

Mining Association of Canada lobbies federal government for tax deductible mine reclamation fund

The tax treatment of reclamation expenditures was at the centre of the representations made by the mining industry to the federal government in this year's pre-budget consultations.

In a pre-budget submission to the Minister of Finance Michael Wilson and Minister of State for Privatization and Regulatory Affairs John McDermid, The Mining Association of Canada (MAC) urged the Minister of Finance to allow full deductibility for income tax purposes of expenditures paid into a government-mandated mine reclamation fund.

This measure was submitted by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Mineral Industry (IGWG) to the Conference of Federal and Provincial Mines Ministers held in Winnipeg earlier this year.

The MAC urges the Minister of Finance to amend the Income Tax Act accordingly in the next federal budget.

According to MAC Chairman Keith Hendrick, "the modest revenue loss incurred by governments because of the implementation of these recommendations will be more than offset by several significant advantages".

First, tax treatment would be more equitable and would strengthen industry support for mine reclamation funding in the various provinces and territories.

Second, adoption of the recom-

mendations in the IGWG Report would promote good environmental management, a paramount public concern at present.

As stated in the report, the introduction of mine reclamation funding arrangements will increase the likelihood that a mining company will be in a position at the time of decommissioning to discharge its reclamation responsibilities, which should result in fewer abandoned mine sites.

Finally, deductibility may enhance the likelihood that a mining company, in considering development of a lower quality resource, will be assured that it can meet the costs and responsibilities of reclamation.

As government-mandated requirements for reclamation increase, deductibility is thus conducive to maintaining the level of economic activity.

Other specific pre-budget recommendations of the Mining Association of Canada included the following:

* That the present per litre fuel tax rebate for fuel used in the production and transport of minerals be extended for a further year to December 31, 1991.

* That the present two year period allowed from the date of payment for submitting claims for refunds of federal excise tax be extended temporarily to three years.

* That the large corporations

tax provision be amended to allow a deduction from the capital base for unclaimed exploration and development expenses.

* That the Department of Finance review and update Regulation 5907 (11) so that additional countries may be added for purposes of the foreign affiliate regulations.

The MAC continues to press governments in Canada to maintain and accelerate efforts to bring their budgets into closer balance and to curb the growth of debt. A consequent easing of pressure on financial markets and of monetary policy will enable exporters of minerals to invest, to export and to better realize opportunities offered by free trade with the United States.

Commenting on the situation and outlook for the mining industry, MAC President George Miller said that the Canadian minerals industry has experienced reduced profits in 1990 as a result of weakening demand in North America for fabricated metal products used in such industries as automobiles and residential construction.

"Supply factors have contributed to some strength in prices of such metals as nickel, copper and zinc but slower economic growth in Canada and in the world generally will likely lead to an overall weakening of metal prices in 1991."

Schreiber O.P.P.

The law and your snowmobile

Owners Liability

If someone uses your snowmobile you are jointly and severally liable for damages, and/or injury arising from operations of the vehicle.

You, as the owner may also be charged for penalties under the Provincial Motor Snow Vehicle Act or municipal by-laws. For example, if your snowmobile is driven during curfew hours, 11 p.m. - 7 a.m. and is identified, you, as the owner may be charged.

Land Owner's Liability

Land owners are not responsible for injuries to trespassers except if the land owner creates danger on his/her land in order to cause possible damage or injury to a trespasser.

Trespassing

All persons operating a snowmobile are subject to the Trespass to Property Act. Do not travel over other people's property unless you have permission to do so. Cook's Lake, in the Township of Schreiber, is a prohibited areas of travel. Persons and/or snowmobiles should not cross this lake.

Speed Limits

You may drive a M.S.V. up to 20 km/hr. on a roadway where the speed limit for cars is 50 km/hr. or less, or in any public park. (That means on our streets the limit is 20 km/hr.) Radar enforcement will be carried out in Schreiber and no warnings will be given, so please drive safely.

Snowmobile Accidents

During the 1984-1985 season, 18 persons were killed and 396 injured in Ontario. Last weekend, two snowmobilers died in central Ontario when their machine broke through the ice.

Some of the lakes in our area are dangerous throughout the year because of streams and currents. Know the lakes and ponds before you go on them.

Impaired Driving Applies for Snowmobilers

If you are convicted of driving your snowmobile while impaired by alcohol or drugs you are subject to the same laws as if you were driving a car. (Loss of drivers license for one year, a fine and a Criminal Record).

Report Accidents

Any snowmobile accidents on or off the roadway that results in injury to any person, or damage to property exceeding \$400 must be reported immediately to police.

Rules of the Road

All traffic laws apply to snowmobiles. That includes flashing red lights on a school bus; **snowmobile must stop!**

Hand signals should be used at the appropriate times and care should be taken when entering intersections.

Remember not all drivers notice a snowmobile approaching so drive defensively.

Have a safe snowmobile season!

By Laws

Correction: The operation of snowmobiles is prohibited in Terrace Bay between 12 midnight and 7 a.m.

NORTH OF SUPERIOR PROGRAMS

REGIONAL SUPERVISOR

PURPOSE OF POSITION

To provide clinical, project and administrative supervision to all Social Services staff of the North of Superior Programs. To provide general administrative supervision to all clerical staff. To be a member of the Management Team and reporting directly to the Executive Director.

QUALIFICATIONS

An experienced clinician with Master or Doctorate in Social Sciences with experience in community/mental health, including prevention and education, assessment and counselling of children, adolescents and adults and supervision of a wide range of Social Services professionals. Administrative experience and bilingualism will be considered assets.

LOCATION

Nipigon/Red Rock, Ontario

Will supervise 11 unionized staff in Nipigon/Red Rock and Schreiber/Terrace Bay.

Must have own transportation and valid drivers licence.

