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by Darren MacDonald The News

Provincial budget cuts will soon leave the Schreiber O.P.P. with one less constable, Sgt. Andy Templar said Thursday.

On Nov. 4, Const. Bert Logan will be assigned to the Barrie O.P.P., and on Nov. 12, Const. Bob Draper will be going to Sturgeon Falls.

"All I'm getting at this point is one man," said Templar.

"The provincial government's put on a hiring freeze. And with no recruits coming in, they're just maintaining the detachments as they stand."

With one less constable, Templar said his detachment will have to cut services to the town.

"We're not going to be able to give as much in community services," he said.

"Things like lectures, safety

have the manpower to do it." Templar also said that there may not be as many officers on duty as there are now. Instead, they'll be called in during emergencies.

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Christmas lights and snow



Perhaps anticipating this weekend's snowfall, Terrace Bay has already put up their Christmas lights. It was the second snowfall this month, but probably not the last.

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Inside Gorge tenders lower than forecast

Town can afford to build one, full sized observation deck, designers tell meeting

by Darren MacDonald The News

Thanks to lower than tenders, expected Aguasabon Gorge Development will have a full sized observation deck, Rick Moore told a public meeting in Terrace Bay last Thursday.

Speaking on behalf of Moore/George Associates, the development's designer, Moore told the crowd of about 20 people that total construction costs came in at \$289,000, considerably less than forecast.

"The tenders came in under what we had anticipated," Moore said. "So now we can

build one full deck."

The cost of one observation deck with disabled accessibility had been estimated at \$380,000, and did not allow for any extras, such as road signs to attract tourists, or washrooms.

Moore/George Associates had come up with a new proposal, which allowed for the extras and was economically feasible, but reduced the size of the observation deck.

"We're very pleased with the work they (Moore/George Associates) have done," said Terrace Bay Reeve Jim Zeigler.

Tourism Committee had to say, and I think they put together a good package."

"You should have a nice, completed project by the spring."

Rick Moore, of Moore/George Associates, designer of the Gorge development.

Local input in the planning process will ensure the development suits everyone, Zeigler said.

"These programs aren't just for tourists to enjoy," he said. "They've listened to what the "They're also for the people of

Terrace Bay."

Cullmar Construction has been given the contract to install the remaining footings, which is estimated to cost \$55,000.

Cullmar also had the lowest bid for building the observation deck, Moore said, at \$121,000.

Costal Steel, of Thunder Bay, will provide the Steel for the project, at an estimated cost of \$100,000.

Once the costs of the GST and additional survey work is added in, the final cost of the development comes \$289,000, said Moore.

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