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SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF TERRACE BAY - SCHREIBER - ROSSPORT AND JACKFISH LAKE

Schreiber Town Council applies for \$20,000 funding for study to reduce train crew personnel

The regular meeting of Schreiber Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 12th at 7:00 p.m.

The Township will apply for \$20,000 funding from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines. The purpose is to commission an Economic and Social Impact Study of the possible restructuring of the operational procedures for CP Rail, the effect of which would vastly reduce the number of train crew personnel operating out of the Township of Schreiber.

Mr. E. Oulette, who attended the meeting, made a presentation to Council concerning Hazardous Waste, and Waste Recycling Programs.

HE felt that the Municipality should conduct a public awareness program to encourage householders to properly handle toxic wastes, and possibly arrange for a clean up and pick up campaign. The municipal responsibility would be to provide a proper hazardous materials disposal site, and to arrange for the collection of hazardous materials.

Council indicated that it would make inquiries regarding the matter at the next quarterly meeting of the Thunder Bay District Municipal League.

A meeting was held with R.T. Yates, concerning the proposed dog containment area on his property. Tentative details of an agreement have been agreed upon. An agreement will be drawn up and forwarded to R.T. Yates for his comment and acceptance.

In the matter of the possible sale of pipe to Figliomeni Brothers to be used in the development of their subdivision, Council indicated that no exchange for land will be made, but rather that the materials should be sold at current market value, if Figliomeni Brothers wish purchase same.

Council agreed in principal to a \$50.00 administration charge to firms and individuals for the tak-

ing of gravel from the Township gravel pit.

The new fire truck is now in service, and the supplier has been paid.

The Rec Committee wish to apply for Capital Works Grants for the Rec Complex in order to take advantage of the currently available grant programs.

A television camera is scheduled to examine the sewer trunk line on Winnipeg Street and on Bayview Street, the week of June 16th. The Ministry of Health, underserviced area program, have not advised as to the availability of a Temporary Physician, for the months of July of August.

\$4,000 Grant

A \$4,000 Grant has been received from the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines for the McCausland Hospital who requested funding for the recruitment tour.

CP Rail Asst. Superintendent Paul Chapell confirmed that the matter concerning the blocking of Main Street crossing will be bulletined to train crews.

Student wins regional contest

By Angie Saunders
The News
 Erin Almost, Grade 1 student at Terrace Bay Public School, has won the regional competition for the MNR Poster/Slogan contest.

The contest, sponsored by the Ministry of Natural Resources, was to generate interest in Forest Fire Prevention among young people.

The contest is won by the student who best answered the question- What can you do to prevent forest fires?



Chelsea Black gave her Valedictory Address at the Grade 8 Graduation ceremonies at Terrace Bay Public School on Thursday, June 14.

Photo by Angie Saunders

Local feels Rosspport Islands threatened

By Judi Sundland
 The Rosspport Islands which include Simpson Island to Copper Island have stood majestically silent through the years. Now they are threatened by possible development and those along the North Shore are more than concerned.

The hamlet of Rosspport, whose population is the smallest had the loudest cry. For over 100 years, men have commercially fished the waters around every island, used them as shelters

against the storms, repaired their nets along their shores. With commercial fishing virtually gone in the area, the sports fisherman and recreational boater now enjoys the solitude.

The argument against making them a provincial park is by those who hunt the islands and fear losing that hunting right. The Ministry of Tourism looks to them for a tourist lodge and other facilities for tourism. The naturalist argues that we need to leave them as they are for the generations that come after us. No suggestion has yet been made to declare them a National Heritage, protecting them from the big developer and yet perhaps still having controlled hunting.

One real concern is that the wildlife habitat becomes more threatened each year by pollutants and the encroachment of man. Development on the islands could easily damage breeding areas for the Blue Heron and the Loon, not to mention the other wildlife that use the islands as their homes.

Recently the Ministry of Natural Resources in Terrace Bay publicized a notice asking for all

concerned persons to send in their suggestions for the islands.

The questions they need answers to were the public's opinion of more outpost camps and tourists facilities on the islands, small lodges, and suggestions in preserving the historic and archaeological sites that exist. Letters are still being accepted and it is hoped that the response will be overwhelming towards the prevention of further development and a larger concentration given to the businesses on the mainland where the majority of tourists travel by the Trans Canada Highway.

Residents of Rosspport on a whole feel strongly in favor of leaving the islands as well as their community its quiet self. Many say this is why they chose to live in Rosspport and raise a family. Businesses comment that the visitor will again and again remind them of how quaint and peaceful it feels in the area. Perhaps with the pace of our lives increasing rapidly, 50 years from now the islands can be our biggest asset, and a gift left for our children's children.

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