

Terr. Bay Candidates

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Councillor John St. Amand. "The quality of the service is high, but not always available," said Councillor Mike King.

The candidates also agreed that dealing with hydro problems would be a priority of the next council.

Council hopeful Clem Fewer said the system should be modernized "so we won't be left in the dark so often."

The possibility of creating

the position of Hydro Commissioner was raised, but it received little support.

"I'm reluctant to support the idea of a hydro commissioner," said Councillor Bill Houston.

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community," agreed Councillor Mike King.

In response to a question



Would be Councillors and Trustees take their seats last week.

about economic development, Councillor John St. Amand said he thinks enough public money has been spent on economic development for now, citing the progress made on the Aguasabon Beach Development Plan.

"I'd like to see private businesses take up the initiative," St. Amand said.

The idea of hiring an economic development officer got a similarly chilly reception.

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Trustee Jon Ferguson on closing one campus.

worked," St. Amand said.

Councillor Chris Joubert said he had rejected a specific proposal to hire an economic development officer with Schreiber because Terrace Bay would have had to bear a disproportionate share of the cost.

"And I also think a breathing space is needed," before more public money is committed to development, Joubert said.

"Our emphasis is on tourism," said Councillor Bill Houston "So (Tourism Director) Susan Johnson is effectively our economic development officer."

The only candidate to support the idea was Clem Fewer.

"Economic development officers have worked in other towns and cities," Fewer said. "I think it would be beneficial."

Council candidate Mary Cashmore said that one of her priorities if elected would be addressing the problem of attracting another full time doctor to the area.

"What, if anything, are we prepared to do to rectify the problem?" she said.

"And is tourism enough for a second industry?"

The Trustee debate focused on why certain courses necessary for some university programs were unavailable to both campuses.

"I ask the same question," said trustee candidate Marilyn Chapman. "It shouldn't be that way."

"It's a split campus — it's just a way of life," said trustee Jon Ferguson.

"As long as you have a split campus, it's going to happen."

But trustee candidate Robert Bagdon disagreed.

"I think there's no need for the fundamental courses not to be offered," he said.

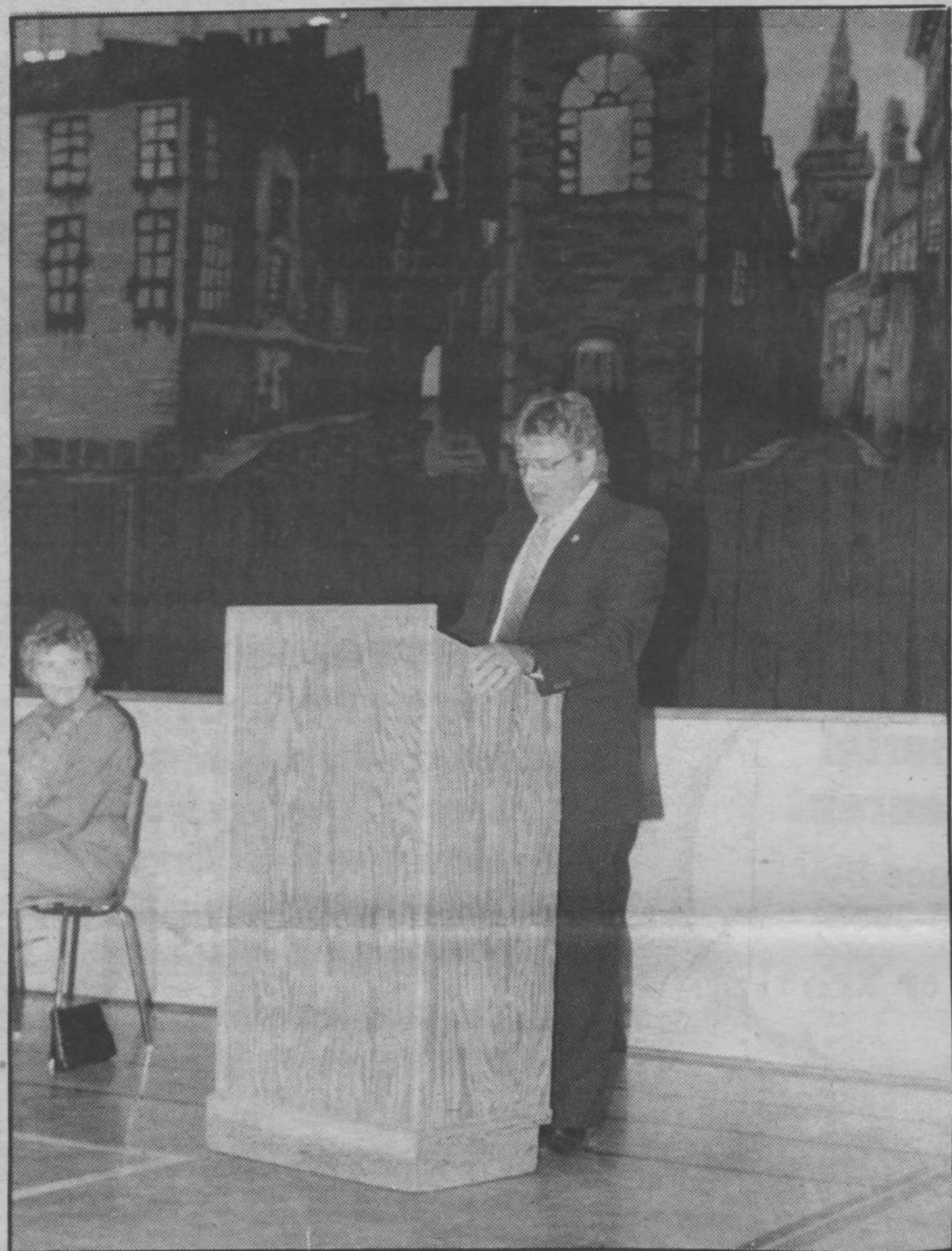
Chapman said she wanted to "squash" rumours that she supported closing the Schreiber campus.

She did say she supported the idea of selling school land near Marathon.

"If the property is near Marathon what good is it doing us here?" she said.

In response to a question, Jon Ferguson acknowledged that the students at the Schreiber campus could be absorbed into the Terrace Bay school.

"Economically it would make sense, but morally, it's not going to happen," he said.



Terrace Bay Reeve Jim Zeigler. Zeigler was acclaimed for another term, and did not participate in the debate.



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