



### A Winner

William Randa of Terrace receives his prize, a stereo video cassette recorder, from Ron Brown, manager of the Northern Store in Schreiber. Randa's name was drawn in the Terrace Bay-Schreiber News' subscription contest. The Northern Store, along with Spadoni Bros. Ltd of Schreiber and Marlin World Wide Travel of Thunder Bay, participated in the event which helped raise much needed funds for the Mom n' Me groups of Terrace Bay and Schreiber. Viena McLellan, of Schreiber, won airline tickets for two to Minneapolis from Marlin World Wide Travel in the draw.

# Program to develop communication skills

By Rob Cotton  
The News

A program to help women develop more effective communication skills will begin next week in Terrace Bay and in Schreiber.

Strengthening Ourselves, a 10 week program is part of the Northshore Family Resource Centre Outreach Program, said Donna Mikeluk, outreach counsellor.

"It's an opportunity for women to come together for a couple of hours every week and talk about situations that are going on in their lives," she explained.

Mikeluk said the format of the program is quite simple,

"We sit and talk about an objective, watch a film or a simulation, discuss it and follow with an exercise to

reinforce the ideas," she said.

The group environment provides support and helps the women to realize they do share similar problems, she added.

"By learning effective communication skills we can become stronger within ourselves," she said.

Programs will begin in Schreiber on Tue. Jan 29 and in Terrace Bay on Wed. Jan 30. The courses will be in the Recreation Centres from 7-9 p.m.

Mikeluk said the program will be available whenever there are a sufficient number of women interested.

"Women who are interested can call," she said.

There is no cost and child care subsidy is available. Call 824-3380 or 824-3050 for more information.

## Cost of new police complaints system to community unknown

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and the Commissioner's office comes up here to investigate it the cost will be absorbed by the police force and the community," he said.

"I presume they're going to bill us because it doesn't say in the Act that they're not," he added.

Chief Kidder also pointed out that it will be hard to budget for something that is an unknown quantity.

### Basic system unchanged

The basic complaint process has not changed very much in that the complaint still comes to the chief of police who, after an investigation, attempts to resolve the situation.

If it can not be resolved at the local level the Office of the Complaints Commissioner will investigate.

Right from the beginning, the Office of the Complaints Commissioner will be aware of the complaint and will be

monitoring it as it goes through the process, Chief Kidder explained.

In the past, if people weren't satisfied with a chief's resolution of a complaint they could go to the municipal Police Committee of the Whole or Police Commission.

If they didn't receive satisfaction there they took the matter to the Ontario Police Commission.

"The new procedure stays away from that - it ends at the Office of Commissioner of Complaints, an independent body," Chief Kidder said.

The new system will also be costly in time. There are 21 forms that have to be filled out to process a complaint.

### It's going to take more time

The forms must be completed, served on the complainant, the police officer, the complaints commissioner's office and any other person or persons involved.

"It's going to take me time to do this but some people want things done instantly," Chief Kidder said, "Well it doesn't work that way when you have a process to follow."

### "has to be accountability in policing"

He said he felt it was a good system but he did point out that the police are one the very few groups of people who have a special law pertaining to their actions on and off the job.

"There does has to be accountability in policing," he said.

However, if there is a problem out there the police don't see or here about then how can they solve the problem, he added.

"Everybody has the right to complain and if they feel their complaint is legitimate, they should speak to me about it," he continued.

"Maybe I can clear the air

and point out why the police officer, under the law, has to do certain things."

If he can't satisfy the complainant with an explanation he will ask for a written complaint.

"I'm concerned not only with serious complaints but minor ones as well. If they are right I will treat it fairly," he said.

In the three years that Chief Kidder has been in Terrace Bay he has never handled a large number of complaints.

### Police work for the citizens

"I want a community police force in the community but the community has to be a part of it," he said, "The policemen in our community are working for the residents."

Chief Kidder said he felt a lot of thought had gone into the new Act and that he is not against any of the changes until he sees, over time, how they effect the whole picture.

## Snowmobile trail conditions reports

Ministry Reports on Snowmobile Trail Conditions

The Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation, in cooperation with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, will again provide provincial trail condition reports this season.

Ontario Minister of Tourism and Recreation Peter North today announced the start of the reports.

Through the linked trail system, travellers can go virtually anywhere in the province. The report describes conditions from Fort Frances in the north, to Ottawa in the east, to London in the west and Niagara Falls in the south. Trail conditions will be described as good, fair or poor. The report started Jan. 4 and is updated regularly through the Easter weekend.

Snowmobilers can get the report by calling 1-800-ONTARIO, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mon - Fri. French service by calling 1-800-268-3736.



## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TERRACE BAY

### NOTICE

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Christine Broughton  
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

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