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Terrace Bay Reeve says post office will remain

by Rob Cotton
The News

Terrace Bay's reeve is determined to keep the local Post Office operating despite the attempts of federal government to privatize the service.

"That post office is going to stay as it is - it is going to operate as it is," said Jim Ziegler, reeve of the Township of Terrace Bay.

Ziegler said, by his understanding, representatives of both Public Works Canada and Canada Post were to come and talk to council about the situation.

Nobody has showed up, he said. The only communication has been some correspondence and a few phone calls.

The phone calls were initiated by the township to try and find out what is going on, he added.

Ziegler described the situation as disgraceful.

"You're looking at six jobs," he said, "and in a population of 2,700 it hurts when you lose six jobs. They are not going to create six jobs if it goes to a retail outlet."

He said the federal government is destroying the country by getting rid of things owned by Canadians.

"Petro Canada, CBC and the Post Office - Canadians own these and this what has kept us together," he said.

"They are taking away our heritage."

Ziegler believes Crown Corporations should not be making huge profits but enough to cover operating costs and wages.

"Here you have Canada Post bragging about the huge profits it's making," he said, "but where are those profits going? Certainly not to pay off the deficit of this country."

Ziegler said that Canada Post has no intention of creating a retail outlet in Terrace Bay because the community boxes it means more profit for them.

"Of course they are going to make money when they put mailboxes on the corner and people, including senior citizens have to go there in 40 below weather and fumble with their keys to get into a mailbox that's plowed in," he said.

He also voiced his concern over who would be responsible for looking after the community mailboxes saying that responsibilities would, once again, come down on the municipality.

Public Works Canada, owns the the building in which the Terrace Bay Post Office is situated and has decided it no longer has use for the facility.

Canada Post has stated that it will remain in the building if a suitable lease can be arrnged with the new owners when an dif the sale takes place.

If a suitable lease cannot be arranged Canada has said it will continue to service Terrace Bay with a retail outlet or community mail boxes.

The petition asking the government to stop the sale of the post office building is still available for signing in the township office as well as other locations around town.



Love is in the eyes of children

Robert Sands (right), Amy Gusul and Katie Sheridan, along with their kindergarten classmates, brought a Valentine's message to McCausland Hospital from the Terrace Bay Public School. McCausland Hospital Auxilliary helps to arrange visits to the hospital by school children.

photo by Rob Cotton

Spider-man helps children make their own choices

by Rob Cotton
The News

Will Spider-man survive the electric bolts of the super villain Electro as he struggles for justice in the world of comic books?

Well of course. Spider-man, like most comic book heroes that children look-up to, will prevail. After all, with special Spider-sense he can gather all the facts and then make the right decisions in the nick of time.

Now the famous wall crawler is helping children to making the right decisions when comes to using drugs.

In two special issues, Skating on Thin Ice and Double Trouble, the Amazing Spider Man battles his way through a great adventure but there is also a message to young readers about

the responsibility that comes with making their own choices.

The comics, produced under the direction of the Drug Awareness Committee of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, were the idea of a Metro Toronto eleven-year old named Peter.

Don Kidder, chief of the Terrace Bay Police Services, said the message for each child is that he, or she, is his own person, who makes his own decisions.

"I have found that it doesn't matter what the age group, kindergarten, grade one, six, 12, university or adults - if you fully inform them of every thing and do it honestly, then their decisions are usually easy to make," he said.

If people aren't fully informed, especially

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