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Terrace Bay Land Purchase Complete

The Township has spent a great deal of time and effort over the past five years trying to secure property and their efforts finally came to fruition. Terrace Bay was able to purchase over 1,000 acres including the golf course, beaches, and airport. The purchase provides the Township more security for the volunteer board to run the golf course and protects assets like Pumphouse Beach and the airport where the annual drag races are held and the emergency air helipad is located. The acquisition also fits with the waterfront development planning for the Community which has envisioned housing development around the golf course in the long-term plan for Terrace Bay.



The Municipality has said the golf course and drag races will continue being operated by volunteers and future planning will take place on the other properties and the airport. The Township has limited available property for development which the purchase has now significantly changed.

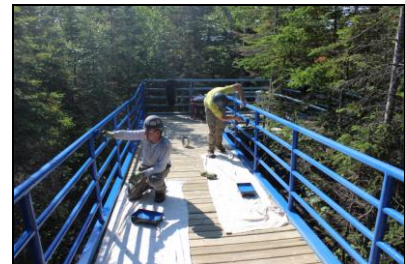
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AV Terrace Bay Inc. Continues to Grow

Terrace Bay's major employer AV Terrace Bay Inc. has continued to make positive progress since starting up in 2012. The months of May and July 2014 have been the first two modestly profitable months AV Terrace Bay has had since the Mill has started up. They have also recently set their single day production record on July 5, 2014 when the Mill produced 1,164 ADMT (Air Dried Metric Tonne). All of these are positive indications the Mill is making progress.

Developing and attracting skilled labour continues to be an area of focus for AV Terrace Bay. There has been recent progress at the Mill on this issue with Management and the local unions working together to enable the Junior Trades Program to move forward and develop much needed skilled trades, thus encouraging community employment. While there remain other challenges to overcome, the activity going on at AV Terrace Bay is encouraging for the local communities. AV Terrace Bay is owned by The Aditya Birla Group which has been in existence since 1857. The company owns and operates several lines of business around the world, their revenue at the end of 2012 was approximately \$40 billion US and they employ an estimated 133,000 employees in total. Aditya Birla currently operates four dissolving pulp facilities with two in New Brunswick, one in India, and one in Sweden. AV Terrace Bay has plans to invest \$250 million in the future to convert the operation to produce dissolving pulp.



The McCausland Hospital is Fully Staffed and Investing in its Future

Recruitment and retention activities have been very successful over the past several years and the hospital is currently fully staffed for all funded positions including nursing, physiotherapy, diagnostic imaging, laboratory, dietician administration, and support staff. The Public Health Nurse (Thunder Bay District Health Unit) and Support Worker (Marjorie House) are also now operating out of the Hospital. Working with its local partners, the Hospital has also seen the arrival of Dr. Christine Giordani, a new Family Physician in Schreiber, which returns the communities to a full complement of family physicians. The Commitment to Care Campaign has fundraised over \$100,000 which has led to the planned purchase of a new X-Ray machine for delivery in 6-9 months. Further fundraising activities planned include: a walking relay, CEO Adam Brown competing in the Miles for the Giant Half Marathon, and additional letters to applicable corporate and foundation donors. The hospital is finishing the last phase of its six year infrastructure program to improve the 35 year old facility. New exterior and interior doors have been installed to improve the safety and privacy of our clients and staff, while improving energy efficiency. The upgrades were fully funded from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund.



Benoit Rioux recently donated \$1,000 towards the campaign. (Pictured with Accounting Clerk Anna Woods and CEO Adam Brown)

Business Awards Gala

The 1st Annual Business Awards Gala was held April 16 recognizing business excellence in the Terrace Bay, Schreiber, Rosspoint and Jackfish region. The Aguasabon Chamber of Commerce hosted the event on behalf of the region with approximately 160 people in attendance. The event involved an update on the progress of AV Terrace Bay Inc., the annual General Meeting for the Chamber, a presentation by networking expert Curt Skene, as well as an awards ceremony. Outgoing Chamber President Jason Nesbitt said "It was an incredible, energetic night that was really embraced by our business community. Our chamber has been reborn and this event should get even bigger next year. Many thanks to our funding partner Superior North CFDC, as funded by FedNor, for assisting with the costs of the event."



