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Digging up the streets

Workmen fill in the hole on Peary Street in Schreiber after the water line for the new subdivision was connected to the Township's water main.

New police chief for Terrace Bay

by Rob Cotton
The News

Wes Fenton, a 14 year veteran of the Terrace Bay Police Service has been hired as the new Chief of Police.

Fenton began his policing career in Terrace Bay when he was hired as a constable in 1977. In fact, his 14 year anniversary with the Service comes next weekend, the Civic holiday.

Fenton believes in the concept of pro-active policing but feels the service has lost touch with certain segments of the community.

"The young people in town are first and foremost on my mind at this point in time," he said.

He wants to get back into the schools on a regular basis.

"I would like a little more interaction between the police service and, not only the students but the teachers as well."

"What do the teachers feel they would like to see us doing in the schools? How can we help?"

Police work always interested Fenton, even through high school, but he didn't get involved with it right away.

After graduating from a diesel engineering and heavy equipment mechanics course at Red River Community College in Winnipeg, Fenton opened a

garage in his home, Russel, Manitoba.

A failing grain market caused him to sell the garage and go to work for the Improvement District of Balmertown to eventually become assistant road superintendent.

From there he went to work for the municipality of Red Rock and eventually was employed by Multiply Plywoods.



Terrace Bay Police Chief
 Wes Fenton

In 1977 he applied for and received a job as constable with Terrace Bay Police Force.

"When I got here we worked two eight hour shifts starting at 8 a.m. and finishing at 2 p.m.," Fenton said.

During his time on the Service similar problems have arisen but at different degrees.

During the major construction at the mill, the policemen's attention was directed to the problem of having one drinking establishment and 2,000 some odd construction workers looking for some place to drink.

"Consequently we did a lot of work around that establishment," he said.

The construction workers were very transient and brought their problems in to Terrace Bay, whether they were alcohol related, drug related or financial, he explained.

The construction workers eventually left but problems arose in other areas. At one point in time Terrace Bay had a big problem with vandalism.

"Everybody knew we shut down at 2 a.m. so they would wait until 2:30 or 3 a.m. and then go and have 'vandal party'," he said.

When the force went to 24 hour policing the vandal problem was curtailed.

"In a lot of cases we have gone from reactive policing to pro-active policing - trying to stay in touch with the community - trying to find out what the people perceive the problems to be," Fenton said.

The Township will be hiring another constable to bring the Service up to its full complement.

Nostalgia Days at Neys Provincial Park will bring history to life

Neys Provincial Park, located 26 km west of Marathon will be celebrating its 6th annual Neys Nostalgia Days during the weekend of August 9 - 11.

Lynda Horman, Park Superintendent says "The objective is to bring history to life through guest participation in planned events. Visitors will have a chance to meet Voyageurs, loggers and

Prisoner of War. The games of days gone by will be brought back to life for campers of all age to enjoy."

Neys is well known for its campground and rich history. The 2 km sand beach on the North Shore of Lake Superior offers a beautiful view of the Barclay and Slate Islands.

Arctic plants can sometimes be found

growing with the wild flowers along one of Neys three hiking trails. The Visitors' Centre at Neys houses many displays about the history of the area including a display about the WWII Prisoner of War Camp that was located at Neys from 1942-46.

During the celebrations we will have an array of special guests, speakers, tra-

ditional dance groups as well as our own special programs and games.

Horman encourages everyone to come out for the weekend, or just for the day, to experience history and have some fun. Get involved in the games, give a watermelon seed your best spit or enjoy the pea soup and bannock at our Voyageur encampment.



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