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## Fire destroys five apartments in Schreiber

by Rob Cotton  
*The News*

Five apartments where destroyed as a result of a Saturday morning fire, April 6, in Schreiber.

The fire started in one of the buildings' five apartments in Nick's Sport Shop and Apartments on Winnipeg Street, and was caused by a cigarette, said Deputy Chief Gene Ross of the Schreiber Volunteer Fire Department. The building is owned by Nick Commisso of Schreiber.

Fireman received the call at 10:50 Saturday morning and spent the remainder of the day extinguishing the blaze and cleaning up the area.

**No fatalities or injuries**

There were no fatalities or injuries but apartment residents lost many of their belongings. A call went out for donations of clothing and blankets for fire victims.

By the end of the day there were 16 of the Volunteer Fire Department's 21 volunteers firefighters on the scene. The help of four reserve firefighters was also enlisted.

Schreiber Hydro was called to disconnect the hydro lines and Larry Morin remained with his cherry-picker to direct water onto the top of the burning building.

Ross said the new water system provided lots of water and the new pumper was a real asset in controlling and extinguishing the fire.

**Problem with water drainage**

There was a problem, because of the frozen ground, in getting the water to drain away properly. Some water did get in the basements of the Anglican Church and other nearby buildings.

Once this problem was recognized dikes were built to restrict the flow of water.

Firefighters also responded to two other calls last week. On Sunday, April 7, problems with a woodstove at 127 Sunset Drive filled the house with smoke causing smoke damage. On Monday morning, April 8, firefighters put out a fire in an overheated van, five kilometers west of Schreiber on Hwy 17.



**Making sure**  
 Members of the Schreiber Volunteer Fire Department were still watching the burning remains of Nick's Sport Shop and Apartments at 4:30 p.m. and putting out small eruptions of flames.  
 Photo by Rob Cotton

### Drug awareness experts to visit Terrace Bay

Drug abuse is a community problem and the Drug Awareness/Abuse Presentation to be held on April 22 in Terrace Bay will help the community detect drug abuse, understand it and learn where to go for help, said Chief Don Kidder of Terrace Bay Police Services.

The program consists of two speakers, Norman Panzica and Sergeant Ben Jenkins, R.C.M.P, both leading authorities on drug abuse and awareness.

A drug abuse and family counsellor for 30 years, Panzica will discuss all forms of drug abuse by people of all ages.

Panzica is senior consultant to the Council

on Drug Abuse and a consultant to the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police. He is also the author of the book Drug Abuse and Your Family, of which copies will be available.

Topics include how: drug abuse can be prevented, starting with pre-schoolers; how to tell if a spouse or teenager is headed for trouble or actually into drugs and what to do about it.

Panzica will deal with the most frequently asked questions. For example: are beverage alcohol and marijuana comparable substances and how are pro-drug statements to be answered.

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### Schreiber resident reappointed to TVO's Northwestern Council

Schreiber resident Michael Reid has been reappointed to TVOntario's Northwestern Regional Council.

He joins the 15 member advisory council, offering his volunteer services to TVOntario.

Reid has been reappointed for a three year term. He is one of 75 councillors who meet regularly in their regions to advise the educational television network on the best ways to serve the needs of their communities.

The councillors, all volunteers, are also active in building awareness in their communities of TVOntario's many programs and services.





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