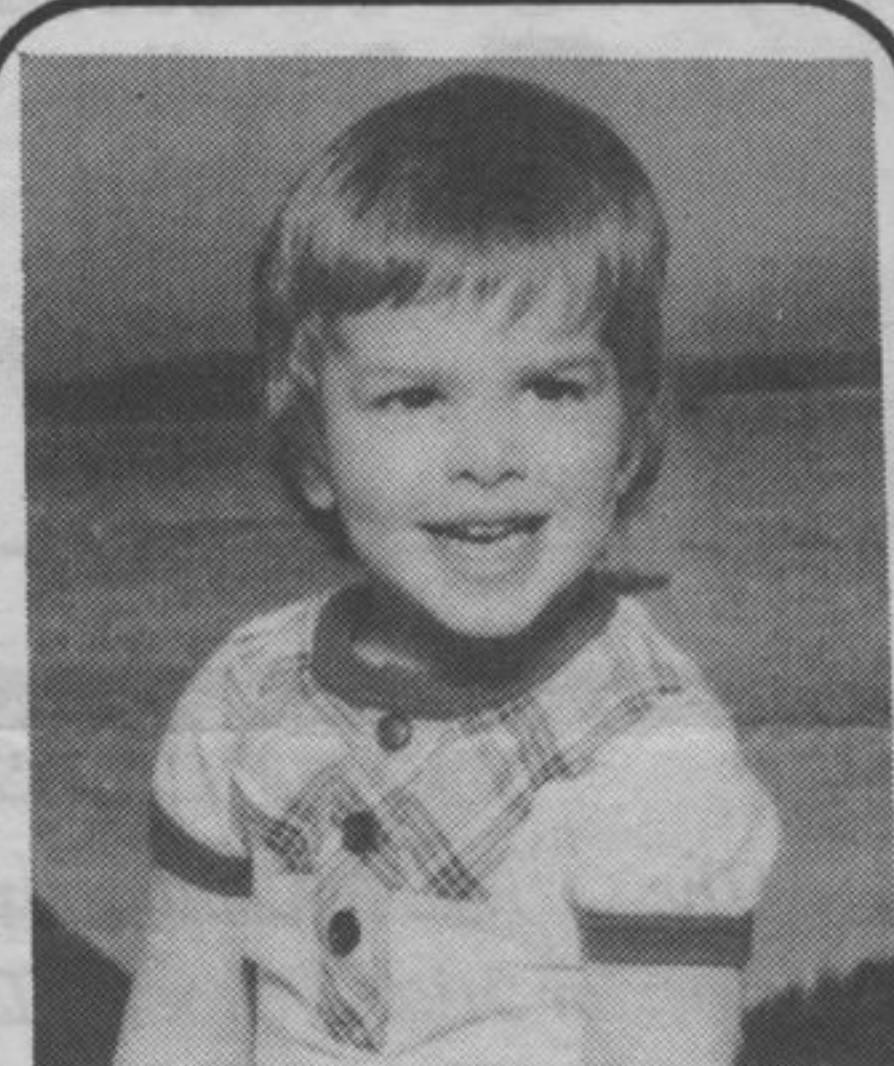
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Happy 16 th. Birthday
Jeremy.
Love Mom, Dad & Donny

THE TOWNSHIP OF TERRACE BAY

Is hosting a reception evening for all
SENIOR CITIZENS

on June 28, 1990, at the Legion Hall from
7 p.m. - 11p.m. All Senior Citizens in

Terrace Bay are invited to attend. Please contact the
Terrace Bay Municipal Office on or before

June 22, 1990,

if you are planning to attend.

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC NOTICE

RAINBOW FALLS PROVINCIAL PARK
MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Ministry of Natural Resources has approved the Management Plan for Rainbow Falls Provincial Park. This document contains the management policies for the park, located west of Schreiber on Highway 17. The plan is available for public view at the Rainbow Falls Provincial Park gatehouse.

Copies of the plan may be obtained by writing to the District Manager at the address below.

For more information contact Lynda Horman at:

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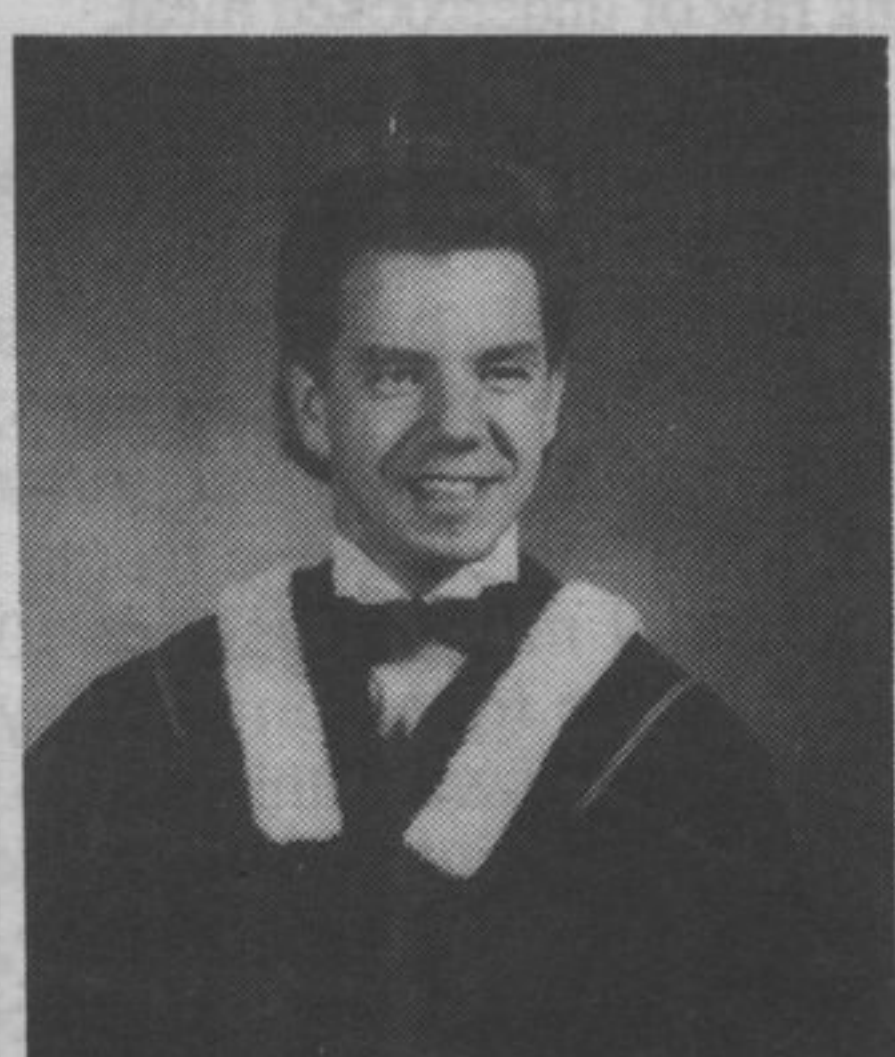
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"Way to go Chris"

Christopher Edwin John
Reid,

son of Michael & Joyce
Reid, graduated with a
Bachelor of Science in
(Mechanical)

Engineering from the
University of Manitoba,
on May 30, 1990.

Congratulations & best
wishes from his family.