

Martel says that provincial budget is good for the north

Northern Development and Mines Minister Shelley Martel said that Ontario's 1992 budget is good for the province and good for Northern Ontario.

"Creating jobs is this government's first priority," Martel is quoted as saying in a press release dated May 1.

"Northern Ontario will share in the innovative Jobs Ontario program which will help Ontarians upgrade their skills. It will support the economy's transition into a more productive, higher-value economy, create new, non-profit housing, and improve schools, roads, homes for the aged and other public facilities."

Apprenticeship programs will be expanded in 1992-93 to assist groups who are under-represented in apprenticeship training, including Francophones and aboriginal people. Labour adjustment programs and services will support aboriginal people and others who are experiencing job loss or long periods of unemployment.

Another measure geared to stabilizing Northern Ontario communities is the confirmation of public service job transfers to Elliot Lake and Haileybury.

The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, an important diversification tool for the north, continues to work for northern-

ers at a full \$30 million every year.

The government is also providing \$11 million to computerize the Ministry's geoscience records and maps. This will improve the effectiveness of mineral exploration and development.

"By building a more comprehensive, accessible database, Ontario will be better

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equipped to compete for investment dollars," she said.

The government will also be working with the mining industry and Northern Communities to review incentives for mineral exploration and development.

The government is also working to open new markets to Ontario forestry products in Europe. In the traditional United States market, the government has fought to overturn the latest attempts to impose a duty on softwood lumber.

"Changes to corporate taxation sends a strong, positive signal to businesses throughout the province," said Martel.

"The one percentage point reduction in the corporate tax rate will encourage more investment. Mining and logging companies, many of them in Northern Ontario, will benefit."

The increase in the Capital Cost Allowance rate from 30 to 40 per cent for freight-hauling trucks and tractors will benefit mining and logging operation through faster write-offs on hauling equipment.

Northern firms will be able to tap into the Sector Partnership Fund, a three year, \$150 million fund to help industry associations and groups of firms within a sector adopt new technology, collectively promote and market their goods and services, innovate and raise skill levels.

"In formulating this budget, it is apparent the government listened to citizens across the North and the rest of the province," said Martel.

"As the treasurer said, that is why this government is taking concrete steps to create jobs, train workers, increase business investment and sustain the public services that are the hallmark of a decent and caring society."

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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Schreiber - Terrace Bay Community Futures Organization ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held
Thursday, May 21, 1992 at 7:30 p.m.
in the Conference Room of the
Terrace Bay Recreation Centre

Agenda to include:

- Minutes of Annual General Meeting April 29/91
- Audited Financial Report
- Chairperson's Annual Report
- Installation of the New Committee Members
- Old Business
- New Business

This meeting is open to all residents of Schreiber, Terrace Bay, Rosport, Pays Plat and Jackfish. If you wish to become a member of the Community Futures Committee to plan and implement means to develop our communities economically and socially, please attend the annual meeting or call 825-9688.

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