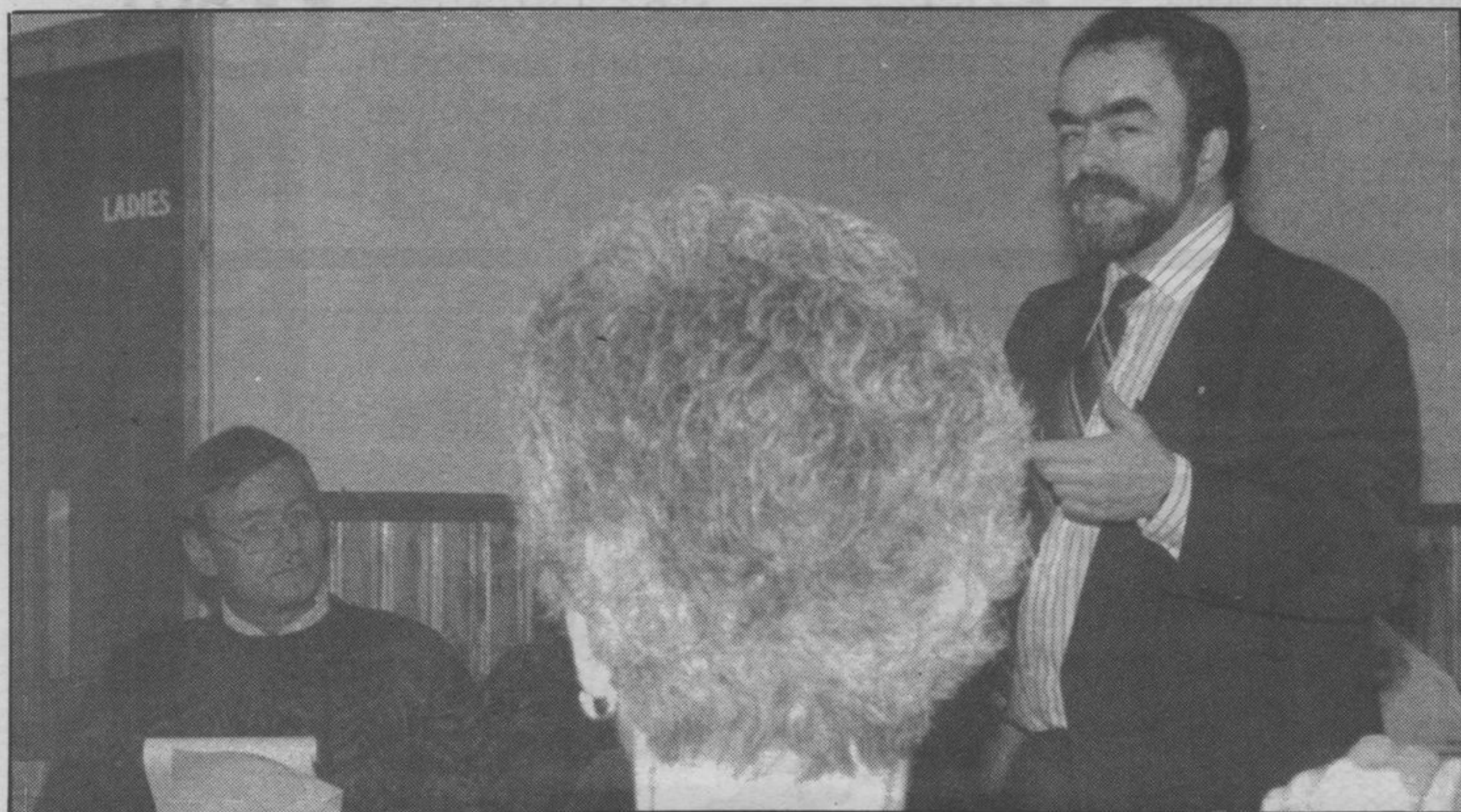


Big turnout for Via Rail meeting



Iain Angus (right) makes a point at last week's meeting while Gilles Pouliot looks on.

by Darren MacDonald
The News

More than 50 people crowded into the banquet room at Birchwood Terrace last Thursday night in support of restoring Via Rail service along the North Shore.

