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Miners vote to accept two year pact

All day bargaining session Friday yields deal

by Darren MacDonald
The News

A strike was averted at Minnova Mines Sunday night when 90 workers voted by a margin of about 80 per cent to accept the company's latest contract offer.

"There was substantial improvement in the long-term disability package," said United Steelworkers Local 4464 President Tom Jameus in an interview Monday morning.

The two year contract is retroactive to Nov. 1, and also includes a 5.3 per cent raise for

workers this year, and a five per cent raise next year.

The deal itself was hammered out by union and management during negotiations last Friday in Thunder Bay which took "they better part of the day" to complete, Jameus said.

The main stumbling block for an agreement had been the disability benefits package.

"The company went out of its way to help us out on that

one," Jameus said. He also said that for a first contract, he's pleased with the deal.

"It's a very fair agreement all the way around."

Minnova Media Coordinator
John Wilcox

Minnova's Media Coordinator John Wilcox described the deal as a "good package."

"We're looking forward to working with the steelworkers to make this a good working

agreement," Wilcox said Monday afternoon.

"(The deal) gives everyone a solid platform to work on and continue to establish good labour relations. It's a very fair agreement all the way around."

The 106 members of Local 4464 were certified as a Union last May, and have been working on the contract since last June.

The company's original offer had been rejected by the miners by a margin of 57 per cent.

Police may lay charges after snowmachine accident

by Darren MacDonald
The News

The Terrace Bay Police Service and the Schreiber OPP are investigating a snowmobile accident that took place last weekend near the access road to the cross country ski trails in Schreiber/Terrace Bay.

Sgt. Andy Templar said Monday that two youths

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Earning their citizen's badge



Schreiber Reeve Bob Krause explained some of the finer points of municipal government to girl guides (from left) Stephanie Needham, Donna Park, Julie Müller and Barbie Wilson, while guide in charge Mary Ann Needham looked on. The guides visited Council Feb. 17 as part of earning their citizen's badge. They listened to a short explanation on the basic tenets of municipal government, and then asked Reeve Krause questions on what he had said.

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