

National Access Awareness Week

by Rob Cotton
The News

Disability affects every sector of Canadian society, and persons with disabilities ask neither for special treatment or special privilege but simply for equal access in such fundamental areas as housing, employment, transportation, education and recreation.

Last week was National Access Awareness Week which has as its theme Access is a Right.

"Disability Action Group congratulates Terrace Bay Council for its efforts, through Township Engineer, Mr. Mikkonen, to remove barriers to the physically handicapped," said Shirley Mikus, president of the Disability Action Group.

The Township has provided correctly constructed curb cuts in several places, she said.

"We look forward to the time when those curb cuts which are still barriers because they are too short and steep or have raised lips will be reconstructed correctly," she added.

The physically handicapped will have better

access to the shopping area when a handi-transit vehicle becomes operational.

However Mikus pointed out that many local businesses have entrances that are inaccessible to these people.

"Renovations, evidently are too costly at the present time and there is no government monetary relief available to assist the merchants," she aid.

However, the Disability Action Group urges businesses that have not already done so, to improve accessibility to their premises by eliminating the lip at their entrances by installing a bevelled nose.

The Disability Action Group also reminds people to please not use parking spaces reserved for the physically handicapped.

Councillor Mike King said new by-laws regarding handicapped parking are in the process of being completed. Also, he added, the new picnic tables and benches that will be placed around town have been designed for use by the physically disabled.



Chris Ballentine propels himself up one of the properly constructed curb cuts, with a little help from his mother Linda, while councillor Mike King looks on.



Gertrude Cotton has difficulty getting her scooter to ride smoothly over the rough lips on some of the poorer curb cuts.



The Corporation of the Township of Terrace Bay

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Terrace Bay Council
P. O. Box 40
Terrace Bay, Ontario
POT 2W0

by June 14, 1991. For more information contact Dave McCullough, Chair, Rosspoint Islands Management Board at 824 - 3359 (evenings and weekends).

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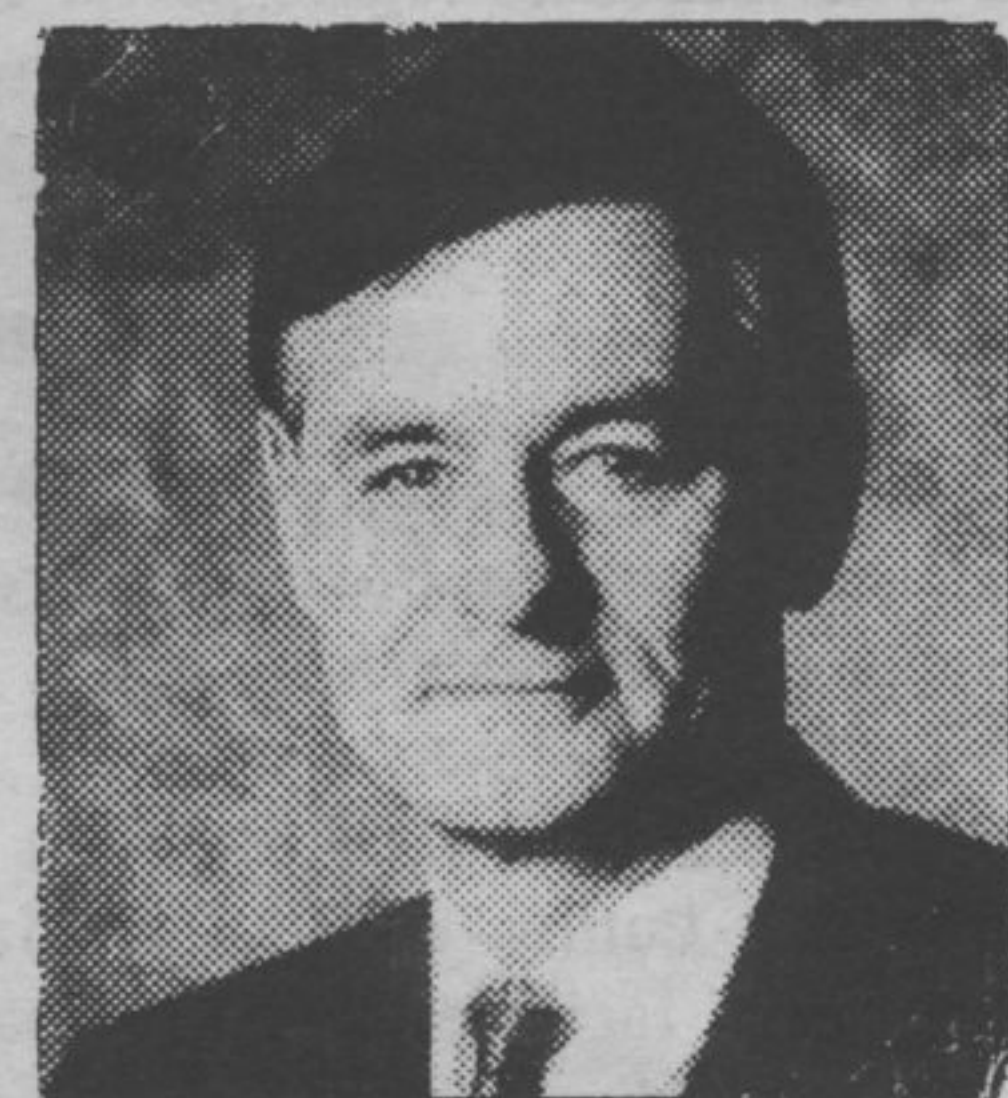
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