Award winners included:

- Business Improvement Award – Coconut Island Hair & Spa,
- Spirit of the Aguasabon – Community Impact Award – Beno Insurance,
- Customer Service Excellence Award – Cebrario's Hardware,
- Marketing Excellence Award – Hollywood Filane Sportswear & Embroidery,
- Tourism Impact Award – Discovery Charters,
- Woman in Business Award – Billie Jo Keating, B&B on the Beach,
- Owner/Manager of the Year – Tony Commisso, Costa's Food Market,
- Business of the Year Award – Drifters Restaurant & Motel.

Best of the Lake Awards for Terrace Bay

Terrace Bay recently won two awards in the 2014 Best of the Lake Contest for Best Waterfall and Best Toe-Dipping Beach! Congratulations also go out to Drifters Restaurant who won awards for Best Local Fish Dish & Best Staff Restaurant/Lodging and Discovery Charters who won for Best Boat Ride.

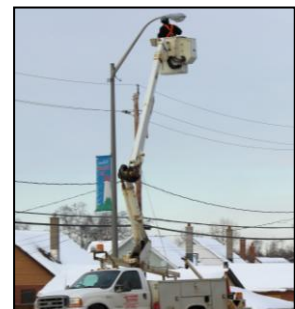


2014 Municipal Budget Passed

It was an incredibly difficult budget year which resulted in a 5% increase on the average home owner in Terrace Bay and 1.89% on the average commercial business. However, the Town still has some of the lowest average household tax bills in the region. This year's budget also includes improvements including repairs at the swimming pool, rehabilitation of the Aguasabon falls boardwalk, purchase of a new garbage truck, the introduction of recycling, and the installation of the Swipe Card system for 24 hours access at the Fitness Centre. The Municipality was proactive in preparing for a tough budget year in completing projects like the LED streetlight replacement, the information technology review, and making significant changes to its operations.

LED Streetlight Replacement Project

The Township carried out the replacement of 281 street lights with new energy efficient heads with LED technology. The project was completed in March and took approximately 6 months for planning and installation. The project is estimated to have a 5 year pay-back period and save the Municipality approximately \$40,000 a year.



Terrace Bay Introduces Recycling

Terrace Bay made significant changes to its garbage collection system on July 8th. Changes included the introduction of a recycling depot situated at the Terrace Bay Landfill and user fees for garbage collection based on volume. The results have been great usage of the recycling system and far less garbage placed at the curb. This initiative, in addition to previous activities including an electronic waste depot, hazardous waste collection day, and composting workshop, are striving for a 65% diversion rate. The recycling depot is located at the Terrace Bay Landfill in partnership with the Township of Schreiber. Materials from either community can be deposited in the recycling trailers for transport to Recool Canada Ltd. in Thunder Bay. Recycling has been 5 years in development and the Township worked hard to implement a cost effective solution. Education has involved a great deal of radio, web and print advertising in addition to over 16 presentations to various groups and schools in the community.



Information Technology Review

The Municipality recently hired Telcom Enterprises, a telecommunications consulting firm, to evaluate how the Township utilizes information technology. Telcom examined the telephone, Internet, and other IT services being used by the Township and provided several options for savings. At the conclusion of the project, the Township is expected to save over \$22,000 a year.

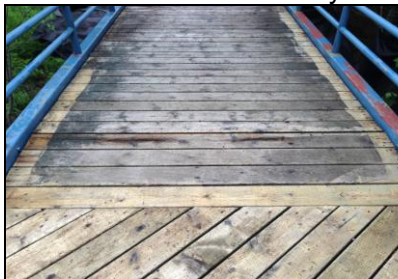
Housing Study Completed for Terrace Bay

In January, the Municipality received the Housing Opportunities Study from the Planning Partnership. The study involved interviews with the major employers to identify their housing needs and retirement projections. The study forecasted a significant demand for housing over the next 10 years. The Township also hosted a presentation on March 5th from Northern Superior Structural Solutions (www.nsss.ca). The company sells pre-engineered homes and gave a presentation to educate residents on the process. Terrace Bay has 15 serviced building lots it is marketing with local Real Estate Broker Gordon Moorey. The housing study will also be used in discussions with developers on larger housing projects.



