

Thunder Bay Resident Clears the Way and Wins!

(February 29, 2008) – Officials from Canada Post, Chronicle Journal, the City of Thunder Bay, Dougall Media, TBAYTel, Thunder Bay Hydro and Union Gas are pleased to announce that **Mr. Roy Warren of Thunder Bay** is the lucky winner of the Clearing the Way Grand Prize. Mr. Warren made the commitment to keep his drive and walkways clear and was selected by random draw as the winner of the 9 hp Troy Built snowblower.

The sponsors of the Clearing the Way initiative thank the more than 4,000 Thunder Bay residents who entered the contest and pledged to keep their sidewalks and stairs clear of snow and ice to provide a safe welcome for all visitors.

The Clearing the Way initiative was launched in January to remind and encourage residents to make their property as safe as possible. Residents received a ballot via Canada Post and in the Chronicle Journal where they pledged to create a safe passage for visitors and service personnel. This pledge served as a ballot to win one of 50 ergonomic shovels and the snow blower.

This week's winners of the ergonomically-designed shovels are: Joe Zimmerman, Ron Kivi, Helen Bilbrough, Richard Andrusky, Ken Furioso, Wayne Wilson, Robert Parker, Ken MacAskill, Jim Finlay and Jim Parkes. Congratulations to all!

Although the Clearing the Way campaign has closed, officials would like to remind residents that March can be one of the most dangerous months for slips and falls due to melting and re-freezing. Here are a few hints to continue to make your home visitor-friendly this winter:

- Shovel snow off your walks promptly following a storm.
- Clear entry stairs of snow and keep handrails in good repair.
- Remove ice on sidewalks or stairs; or use sand or clay-based kitty litter to improve traction.
- Watch for melting snow turning to ice when temperatures drop, particularly at downspouts.

- Make certain that snow is cleared away from power or gas meters.
- Do not blow, shovel or plow snow or ice from drives or sidewalks into the street.
- Make certain your house number is not obscured by snow to assist emergency staff.
- Ensure that firefighters have access to hydrants adjacent to your property. Do not bury or cover them.

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Note to assignment editors: Winner will be presented with the Grand Prize on Tuesday, March 4 at 1:00 pm at Canada Post, 1005 Alloy Drive. Media are welcome to attend this photo opportunity.