Salary to commensurate with qualifications and experience.

CLOSING DATE: January 18, 1991

Interested applicants must send resume to:

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Junior Citizen of the Year

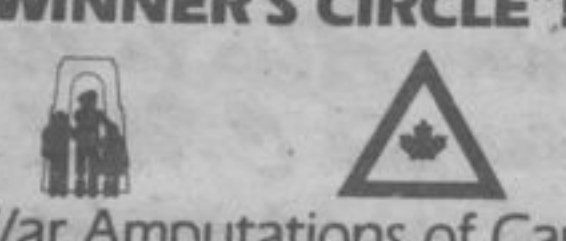
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munity. She organized funding, formed a board of directors and recruited volunteers. Her dedication has benefitted the whole community.

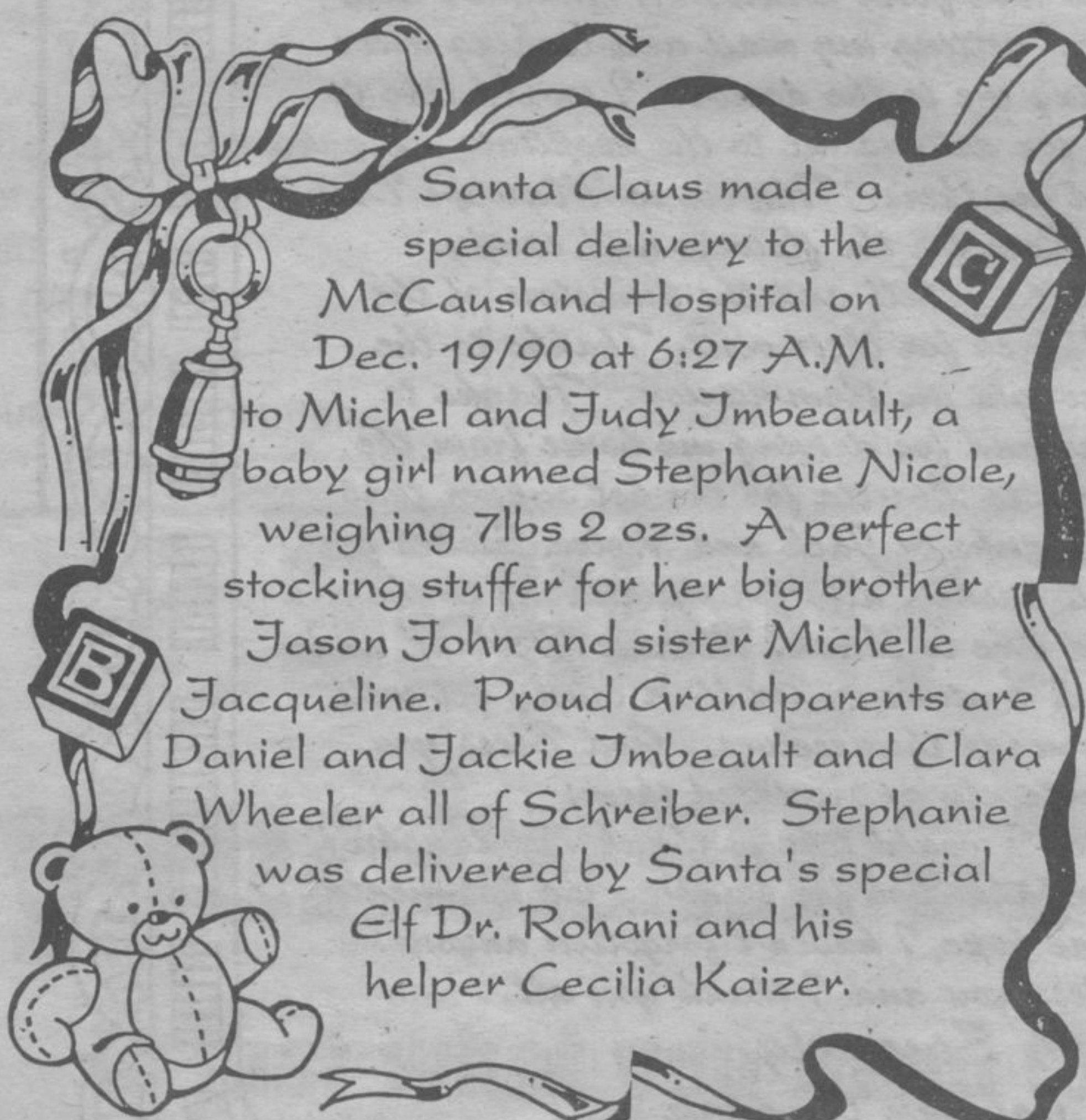
* The Haven House Teen Hotline Students of Mindemoya, for outstanding community commitment. These 10 young people have organized and run a crisis line for teens in need of peer counselling. Their hard work and devotion to the cause has paid off for the entire community.

For more information, contact Lynda Davidson, Junior Citizen Co-ordinator, OCNA, 416-844-0184.

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The War Amputations of Canada



Santa Claus made a special delivery to the McCausland Hospital on Dec. 19/90 at 6:27 A.M. to Michel and Judy Imbeault, a baby girl named Stephanie Nicole, weighing 7lbs 2 ozs. A perfect stocking stuffer for her big brother Jason John and sister Michelle Jacqueline. Proud Grandparents are Daniel and Jackie Imbeault and Clara Wheeler all of Schreiber. Stephanie was delivered by Santa's special Elf Dr. Rohani and his helper Cecilia Kaizer.



Happy 30th Boyka!!



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The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs
Reminds you to stick to the Trail
Every year, in Ontario, people are hurt and killed because they snowmobile on unsafe ice or ride on highways.
The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs urges you to
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You can get things done in the Classifieds