

An unexpected delay



Eastbound motorists received an unpleasant surprise last Friday evening—the highway was closed because of a multi-vehicle accident near Steel River. There were dozens of vehicles backed up by the time the highway reopened Friday evening.

Community Futures, BDC, may expand

by Darren MacDonald
Staff

Community Futures and the Superior North Business Development Centre have applied for permission to expand its boundaries to take in Nipigon, Red Rock, Hurkett, Dorion and the Lake Helen Reserve.

The application was sent to the Ministry of Employment and Immigration last August, and the CFC's Leslie Dickson says she expects to hear back from them in the not too distant future.

"We do expect to hear before the end of the year," she says. "But I can't see them saying no. It would be like turning down a gift horse. We're offering to assist an area in need within our existing budget. How could they turn us down?"

Although they have not had meetings with the councils in the new areas, Dickson says the councils sent letters to CFC requesting that they expand.

If approved, the BDC would set up a temporary office space, probably in Nipigon, and BDC Manager Mary Long would travel there one full day a week.

"But if the need becomes greater there, maybe it would become twice a week there and three times a week here," says Dickson.

Community Futures is an organization that works toward developing long term economic development strategies. The Business Development Centre works at maintaining or creating employment in the community by either providing capital itself, or leveraging money from other sources, such as chartered banks.

According to BDC records, in the first three years of operation in Schreiber and Terrace Bay, it created or maintained

92 full-time and 73 part-time jobs. In the first nine months of 1992, it created or maintained 42 full-time and 23 part-time jobs.

Dickson says that expanding their boundaries will force them to take a more regional outlook.

"But every project is looked at on an individual basis," she says. "This won't mean that we'll eliminate all local projects, because quite often they're part of the bigger regional picture."

The expansion would double the size of the two groups, and Dickson says there is a certain amount of self-interest in the expansion.

"We feel that we should share what we have, especially since we have a neighbour going through a major downsizing at its pulp and paper mill," she says. "But at the

same time, there is a bit of self-interest because it's better to share than to take a chance on not getting second generation funding."

Whether or not the government will continue to fund CFCs and BDCs depends on a number of factors, including need. And since the unemployment rate in Terrace Bay and Schreiber is relatively low compared with other communities, expanding its boundary to take in areas with higher unemployment will improve their chances of getting funding for another five years.

"(The ministry) has said they will not start any new community futures programs in Canada," says Dickson. "So the Nipigon area couldn't get their own program."

Another reason for expanding is that it will create a larger area for BDC investments.

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Thurs. - 8:30 - 3:30
Fri. - 8:30 - 12:30

THANK YOU

The family of the late Harry Shack of Schreiber wishes to express their sincere gratitude and thanks to the Schreiber O.P.P., the ambulance attendants, Fr. Jan Rademaker, Dr. F. Rohani, Joe King and the Holy Angels Church Choir and organist.

We wish to express our appreciation to all those who sent donations, cards of sympathy, food, baking and flowers. Your kindness and generosity was a real comfort in our time of sorrow.

Shack & Cebrario families

Drainage system for Centre

by Darren MacDonald
Staff

Work is expected to start soon on alleviating flooding problems at the Tourist Information Centre in Terrace Bay.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) plans to begin work this fall on putting in an open ditch, starting near the boy scout's hall and running to the picnic tables at the Centre.

From there, a catch basin will be installed, and the water will drain into underground culverts. When the work on the drainage system is completed, the culverts will meet up on Selkirk Drive with larger culverts running across the highway.

The pipes going in at the

Tourist Information Centre are one in five year culverts, which means they can handle water produced during a storm the intensity of which occurs once every five years. The culverts running across the highway will be one in 25 year culverts.

"Hopefully it's going to prevent the kind of flooding we saw last year," says Township Engineer Ray Mikkonen. "What we're putting in now will definitely help, but it may not entirely solve the problem of flooding on Selkirk."

Mikkonen says once the project is finished, ownership will pass to the township.

"And once that happens, we may need to put in a bigger pipe or another catch basin."

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1. replacement of windows on main floor (6) to secure and safety windows.
2. replacement of doors on main floor (2) with secure safety frames and security doors.
3. enclosure of side light.

Deadline: October 29, 1992 at 4 pm.

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TEMPORARY POSITION

The Township of Terrace Bay has a position available for a temporary part-time accounts payable clerk. This position is for two days a week at a wage rate of \$11.00 per hour. The position would start immediately until December 31, 1992.

Applicants must have experience in accounting or bookkeeping and a working knowledge of computers. Specific experience in accounts payable would be an asset.

Resumes must be received by the undersigned by 4:00 p.m. October 26, 1992.

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