

Community briefs

PCAC meeting

Course timetabling was the main topic of the Feb. 11 Parent/Community Advisory Committee meeting held in Schreiber.

Principal Sharon MacKenzie said that over the next two and a half months Noël Chambers and Ted Hanley will be speaking to all LSHS students about their course selections.

In each of the meetings, the student's course history and personal interests will be reviewed. A study plan will then be outlined for the student with a career or field of post-secondary education in mind.

The counselors will focus on how mandatory and prerequisite courses can best be knit together during the student's first four years of high school without overloading any given semester or year.

Dale Cooper discussed factors that affect the make-up of a timetable, such as class sizes and the availability of qualified teachers.

The 1992-1993 timetable will attempt to place at least 100 students in Schreiber at all times. This semester, a Schreiber classroom has been set aside as a study hall/lunchroom, much to the satisfaction of students.

The remainder of the meeting dealt with sports days policies and Contact North facilities.

The next PCAC meeting will take place in Terrace Bay March 11.

Canada 125

Gordon Blake, of Canada 125 Celebrations, invites the

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residents of Schreiber, Terrace Bay and surrounding areas to a town-hall meeting on Tuesday, March 3. The meeting is at 7 pm at the Schreiber Recreation Centre. Groups and individuals interested in how they can celebrate Canada's 125th Birthday are encouraged to attend.

TVO short of goal

TV Ontario has just completed the last on air fund-raising campaign of its fiscal year and is still \$600,000 short of its overall 1991-1992 goal of \$2 million. Last week, the on-air campaign raised \$125,000.

"We are not only suffering from the poor economic climate, but also struggling to regain the support of Ontarians lost in recent months because of negative media coverage," says Margaret Edgar, manager of Membership. "Membership has a month and a half left to purchase and produce new programs will be seriously affected. In addition, our existing programming might be affected as early as this fall."

\$735 million for capital projects

The Ontario Government will provide \$735 million in base capital transfer payments, excluding supplementaries, to assist municipalities with the construction and maintenance of municipal roads, Transportation Minister Gilles Pouliot announced Feb. 21.

The capital transfer payments will provide for the equivalent of one year's employment for some 41,500 Ontarians throughout the province.

"Municipal roads are an important component of this province's strong transportation system," Pouliot said. "By investing in capital projects today, we are stimulating local economies, creating employment and strengthening

Ontario's transportation infrastructure."

The capital transfer payments will support a range of municipal initiatives including:

- maintaining and upgrading of some 135,000 km of local urban and rural municipal roads;
- installing traffic signals and computerized traffic control systems to improve safety, traffic flow and decrease congestion within urban areas; and
- upgrading bridges and other structures to improve vehicle flow.

"All of us are facing extremely difficult decisions as we respond to the lingering effects of the recession," Ontario Treasurer Floyd Laughren said. The capital transfer payments will help municipalities generate employment while they work to expand this important community investment."

Minister looking for help planting trees

Natural Resources Minister Bud Wildman is asking for public support in planting up to 23 million tree seedlings which will be made available to eligible individuals, groups and organizations this spring.

"The MNR cannot afford to plant all the tree seedlings available to its silvicultural program this year," Mr. Wildman said. The ministry is teaming up with the Ontario Forestry Association (OFA) to seek the support of the public to assist us in planting as many trees as possible through a provincewide initiative that we are calling Operation Tree Plant."

This year, MNR will make Available 35 million tree seedlings, an increase of approximately 23 million from previous year.

To promote additional planting on private and Crown land, MNR will give out the seedlings.

Disabled transit underway in Schreiber and Terrace Bay

by Darren MacDonald
The News

After more than three years of planning, the disabled persons transit service was inaugurated in Schreiber and Terrace Bay Feb. 11.

Jointly sponsored by Schreiber and Terrace Bay Townships, the service is being introduced on a six month trial basis.

"I used it on Friday, and I was very well taken care of," says Disability Action Group member Gertrude Cotton.

"I've been talking to a lot of people, trying get them to use it. But many of them think it's just for disabled people, when it's for seniors too."

"The agreement with the Ministry (of Transportation) is for a year, but we can terminate it after six months," says Schreiber Clerk-Treasurer Aurel Gauthier.

Gauthier says there's 35 registered users for the service at the moment, but 25 of the users live at Birchwood Terrace Home for the Aged. The bus being used for the service operates out of Birchwood.

"There's more people out there" who could use the service Gauthier says, estimating that there are between 15 and 20 people in the Jackfish to Rosspoint area who are eligible to use the service.

"We expected it to be slow at first."

An operating Committee has been established to oversee the policy direction of the busing service. The bus is scheduled to operate a minimum of 20 hours per week, and users must register and be approved by the Eligibility Committee. The bus must be booked at least 48 hours in advance of a trip.

"It's available for whatever you like," says Mrs. Cotton, who's a member of both the Operating Committee and the Eligibility Committee.

"There's the Wizard of Oz showing here in Terrace Bay, and if people in Schreiber wanted to come in they could book it."

For an event like that, where the driver has to work in the evening, a minimum of five people taking the bus would be required, she says.

Other uses for the service include going to doctor appointments, shopping, etc.

"I know a lot of people are interested, but they aren't used to using it yet," says Mrs. Cotton.

Aurel Gauthier says no specific ridership targets have been set for the service.

"We'll have to take a look at it and see what happens," he said.

Police investigating weekend snowmobiling accident

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involved in the accident.

had broken their legs in the accident, which occurred Sunday afternoon. A car was also

No decision has been made about criminal charges being laid, but Templar did say that the investigation is continuing.

Correction

The instructor of the welding class at LSHS is Doug Luke, who was pictured kneeling in the photo of the class in last week's paper, and not Ken Stevens, who co-ordinates the program for Confederation College.

Also, Tiffany Keating won a silver medal at the Interclub competition, not a bronze

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Jim Chappell
Tournament Organizer

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