

Peary residents want culverts moved

by Darren MacDonald
The News

Land on Peary Street in Schreiber being used to store culverts has become a dangerous playground for local children, say parents who live near the site.

The land is located next to the water treatment plant. In addition to the culverts, oil drums, old sign poles, fire hydrants and wires are also stored there.

"It's like a bee to honey," says Mary Jane Majeau, who lives across the street from the site. "There's always kids playing there—and not just our kids, either. They come from across the highway just to play there."

Majeau says the culverts have been there ever since she moved in three years ago.

Another Peary Street resident, Joceyln Godin, says her son Lee, four years old at the time, badly bruised his eye after falling off one of the culverts while playing on them last year.

Majeau says many of the culverts have been damaged, and, combined with the rest of the items stored there, are a hazard to kids.

"Last year I had to pull a couple of kids out of the culverts," says Carmen Trapp, another resident who lives near the site. "They had been playing and got stuck inside."

Trapp says she's been told by the Township that there's no money available to install the



Some Peary Street parents say the culverts are a hazard to kids.

sewer system. But she says it will cost the town more in the long run not to install culverts.

"They're going to have to replace some of the culverts that have been damaged, which is going to cost them more money anyway," she says.

"And if someone gets hurt while playing there, they could sue the township."

But Schreiber Township Engineer John Esté says the culverts stored at the site are extra ones intended for replacement work. He says

they aren't suitable for Peary Street, and are suitable only for a small portion of Simon Street.

Carmen Trapp says the least that should be done is to put the material behind a fence, where kids couldn't get at it so easily.

"There's free space behind the (water treatment) plant

that's already fenced in," she says. "If they took all those culverts and moved them over there, it would be a lot safer."

She also says that moving the culverts and the garbage would beautify the area, and the cleared land would make an ideal spot for a playground, since cars have a clear view of the area as they approach.

"We're definitely going to clean it up, hopefully starting today (May 8)," says John Esté. "But kids should not be playing there."

Most of the houses in the area are Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation homes, who sold the homes primarily to less well-off families, as well as to seniors and disabled persons. As a result, there are about 50 children living in the area, says Mary Jane Majeau.

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St. Martin Students spend day with seniors

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As part of Education Week, the 27 students of the grade 7/8 class at St. Martin School spent last Friday afternoon visiting residents at Birchwood Terrace.

Students joined the residents in playing shuffleboard, cards, checkers, and bingo.

The bingo games were called by Father Campbell of St. Martin Church.

"I think the students need a lot of contact with older people," said Phil Main, teacher of the 7/8 class. "And we want to instill a sense of community service—of doing something for someone else."

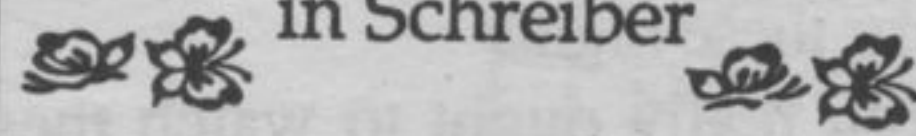
Main also said that the students bought prizes for the bingo games using extra money they raised for a class trip.

"I asked them if they would

like to do something like that and they were very enthusiastic," said Main. "They bought the gifts themselves, and then they wrapped them."

The class trip is to Toronto and Niagara at the end of the month.

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