

RDOS Area H Director Brad Hope spoke during the March 19th MP Community Forum. \*

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Armitage added that work is planned for Old Hedley Road near the Weyerhaeuser mill and that blocked river dikes have turned into a legal battle the town intends to win for residents. He also touched on the urban deer management plan, pressure to build an indoor aquatic centre and a possible boundary extension to Copper Mountain Mine as upcoming goals.

The mine issue, according to Armitage, could bring another \$400,000 annually to the municipality.

Area H Director Brad Hope reviewed progress made in the past year on a number of projects with a special mention of the local health care situation.

"We were at a major state of

chaos and we have come to a minor state of chaos."

Changes to lighting at the PXA grounds and Princeton Arena along with a pump replacement at Missezula Lake have cut utility bills at each location by about 50% which Hope used as examples of how a small amount of change can return larger benefits.

"So we can start making that small bit of difference."

Other recent projects in Area H include a community hall built above the Osprey Lake Fire Hall, a new Fire Hall at Erris and an addition to the Eastgate Fire Hall with plans for a new Fire Hall at Missezula Lake in the works.

Ed Staples, Chair of the Support Our Health Care group, spoke on the local medical situation.

"Although we are not where we

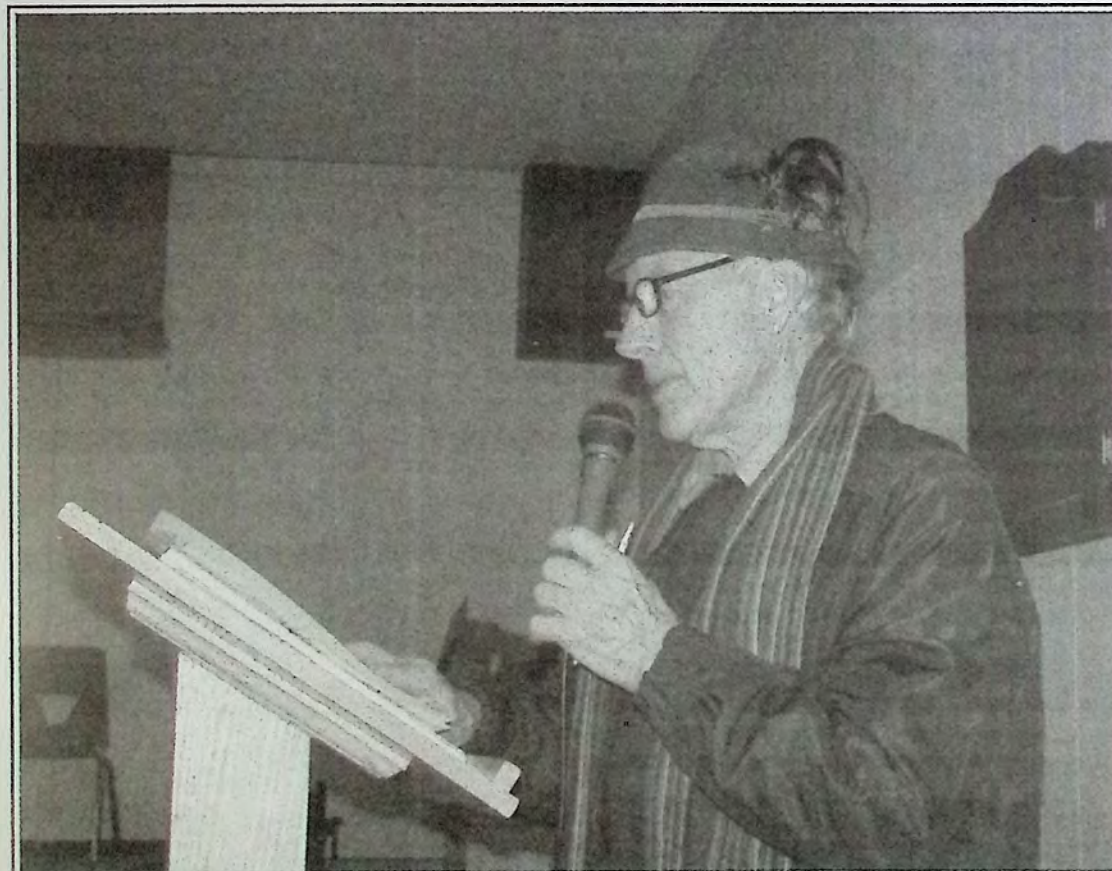
want to be, we have made a lot of progress."

In his review of the past year, Staples said transportation issues are still being addressed to assist those needing to make local and regional medical appointments.

He also used the forum as an opportunity to promote the need for support March 31st at a Rally planned for downtown Princeton. The event, which is part of National Day of Action, is to show residents are concerned about potential changes to medical services in Canada.

"We are concerned that the Canada Health Accord will expire on March 31st with no plan in place to negotiate a new one in the future," Staples explained.

"We all deserve quality health care," he stated.



John Alsop introduced an interesting solar project at the March 19th MP Community Forum. \*

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