Aguasabon Falls Boardwalk Restoration Complete

Work has been completed on the restoration of the Aguasabon Falls boardwalk. The boardwalk required extensive work with pressure washing the deck and grinding the railings where the rust was bad, priming, and painting. In some areas the railings had to be removed and replaced. Clara Industrial Services completed the work and were very accommodating to tourists with the boardwalk closed Monday to Thursday for 6 weeks but open on Friday to Sunday.



Waterfront Feasibility Study

For over two years, the Township has been diligently working on a waterfront development feasibility study. The Township hired the Planning Partnership to look at potential uses for the Terrace Bay Beach and Aguasabon Golf Course areas. The study had funding contributions from FedNor and NOHFC and involved numerous public forums and meetings with government and community partners. The final study will suggest a variety of mixed used development for the area including residential and multi-residential housing and enhancements to the Golf Course and Beach areas.

Terrace Bay Public School Continues to Grow

Terrace Bay Public School is excited about the addition of an Early Childhood Educator position. This new position will give the students in the Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten class another set of eyes and ears to see what the students want to learn about as they inquire in the play-based atmosphere of the program. The school continues to grow in student population, especially with the new students from India, which has allowed the board to approve extra staffing to meet the demand. Unfortunately, long-time favourite Mr. Horst Prager retired this past year, but many of his great traditions will continue in the school.



St. Martin Catholic School: One School, One Family

At St. Martin School they continue to emphasize “Family” as they bond together as a close knit school community made up of students, parents, staff and community partnerships. While the school is sad to see the Grade 8 graduates depart, their staff is confident they have prepared them for their next journey in education. The school is ready to welcome the new Kindergarten additions to their family and are excited that these new students will enter into the first official year as a Full-Day Learning Kindergarten classroom. The school believes that with their new Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Stacy Querry and Early Childhood Educator, Ms. Jennifer Simmer the students will thrive in a learning environment based on the premise of the Reggio Emilia approach to learning. This program is based on the principles of respect, responsibility and community through exploration and discovery. St. Martin Catholic School continues to invite any people interested in touring the building and seeing programs first hand to drop in and visit.

Asset Management Plan Completed

Council formally approved the Asset Management Plan for the Township. Having an Asset Management Plan is mandated by the Province to ensure there are mechanisms in place for the long-term maintenance and financial sustainability of infrastructure by municipalities. The plan was developed by the WSP Group and involved a physical examination of the Township's infrastructure. It outlines a long range plan for financing and replacement of key municipal infrastructure. The Township will utilize the plan in its annual budgeting process to estimate the impact of capital projects over both the short and long term.

Jon Hall Hired as New CAO for Terrace Bay

In Early 2014, Mayor and Council of the Township of Terrace Bay were pleased to announce Mr. Jon Hall accepted the position of Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk. Jon Hall has over six years of experience in Municipal government, with the past four years as Clerk for the neighbouring Township of Schreiber. He has significant experience with the economy of Northwestern Ontario and understands the issues facing the Township of Terrace Bay. Jon started his new position in Terrace Bay in March 2014.



Terrace Bay Nature Reserve Plans

The Thunder Bay Field Naturalists have purchased a large piece of property in Terrace Bay with the purpose of creating the Terrace Bay Nature Reserve for low impact recreational uses and nature appreciation. The parcel includes a long section of pristine shoreline between the Aguasabon River mouth and Hydro Bay, plus 15 small islands just offshore. At 1,240 acres, the property will be the largest of the club's 14 reserves. It will



protect a total of 11 kilometres of spectacular Lake Superior coastline. A segment of the famous Casque Isles Hiking Trail runs through the property and the protected bays and coves around the headlands and islands on the property are a favourite destination for sea kayakers. Visitors will see gull rookeries, a heronry, nesting mergansers and loons, raised cobble beaches, Arctic plants, and rare orchids. Several Pukaskwa pits (archaeological features of historic aboriginal origin) are also found on the property.