Thunder Bay-Atikokan MP Iain Angus, who also held similar meetings in Nipigon and Marathon last week, organized the gathering in order to gauge the impact the Via cuts have had along the North Shore. He was joined at the meeting in Terrace Bay by Provincial Transportation Minister Gilles Pouliot.

"(The government) knows they have the equipment to restore Via service along the North Shore, the question is, do they have the will," Angus told the crowd.

He also said political embarrassment is part of the reason the federal government was reluctant to restore service.

Angus said that there is tourism potential along the North Shore that is being wasted because there is no train.

"Not only for Canadians who want to see this beautiful country, but also for tourists," he said, adding that in tourist circles, the North Shore of Lake Superior is a comparable attraction to the Rocky Mountains in British Columbia.

Gilles Pouliot told the crowd that the Ontario government is not able to "pick up the financial slack left by other jurisdictions" and restore Via

service by itself.

But he also said that it was "time to work toward restoring Via Rail service."

After the opening comments by the politicians, the floor was turned over to the crowd, who were encouraged to tell stories of how they had been affected by the Via rail cuts.

"What gets me," said one man, "is that the year they stopped the train I tried six times to get on the train and it was full. And the times I did get on, it was crowded."

Most people were very critical of bus services—citing uncomfotability and price increases—and said flying was too expensive.

Concerns were also raised about the 19 jobs CP is transferring from Schreiber to Toronto, added on to the 15 lost in Schreiber when Via pulled out in 1990.

"These (19) jobs don't have to be relocated to the bigger centres," Angus said.

"If they're going to consolidate, they should be consolidating in the smaller centres," where costs are lower, he said.

In response to a question about subsidies, Angus said that although he "didn't have the figures" a restored service would have to be subsidized.

"But we don't necessarily have to raise taxes or increase the deficit—we just have to spend money smarter," he said, adding that all forms of transportation in Canada are subsidized.

As the meeting ended, Gilles Pouliot told the crowd that it wasn't enough to make a "grand speech" about restoring service. He said that specifics such as potential passengers a restored service could expect and projected costs must be worked out.

"If we can focus on getting the train back on track, then I'm with you," Pouliot said.

Angus also met with
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Thank You

Thank you so much to my family and friends who made my 70th birthday such a special occasion.

A special thanks to Betty, Laura and Mrs. Johnson.
Bert Morris

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washing up and eating.

Other activities which simulated visual impairment included "which coat is yours?", in which the students tried to identify their coats using their remaining senses, and walking blindfolded with the assistance of a white cane.

To simulate a hearing impairment, students were shown a movie, first with no sound, and then with sound in order to illustrate what they would miss without their hearing.

They also practiced lip-reading, examined hearing aids, and tried to guess what was on a record played with the volume turned low.

Physical impairments were also part of the afternoon's activities.

Children ate with their fingers taped together, walked with newspapers attached to their legs, and painted using only their mouth.

They also tried to get around using wheelchairs and crutches.

The learning disabilities that were simulated included giving the students tasks that were overwhelmingly difficult, putting them in the same position students with learning disabilities are put in every day.

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In other news, the Schreiber OPP will be getting another constable May 4, bringing the detachment up to a complement of four.

"An officer from the Port Credit Detachment has volunteered to come North," Templar says.

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Thank You

Thank you to those who participated in planning and attending the town baby shower for our children. Especially Yvonne McGrath, Pauline Woodruff and Cindy Tremblay who organized this event. Thanks also to the servers, the women in the kitchen, everyone who prepared food and helped open gifts. Thanks to all who contributed to the lists at Northern, Spadoni's, Cebrario's and Western Tire. A special thanks to the Legion who donated the hall and kitchen and to the Town of Schreiber who presented us with a triplets stroller and 3 silver cups. To the merchants, businesses and people of Schreiber, a heartfelt thank you for your generosity. We are overwhelmed by the kindness shown towards us.
Pat, Sue, Katie, Chris & Kelly Webb



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The weeks of February 3 and February 10
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...Bring your child's birth or baptismal certificate as proof of age.
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WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND KINDERGARTEN?

JK: Children born in 1988

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Parent meetings and classroom visitations will be arranged by each school during the month of May.

For further information, please contact your local public school:

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