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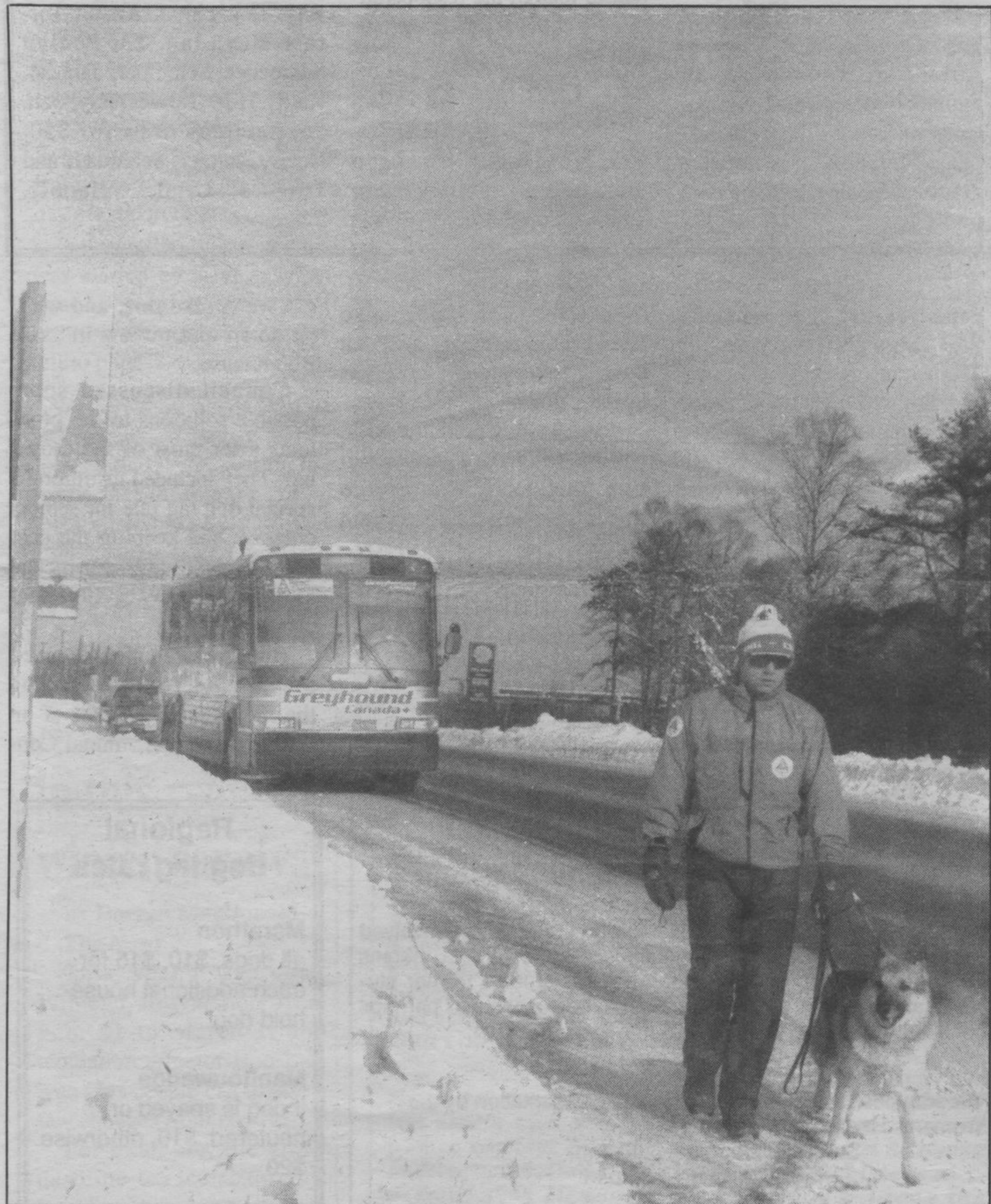
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Incredible journey makes local stop Angry residents protest the rising cost of dog tags



Ken McColm and his dog, Darren, arrives in Terrace Bay last Friday afternoon.

by Darren MacDonald
The News
 When Ken McColm began his walk across Canada last March in St. John's, the wind and cold was so bad, he seriously considered giving up. "But I made it through by saying to myself 'I hate this, but at least I'll never have to walk in wintertime again.'" McColm and his road man-

ager Darlene Groomes regaled the crowd gathered to see him last Friday with stories from their road trip so far. About 20 people crowded into the McCausland Hospital's Ambulance Facility to hear him speak about his journey, which so far has raised more than \$400,000 for the Canadian Diabetes Association. "I really love the smaller

towns," McColm said. "The difference between what we raised in Marathon and what we raised in Toronto was 50 bucks. Five hundred dollars in Toronto and \$450 in Marathon." By the time he reaches Victoria, and the end of his journey, McColm hopes to have raised \$1,000,000 in support of diabetes research.

by Darren MacDonald
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 A small but angry group of residents attended Schreiber Council last Tuesday night, protesting against next month's sharp increase in dog license fees.

A petition with 170 names on it protesting the increase was handed to Council to back up the resident's claim that people are against the price increases.

Effective Feb. 1, the cost of licensing an unspayed dog in Schreiber will be \$75, and for an unneutered dog, a tag will cost \$50.

Reeve Bob Krause defended the price increases, saying they are aimed at preventing an increase in Schreiber's dog population.

"We feel that raising the fees will discourage the reproduction of the dogs," Krause said.

But many people in the

crowd said they objected to having to pay for the actions of other people.

"It's not the idea of the money—we all could probably afford the license," one man said. "The point is we're being punished for what other people are doing."

What should be done to get dogs off the street is enforce the by-law against it, most people in the crowd said.

"But it's not a simple matter of charging people today and getting the money tomorrow," said Councillor Lorraine Huard.

"We had a guy charged in December whose case isn't coming to trial until March."

The fine for allowing your dog to run the streets is \$28.75. If the dog is picked up by the By-law enforcement officer, the charge is \$35, plus an additional \$10 per day for the cost

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Donations push Freddy over the top

by Darren McDonald
The News

After 18 months of rigorous fundraising, two major donations have pushed the Freddy the Fracture Finder fund over the top.

A \$25,000 donation from the Terrace Bay Royal Canadian Legion, and a \$210,000 donation from the McCausland Hospital - Terrace Bay - Schreiber - Rosspport Foundation completed the fundraising drive to help the hospital

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