

Disability Action Group

Disability Action Group President Shirley Mikus welcomed many members and guests before introducing representatives from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation of Thunder Bay. Carrol Emerick and Jim Lamoureux were guest speakers at the meeting in the McCausland Hospital Thursday evening.

These two speakers explained the various types of Rehabilitation of Residential Buildings (RRAP) and Specific Disabilities and Home Modifications for Independent Living (RRAP for the Disabled), through all avenues of Federal, Provincial and Municipal funding, Ontario Home Renewal Program (OHRP). All funding is provided to eligible homeowners through forgivable loans, based on income, or to landlords undertaking work to modify a dwelling

which is already occupied by a disabled person, or which will be occupied by such a person.

Ms. Emerick described the process of assistance given once a request arrives, with a representative inspecting the premises and offering advice on areas of concern. This, then is presented at her office and assessed along with estimates of necessary work and applicant's income for approval of up to \$5,000 in funding, forgivable over a five year residential period. Any additional funds, up to \$10,000 are arranged on a loan, to be repaid over five years by the resident.

Both representatives were kept busy during the coffee hour, fielding answers to the many and varied queries. They were thanked by the president, who also expressed appreciation to Social

Convener, Alma Hart for the refreshments.

Business of the meeting included a letter from the Community Resource office with regard to the September 12th meeting. A D.A.G. member will attend the October 10th meeting in Schreiber re: Networking.

Reporting on the progress of Handi-Transit, Shirley said it was going ahead well. Success with accessibility was evident with the announcement the Terrace Bay Community Church are planning to fund raise for a ramp into the Church. Further response had come from Diane Linstead with the Adult Literacy Group in Schreiber, who felt the suggestions made by Shirley and Mary Middaugh were appreciated and would be presented by her department and other service providers

to their landlord for possible implementation.

Elaine reminded members of previous remittance from their used clothing drive and she was currently readying another shipment. Elaine noted all clothing must be in-season, clean and in good repair and on hangers. Schreiber members may now drop off items for this project at the Chimo Club and will be picked up by Alma Hart.

A motion was passed to pay expenses for Ivy Cook who will be at the November meeting speaking on Patient's Rights.

Pat Auger gave an excellent run-down on the Conference on Positive Aging, he and others had attended. He gave out copies on the Government proposal on Long-Term Care Reform. Members are to study this and be prepared to discuss this topic fully at the October meeting.

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Ontario Mining Week, Oct. 13 - 18, was developed by the Ontario Ministry of Mines, the Ontario Mining Association and other mining organizations

Air quality questioned

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Metals at two of the monitoring sites, while still within acceptable limits, increased sharply in May.

It was suggested in the report that dust blown from the entrance to the transshipment site may have caused this increase.

The report pointed to the need for CP Rail to diligently maintain its dust control program.

The Concerned Citizens of Schreiber would like to see the mineral transfer site moved out of town to a non-populated area or copper and zinc concentrates transported in sealed containers.

The Committee feels that zinc and copper concentrate should be treated with more respect due to its potential toxicity to the health of local residences.

The MOE will continue its present monitoring program until Dec. 1990. At that time the program will be reviewed and modified if necessary.

If complaints about the dust fallout persist, the report said, other methods of dustfall sampling will be considered.



Horn of Plenty

The fruits of fall's labour is displayed in the window of the North of Superior Roman Catholic School Board's office.

Congratulations Karin!



Karin Brassard graduated Dec 15th 1989 from Confederation College with her diploma in Business Administration. Karin is currently employed in Thunder Bay in the Regional Office of Ontario Hydro.

Karin is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs Cyril Brassard of Rosport.

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