The Township partnered with AV Terrace Bay to attend a Career Fair at Lakehead University



The Township and Chamber teamed up to deliver Social Media Training for Businesses

Energy Conservation & Demand Management Plan Approved by Council

Administration worked with different consultants and experts to develop and Energy Conservation and Demand Management plan for the Township. The plan, which is mandated by the Province, sets a goal of 10% reduction of energy consumption based on 2011 energy data. The Township has outlined a number of initiatives for the long-term to assist in reducing consumption. These initiatives, which include LED lighting, heating system upgrades and more education for staff and user groups, will be undertaken as funding and time become available.



Great Business News



Chris Stewart (pictured with wife Sandra) recently celebrated 35 years in the Pharmacy field.



Dr. Annabella Zawada was recognized with a Northern Ontario Visionary Award for the Top 20 Under 40 for her commitment to local healthcare



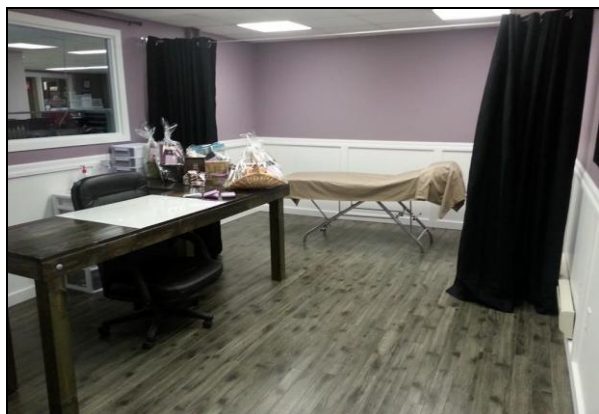
The Terrace Bay-Schreiber News and The Print Shop was purchased by experienced publishers Blair Osborne and Marilyn Marrier-Oborne



Labour Attraction Video produced by Community Partners in Partnership with North Superior Workforce Planning Board and supported by Superior North CFDC as funded by FedNor



Aguasabon Golf Course Celebrates 50 years of operating in Terrace Bay



Hypnotica Nail Spa opened its doors to customers at 9 Simcoe Plaza

Special Events

Dragfest Has another Great Year and Breaks a Speed Record

The annual Terrace Bay Dragfest returned for the 16th time during the August long weekend and had another great year. Approximately 220 vehicles of all types took part in the races and an estimated 8,000-9,000 people passed through the gates. The Mid-West Wild Bunch returned to the event and made Dragfest a points event on its circuit. A new track record was set by Cliff Bakx with his alcohol dragster with a speed of 217 mph, smashing the previous record of 212 mph. Many thanks as always go out to the racers and the visitors as well as the volunteers who are so vital to running the event which sees the proceeds go back to the communities.



Our incredible volunteers!

The Green Tradeshaw returned with over 500 people attending & close to 80 exhibitor tables



Lake Superior Day had the best attendance yet with free boat charters, kayaking, and great food specials. The event was hosted with partners Parks Canada and Eco Superior



Clark & Barnes Family Fun Circus Amazes Crowd

In April, the Clark & Barnes Family Fun Circus visited Terrace Bay. Visitors enjoyed the incredible performance which included a ringmaster, clowns, riding ponies, inflatables, juggler, acrobats, trapeze, circus food, and much more. Residents that some of their favourite parts where when the Ringmaster swallowed fire and when Boppo the Clown pulled tricks on innocent volunteers. Many thanks to Clark & Barnes for coming to visit us on the North Shore, everyone in attendance had a great time!

