

Bob Jeffery elected director of local snowmobiling region



Don Lumley (right) makes a point to Bob Jeffery at last week's meeting in Terrace Bay.

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A total of \$20,000 has been allocated for the Lake Superior Family Snowgoers club for this year to build and renovate snowmobile trails.

That total includes a \$15,000 grant from the Snow-Trac program, which is designed to help develop a continuous snowmobile trail system in Ontario.

The program provides grants of up to 75 per cent of the cost of upgrading and grooming trails, provided local clubs can come up with 25 per cent of the cost.

"We divided up \$140,000 between the seven clubs in Region 27," said local club president Bob Jeffery.

At a meeting held last Wednesday, Jeffery was elected Director of Region 27, which takes in clubs from Marathon, Manitowadge, Geraldton, Longlac, Nipigon and Thunder Bay. All of the clubs were represented at the meeting.

Jeffery said the \$15,000 will be used to help the club develop a trail to Dead Horse Creek, which is about half-way to Marathon.

Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) President Don Lumley and Northwestern Ontario Snowmobile Trails Association (NWOSTA) General Manager were also at Wednesday's meeting, which was held in Terrace Bay.

"When we're done, we'll have the largest integrated trail system in the world," Lumley told the packed Conference Room at the Terrace Bay Rec Centre.

He said that the \$14 million the provincial government is providing for the Snow-Trac program will create 1,000 direct jobs over its three-year span. By that time, Lumley said there should be 35,000 km of connected trails in Ontario.

"And that's at the very least," he said. "And that's not too shabby."

The clubs themselves are expected to contribute \$6.8 million, but that can take many forms: grants from other sources, donated materials, etc. However, labour cannot be used in calculating a local club's contribution.

A total of \$2.11 million in funding is available for Region 27 during the program's life span.

George Haney admitted at the meeting that the \$101,000 they have budgeted for bridges over the next two years was unrealistic for this area.

"The (Snow-Trac) program was announced in September, so we didn't have a lot of time to put things together," said Haney. "In all likelihood, there's not enough money for bridges in this area, but we should be able to rob Peter to pay Paul."

In other words, Haney said, they will be able to transfer money allocated for trails to build bridges.

Locally, the club has almost

completed building a bridge over Blackbird Creek.

"It just has to be decked," said Jeffery. "All the beams and cribs are finished."

Snow-Trac grants to purchase trail groomers are limited to 50 per cent of the cost of a groomer, which are more than \$100,000.

Because of the funding limits and the high cost of the groomers, clubs will be depending on the sale of the \$65 trail permits to raise money to purchase groomers. After taxes and the OFSC's portion is taken off, local clubs keep \$46.75 of each trail permit they sell, said Lumley.

"What do trail permits mean to us?" he asked. "World class trails."



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Nov. 9: Wendy Biberhofer, Simcoe, \$10
Nov. 10: Danielle Gagne, Terrace Bay, \$10
Nov. 11: Knights of Columbus, Terrace Bay, \$10
Nov. 12: Pam McKeever, Schreiber, \$10
Nov. 13: Ann Hara, Sault Ste. Marie, \$10
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out and spent money to get their AOX level down," he said. "But if you tell them now that you want zero, the money they spent on the technology to get them down to 1.5 does not in anyway help you to get to zero. So they would have to spend another \$30 or \$40 million on new equipment.

"And let's face it, if you're a shareholder, you've got to be concerned about the money you've invested in the corporation. Whether it's a little shoe store or a giant company, you've got to turn a profit."

Ziegler said he also stressed to Grier that the impact of a mill closure would be felt far beyond the immediate community.

"You also have the chemical manufacturers in southern Ontario that supply the mills," he said. "And even beyond that, you have the companies that supply things like motors and machine parts, and there again, you're talking about companies in southern Ontario."

The next step in the process is the introduction of

draft legislation, which is expected in the spring. At that point, it would be put through a process of hearings to get public input.

"When we left, Ruth Grier told us that no decision (about the legislation) has been made, and that it was still in consultation," said Ziegler. "We plan on contacting her again in December to see how things are coming along."

He says that one of the biggest things that came out of the meeting was the united stand all the communities took to the minister.

"We're all in agreement that no mills can be shut down (as a result of the legislation)," he says. "The impact on everybody would be just too great."

And if they're not satisfied with the response they get from Grier, he says the municipalities are willing to go one step further.

"If we have to, we're willing to go beyond her, whether it be to the Premier or whoever," says Ziegler.

"We're all united on this, and we're going to stand up for our taxpayers."

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Schreiber Community Credit Union Limited will hold its Annual Meeting Monday, November 23, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. in the Credit Union Office, lower level.

The Agenda will include:

- Reports of committees
- Election of Officers
- Appointment of Auditor
- Transaction of regular business of the meeting.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

All members are asked to attend.

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