

# Letter- Concern over mine worker's health

This letter was sent to Dr. R. Elgie, Chairman of the Workers Compensation Board in Toronto. A copy of it was sent to The News.

Dear Mr. Elgie:  
Re: Minnova Mines  
Schreiber, Ontario

Information provided this Union suggests the above named mine either has and/or continues to have a disproportionate share of its workers disabled by lung conditions.

The disabling condition presents as Asthma in workers. It has also been observed that residents in the town of Schreiber are also experiencing elevated rates of Asthma, particularly among the young. The concentrated material from the mine site is being trucked to the town of Schreiber for transshipment. It is reported that the material subsequently blown about the town by the wind.

Minister of Environment and Mining Health and Safety Branch officials have, we are told, satisfied themselves there aren't any violations of existing laws.

We are satisfied that 3 workers have been and continue to be disabled in 1990. There are only approximately 90 workers at this location. Two others were disabled temporarily and have returned to work. This is a relatively new mine.

Following confirmation of the above noted data, this Union request a Task Force of the appropriate mix of medical specialists, metallurgists, ventilation technician, etc. etc. be assembled and a determination made with respect to what we believe is an industrially induced disease.

We understand this is a fairly complicated ore body, however, if mine workers and residents of Schreiber are both being affected, it may well be that the resolution lies in determining the composition of that ore body.

It is imperative that a solution of this problem be effected immediately. Workers are being disabled after very short exposure periods.

Yours truly,  
Moses Sheppard  
Staff Representative

# Letter...Reply from local business concerning clothing problem

Dear Editor,  
As I do not have Ms. Ball's address, I would like to respond to her letter through your paper, thank you.

Dear Ms. Ball, I read with interest, your Letter to the Editor-  
Re: lack of men's and children's

clothing in local stores.

It may interest you to know that for 19 years my business (Moore's of Terrace Bay Ltd.) carried a complete range of men's clothing and footwear. My men's inventory was an investment of \$80,000 - \$100,000 and my sales

were considerably less. Financing a good percentage of this inventory at high interest rates, and selling half the inventory at sale prices was all the incentive I needed to get out of the business, before I was forced out.

Now I cannot speak for Robinson's, but most businesses today have to make a profit on all their lines. The days are gone when a merchant can afford to carry a line at a loss to provide a service.

As a small, local business owner I feel I'm in close contact with the need of the local consumer and I assure you I and the local business owners would like

to keep as much business in town as possible. I continue to monitor the need for men's wear in the area, and with the coming Goods and Services Tax, the impact, if negative on my ladies' wear, may necessitate my bringing in some men's lines where profitable.

If you have some suggestions or would like to discuss this issue or any others that would improve the local business climate, I would be more than happy to meet with you or any one else. Thank you for your concern, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,  
Michael Moore- President  
Moore's of Terrace Bay Ltd.



Shirley Mikus, chairperson of the Disability Action Group, won a Handicapped Action Group Incorporated (HAGI), sweatshirt at a presentation given by Independent Living Centre.

## Independent Living Workshop

The Independent Living Centre, (ILC) a branch of the Handicapped Action Group Incorporated, presented a series of workshops throughout Northern Ontario this spring.

The ILC serves persons with any type of disability, from physical, to developmental to emotional. The Centre provides programs in the areas of Information and Referral, Advocacy, Peer Support, Homelink, and Research and Development.

A grant sponsored by the Secretary of State, gave the ILC an opportunity to visit communities in Northwestern Ontario to research workshops on patients rights, self-help groups, and barrier free design. A needs assessment survey was also distributed.


Every individual with a disability has unique problems and

barriers to overcome. Every community also has had consumer groups addressing issues such as lack of transportation, support services, and lack of accessibilities into buildings.

The results of the project will provide information so that the ILC can better meet some of these needs.

The ILC will continue to provide information, and make referrals for consumer rights, assertiveness, self-help and barrier-free design wherever there is an interest.

Don & Linda Buitenhuis (nee Deutscher)  
are pleased to announce the arrival of  
their son,  
**Derek William**  
born June 12, 1990, at McKella Hospital  
in Thunder Bay, weighing 8 lbs., 4 ozs.  
Proud Grandparents are Bob & Inge  
Deutscher and Joe & Betty Buitenhuis.



**CARD OF THANKS**

*Words alone cannot express the gratitude felt for the support received in the recent loss of our dear Mother and Grandmother, Jeannine Desrochers. To our many friends and neighbours for their generosity of food, flowers, cards, prayers and donations, we extend our heartfelt thanks. To the active and honourary pallbearers thank you for your caring touch. To Father Campbell, thank you for the beautiful Mass and and sincere words spoken. To the Catholic Women's League, thank you for the luncheons served after the prayers and Mass. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their presentation. Thank you to all the friends and relatives who travelled long distances to pay their last respects. A very special thank you to Mrs. Marg Roberts for the personal care and support she gave. We are very fortunate to be surrounded by such fine people. Your kindness and thoughtfulness was deeply moving and greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten. Thank you.*

*Curtis, Adèle, Louise, Denyse and Families.*

### ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TENDER TENDER TER 01-90 MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES TERRACE BAY DISTRICT

#### Road Maintenance Equipment

Tenders are invited for the rental of road maintenance equipment for the Steel River Crown Management Unit, Terrace Bay District.

All equipment must be in first class mechanical condition and successful units will be inspected prior to acceptance.

- 1- Crawler Bulldozer minimum 200 horsepower.
- 1- Rubber Mounted Front End Loader minimum 3 cubic yard capacity bucket.
- 1- Motor Grader minimum 135 flywheel horsepower.
- 3- Tractor and semi dump trailer units (25-30 cubic yard capacity).
- 1- Float unit capable of carrying the above mentioned bulldozer.



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Lyn McLeod  
Minister

For further information and tender documents contact Mr. Chris Hewson or Mr. Graham Coe (807) 825-3205, Ministry of Natural Resources, Terrace Bay, P.O. Box 280, POT 2W0.

Tender documents must be received at the Ministry of Natural Resources in Terrace Bay by 12:01 P.M. on July 23, 1990.

Public opening at 1:15 on July 23, 1990 at the Terrace Bay District Office.

Equipment must be tendered with operators. Work is expected to commence about the end of July, 1990.

# ADVERTISING

## SALES REPRESENTATIVE

### FULL-TIME POSITION

We are seeking a person to train as an ADVERTISING SALES REP. in our Terrace Bay Office.

The successful applicants must have own vehicles and typing abilities are essential.

Please contact:

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Terrace Bay Schreiber News  
825-3747.