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SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF TERRACE BAY - SCHREIBER - ROSSPORT AND JACKFISH LAKE

New Tourist Centre officially opened

By Rob Cotton
The News

The ribbon cutting ceremonies at the official opening of the Terrace Bay Tourist Information Centre became a real community event when members of the crowd were invited to assist the ministers.

Blanche Speck, a resident of Birchwood Terrace, Jaime Glad, 8, Brittany Glad 5, along with Travel Counsellors Barb D'Amuro and Angela Prince, took scissors in hand to help open the new building.

A good crowd gathered outside the new facility on Friday, August 30, to welcome Peter North, Ontario Minster of Tourism and Recreation, Shelly Martel, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Gilles Pouliot, Lake Nipigon M.P.P. and Minister of Transport and Reg Belair, M.P. Cochrane-Superior, to the centre's official opening.

Following O' Canada, sung by Kim Alexander, Terrace Bay Reeve Jim Ziegler introduced the the visitors.

The building was then dedicated by Father Campbell and Reverend Tigani.

During the ceremonies Councilor Mike King presented Keli Turpin with the Canada Day Youth Award.

The tourist centre has been open to the public since May 27 and has had over 5,000 visitors.

"That is one of the highest rates of any centre, especially an new centre," said Reeve Ziegler.

Ziegler said that the business people he has spoken to have seen some increase of tourists.

"And that does everybody good. If people are spending more money in town that



The community helps cut the ribbon

Left to right Terrace Bay Twp. Councillor Bill Houston, Minister of Tourism and Recreation Peter North, Blanche Speck, Reeve Jim Ziegler, Minister of Transport, Gilles Pouliot, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Shelley Martel, Reg Belair, M.P. Cochrane -Superior, Jaime Glad, Brittany Glad, and Travel Counsellors, BarbD'Amuro, Angela Prince and Amber Glad, all took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the Terrace Bay Tourist Information Centre.

means businesses are going to be more viable and stay open," he added.

He said the biggest asset of the information centre has been the staff, Susan Johnson, Tourism Co-ordinator, and the Travel Counsellors Barb D'Amuro, Angela Prince and Amber Glad.

"They are the front line people who sold the community," Ziegler said.

"The friendliness of the centre then carried on up the street."

Ziegler emphasized that the Township is developing tourist facilities for he residents of Terrace Bay as well as for travellers.

"Every one of these facilities can be used by the people of Terrace Bay," he said.

Pouliot presents Terrace Bay Township with MNDM cheques

Gilles Pouliot, Ontario Minister of Transport and Lake Nipigon M.P.P. presented several cheques totalling \$18,737 to the Township of Terrace Bay on behalf Of Northern Development and Mines Minister Shelley Martel.

The cheques were presented at the Aguasabon Golf Club during a luncheon following the official opening of the Terrace Bay Tourist Information Centre on Friday August 30.

A cheque for \$ 9,375 was the first payment of a Northern Development and Mines Ministry grant of \$18,750 towards a development study of Highway 17 corridor.

The Township will have input into the engineering and construction of the highway in 1992-93. The study will look into lighting, traffic control, signage, landscaping, access, points

of interest and design requirements.

"The findings from the study will help Terrace Bay's tourism strategy and waterfront development," Martel said.

Funding is provided under MNDM's Northern Community Economic Development Program. The total cost of the corridor study is \$25,000.

The second cheque was for \$2,062, the first payment of a \$4,125 grant from the ministry for the preparation of detailed maps of the Aguasabon Gorge.

"I am pleased that my ministry could support this mapping project for the beautiful Aguasabon Gorge," Martel said.

"It fits in with our commitment to support and enhance tourism development opportunities in the North."

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