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Bursary commemorates Columbus' arrival



Roger Fournier (left), Art Beaulieu, Benoit Rioux, and Serge Query (far right), of Knights of Columbus Council #3554 of St. Edward, present Father Campbell of St. Martin Church in Terrace Bay with a cheque for \$1,000. The money will go toward the Louis G. Salini Knights of Columbus Burse for Seminarians. See story on page 3.

Community Futures groups get extra funds for operations

by Darren MacDonald
The News

The Department of Employment and Immigration Canada has announced that the Community Futures Program will be continued beyond its original mandate of six years.

This means that when the original six year mandate of the Schreiber-Terrace Bay Community Futures office ends in 1993, it can apply for funding for another five years.

Leslie Dickson, who is head of the local office, said one of the reasons funding has been extended is that the government's timetable for self-sufficiency was unrealistic.

"The original plan was that the Community Futures Committee would be organized to do long-range planning, and get the Business Development Centres up and running," Dickson said.

"Part way through the five years, the committees were supposed to phase out and become a volunteer committee to give

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Jelinek says no to customs service for Rosspport

by Darren MacDonald
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The minister of National Revenue has turned down Cochrane - Superior MP Rég B clair's request that a remote Customs clearing telephone service be established in Rosspport.

B clair wrote to Otto Jelinek last September requesting the service.

"During the past summer, many boaters had not cleared customs before they arrived in

Rosspport," B clair wrote in his letter.

"They wanted to stay in the area, but were threatened with fines if they did not immediately proceed to Thunder Bay.

"At a time when our tourist industry is suffering, tourists will not want to visit Canada if they are harassed by government officials," B clair said.

He went on to say that communities like Rosspport need support to build an infrastructure for their tourism indus-

tries.

But in a letter dated Nov. 13, Jelinek told B clair he was unable to fund the Customs service because his ministry's "commitment to Employment and Immigration not to expand telephone reporting (which) would preclude its use to provide Customs clearance."

Jelinek also said that appointing an "acting customs and excise enforcement officer" was not an option either because they cannot adequately

replace a telephone reporting system.

Jelinek did say that a new pilot program, called "Customs 2000", would allow persons crossing the border to carry a "Remote Area Border Crossing Permit" which would allow them to enter Canada without reporting to Customs.

"This project only applies to the international border from Pigeon River through to and including Lake of the Wood,"

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