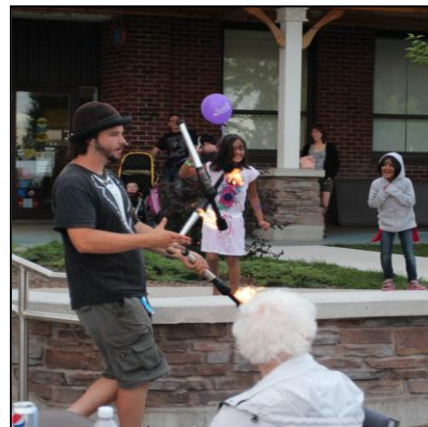
4-Man Masters Tournament Filled Up Fast

The Aguasabon Golf Course had its best attendance ever for its annual 4-Man Masters Golf Tournament with 40 teams signed up in record time by May 6th before any course in Northwestern Ontario was open. Congrats to Team Robbie Untinen for winning the 2014 Aguasabon 4-Man Masters with a nerve racking 4 hole playoff win over Team Michael J. Beno and Team Steve Folusewych. Many thanks to the Masters volunteers!



LIGHTHOUSE STREET FESTIVAL JUGGLES ITS MANY ACTIVITIES TO PROVIDE LOTS OF FUN

The 2014 Lighthouse Street Festival was a great way to spend a Friday night. The Street festival began at 12pm with sidewalk sales and food specials and then the activities started at different times. Some of the activities included Eric the Juggler, Dottie the Clown, bingo, street dance and music, beer gardens, giant inflatables, and more. The businesses in Simcoe Plaza adjusted their hours to stay open later in many cases and other organizations had booths selling things like native crafts, Indian food and products, and much more.



Midway Carnival Another Successful Day

Canuck Amusements from Winnipeg was able to once again add Terrace Bay to its schedule and visitors to the Carnival gave it rave reviews. Families from throughout the region came out to take in the great assortment of rides. There was something for all ages with four smaller rides for toddlers and younger kids as well as larger favourites like the Zipper, Sizzler, Tornado and Sky Master for teenagers and adults. Everyone enjoyed the fun carnival games and food and appreciated the convenient location in Simcoe Plaza. This is the second year the carnival has come to Terrace Bay and attendees hope it will be back on an annual basis.



Olympian Clara Hughes Visited Terrace Bay Six-time Canadian Olympic speed-skating and cycling medalist Clara Hughes visited Terrace Bay on Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22 as part of Clara's Big Ride for Bell Let's Talk. Clara's Big Ride was a 110-day national bicycle tour through every province and territory in Canada. She rode into Terrace Bay and gave a welcome address to visitors on the Saturday which also included a BBQ, Bike Rodeo, and Healthy Lifestyles Fair. Sunday morning she took part in a youth event and bike/camera draws. The goal of the ride was for Clara to share her personal experience with mental health issues with the youth in the communities so they can support others who may be suffering. Her hope is that the next generation of Canadians will grow up in a society where there is no stigma associated with mental illness.



Canada Day was a Hit!



Mike Ranta is canoeing across Canada and stopped in Terrace Bay

Meeting with Finnish District Heating Experts

A meeting was held in October with a Finnish delegation made up of experts on District Heating technology. Representatives from the Township, Schools, Hospital, and AV Terrace Bay met with the experts to brainstorm ideas for a possible district heating system in Terrace Bay. The partners are always looking for ways to improve efficiency and lower heating costs and really appreciated the great feedback from the Finnish experts. At one time there was a district heating system of this type in Terrace Bay and although it is still just in the idea phase, the partners received some great information to consider.

FOREST TENURE PROCESS CONTINUES

Terrace Bay is involved in the new Enhanced Sustainable Forestry Licensing program with its neighbouring communities, First Nations, MNR, and industry partners to work towards a community based model of managing the Kenogami Forest, one of the main sources of wood for AV Terrace Bay Inc. The Town is looking forward to a successful conclusion to the process.



*Newly Resurfaced Sign at the
Tourism Info Centre*



*Swipe Card System installed for 24 hour
access to Fitness Centre*

Terrace Bay is Extremely Proud of the Support from its Government Partners:

