

Community briefs

Snow trail funding

Forty kilometres of snowmobile trails between Marathon and Terrace Bay will be cut as a result of a \$113,000 grant from Canada Employment and Immigration.

The grant also provides for 60 kilometres of trail to be cut between Marathon and White River.

Crime of the month

Between Feb. 23 and March 15, 1992, a building in Rossport was damaged.

The original window of the building, situated at the corner of Boon and Main Streets, was damaged with a rock or pellet gun, causing a small hole in the window.

Replacement of this window is estimated at \$700-800.

If you have any information about this crime, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-465-6844.

police budgets while maintaining good community policing standards.

For his part, Harrison said "municipalities have long voiced their concern about the lack of responsibility and accountability for police budgets. Now we can look forward to resolving this issue."

The panel is expected to report to the Disentanglement Steering Committee by this spring.

Special Olympics Torch Run

The sixth annual Law Enforcement Torch Run is expected to arrive in Terrace Bay either June 1 or 2.

The Special Olympics are an ongoing program of fitness, recreation and sport for people who are mentally disabled. The goal of the Ontario Special Olympics is to ensure that disabled athletes have the opportunity to participate.

Last year, 5,500 law enforcement runners carried the torch over 7,000 kilometres and raised \$500,000. They hope to better that amount this year.

The torch run originated in Kansas in 1981, and today it is the largest fundraising project for Special Olympics in the world.

Panel to address police budgets

An eight member panel has been appointed to address the issue of municipal police services budgets, Municipal Affairs Minister David Cooke and John Harrison, co-chairs of the provincial/municipal Disentanglement Steering Committee have announced. Mr. Harrison is past president of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

"I'm pleased we are addressing the long-standing issue of local authority and responsibility to approve municipal police budgets," Cooke said.

"I'm convinced we can find better ways to effectively and responsibly deal with local

Community Calendar

•Alcoholics Anonymous meets each Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 pm at the Community Church in Terrace Bay.

•The Catholic Women's League meets every second Monday of the month in the basement of St. Martin Church at 8 pm.

•The Chimo Club hold its regular meeting every third Friday of the month at 7:30 pm. In April, however, the meeting will be held April 24 because of Good Friday.

Final donations policy from committee coming soon, Councillor says

by Darren MacDonald
The News

A committee formed by Terrace Bay Council hopes to have a donations policy passed by the end of this month, Councillor Chris Joubert says.

"We're getting close to the end of the process now," Joubert says.

"Hopefully within about three weeks we're going to have something passed that's final."

The Donations Policy Committee is

made up of Joubert, Councillor Mike King, Clerk-Treasurer David Fulton, Librarian Jean Marcella, Recreation Coordinator Dean Main, and Tourism Coordinator Susan Johnson.

The purpose of the policy is to set guidelines for Council to follow when dealing with requests for financial assistance.

"Up until this point, Council would look at every request individually and decide what we wanted to do with it," Joubert says.

"And if there was money left in the budget, fine, we might be able to help them out. The way this policy is going to work, we're going to have set time limits and look

at them all together."

One of the driving forces behind the policy is the increase in the number of requests, he says.

"When I first got on Council seven years ago, we'd get the odd person asking for a donation," Joubert says.

"But over the last few years, more and more groups are coming in and asking for money—whether it's in town or out of town groups. We need some type of policy dealing with what we're doing

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Councillor Chris Joubert

with taxpayer's funds." Council has seen the first two drafts of the policy, and Joubert says the most recent one has been sent to the Recreation and Tourism Committees, as well as the Library Board, for their input.

They based the policy on existing ones in other towns and cities, Joubert says.

"Thunder Bay and a few other towns have one," he says. "We've looked at them, but we also had to make it sensitive to what our needs and expectations are."

Joubert says he's optimistic that the final policy will help Council "make some better judgements."

"It will give us some guidelines."

Police board

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A budget of \$35,300 for the PSB itself was proposed. Chief Fenton also recommended that a two way mirror be purchased for the interview room so suspects could be monitored at all times.

Without the mirror, he said the only way to allow suspects private conferences with their lawyers is by allowing the accused out of their sight, which can be dangerous.

"I know from personal experience that not having an

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The McCausland Hospital's Cash Calendar Winners

Week: Fourteen

Mar 30: Maureen McDonald Terrace Bay, \$10

Mar 31: Alyson Mannisto, Terrace Bay, \$10

Apr 1: Christine Marinovich, Sault Ste. Marie, \$10

Apr 2: Jane Tackney Thunder Bay, \$10

Apr 3: Vince Maggio, Schreiber, \$10

Apr 4: B.M. Nelson, Terrace Bay, \$50

Apr 5: Ken Turner, Terrace Bay, \$10

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