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Up, up and away!



These two young people from Terrace Bay took advantage of the snow that fell last Sunday afternoon and went sliding.

Man shoots at buildings in Pays Plat

Darren MacDonald
Staff

A 27-year-old Pays Plat First Nation man is charged with careless use of a firearm after he fired his 12-gauge shotgun at three buildings on the Reserve.

"He shot at least three buildings, and by the time we got there, he was inside his brother's residence," says Schreiber OPP Const. Roland.

Roland says the man agreed to give himself up after negotiating with police over the telephone.

"He walked out of the residence without his firearm, and was subsequently arrested," says Roland.

The incident took place the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 4. The OPP were called in at 9:40 am.

"We were notified (of the shooting) by people on the reserve," says Roland. "The call came into our Thunder Bay centre and they dispatched us."

No one was injured, and Roland says they don't know what prompted the man to shoot the buildings.

After his arrest, the accused was taken to the district jail in Thunder Bay.

Surcharge may cost Schreiber \$10,000

by Darren MacDonald
Staff

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment is planning on instituting a 5.7 per cent overhead charge on the costs of running the water and sewage treatment plants in Schreiber. The move is expected to cost the township more than \$10,000 a year in additional costs.

MOE's announcement comes on the heels of an earlier ministry decision to begin charging an average of \$7 for

each test it runs in its labs on water samples from the township. That move is expected to cost Schreiber at least an extra \$1,500 a year.

Right now, the ministry absorbs all of the administrative costs of running the water and sewage treatment plants.

But in the letter the township received Oct. 23, Deputy Minister André Castel said MOE can no longer afford to continue to pay all of the costs.

"The compounding effects of the recession and the provin-

cial deficit forecast for fiscal 1992-93 constrain the ability of the Ministry to provide these services without some attendant cost recovery," said Castel.

All municipalities in Ontario who run their own plants are affected by MOE's decision.

The township plans to protest both new charges through a resolution at the upcoming meeting of the Northern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA). If the resolution passes, it would be

taken to the provincial government during NOMA's annual meeting with cabinet.

The township also plans to write a letter to MOE, telling them they can't afford to pay the 5.7 per cent surcharge.

"I think they're getting like drugs—you just have to say no to them," said Councillor Lorraine Huard at the Nov. 3 meeting of Schreiber Council.

The new charge is scheduled to come into effect in April of next year. The charges for tests

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