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Proposed subdivision on North Channel island divides Northeast council

16 cottage lots proposed

by Robin Burrige

BAY OF ISLANDS—The Bay Islands Community Association (BICA) is calling for the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) to delay its decision regarding an application for a 16-lot subdivision on Ireson Island, calling for more consultation with area residents and environmental impact studies to be done. The Northeast Town carried a motion last Tuesday supporting BICA through a recommendation to the MPB to defer its decision regarding the subdivision application until July 2015.

Ireson Island is home to Island Lodge, which operated as a resort for many years in the Bay of Islands, previously called the Morolphoton Lodge. If the MPB approves the subdivision, the designated area will be divided into 16 lots, while the applicants will retain the land containing the main lodge structure and accessory buildings.

On Tuesday, September 30, a public meeting was held at the MPB regarding Alan and Sylvia Van Wagner's application to develop a 16-lot subdivision on Ireson

Island.

There were many residents from the Bay of Islands present who voiced their concerns with the 'short' public notice they were given regarding the planning board meeting and who requested more time prior to the MPB making a decision on the application.

Gord Keatley, representing the applicant, responded to some of the concerns saying that all the lots would be a minimum of one acre. He also explained that eight of the lots already have structures therefore there would only be eight new cottages. As to the notification, he explained that the posting of the signs was completed as required (the board was advised that requirements under the Planning Act and Ontario Regulation 544/06 had been complied with). As well, according to the MPB minutes, Mr. Keatley noted that Mr. Van Wagner was happy to work with the BICA on studies and that the septic services would improve on the island as Jim Ferguson has improved his availability for regular pump outs and that

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Ontario Ombudsman rules Billings acted improperly moving in camera to discuss, vote on councillor choice

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—The Ontario Ombudsman office has ruled that Billings Township council contravened the municipal act when it went in camera and selected and voted on their choice for a new councillor at a meeting in July to fill a vacant council position at the time.

"Our review confirmed that council for the Township of Billings contravened the Municipal Act, 2001, when it discussed a matter in closed session on July 21 in circumstances that were not permitted under the exceptions to the open meeting requirements," wrote Andre Marin, of the Ombudsman of Ontario. "Council also violated the act when it voted in closed session on the candidates for the vacant position."

The Ombudsman's Office has made four recommendations concerning changes in council's poli-

cies. One, the township of Billings should ensure that no subject is discussed in a closed session unless it clearly comes within one of the statutory exceptions to the open meeting

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Bingo fan irritated by equipment malfunction, lost prize

by Alicia McCutcheon

M'CHIGEENG—Wikwemikong resident and avid bingo player Donna Assiniwe is perplexed by the events at a September 7 bingo game at the She'ndwin Teg Bingo in M'Chigeeng on what she feels was an unfair call.

She explained that she travelled to the M'Chigeeng bingo hall for the 7 pm bingo on Sunday, September 7 specifically because the bingo that evening was advertised as a "double digit" game, meaning a larger than average



ALL SEARCH, NO RESCUE—Last Thursday afternoon this Hercules aircraft from Canadian Forces Base Trenton flew circuits above Strawberry Channel and Sheguiandah Bay, assisted by the OPP patrol boats, lower left inset, as a drifting boat had been reported in the area. The other inset, lower right, shows the aircrew's spotter at work. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 6**

photos by John Savage

Human allies in peril

Ontario's little brown bat population now endangered species

by Michael Erskine

PETERBOROUGH—They have been the nocturnal nemesis of those flying pests that bedevil farmers and picnickers for millennia, but an invasive fungal spore may well prove the death knell for the little brown bat. Once ranked as the most common bat in Ontario, listings for the bat now ominously contain the caveat "formerly the most common" and the minute mosquito munching flyers have recently taken up residence on the endangered species list.

Chris Heydon, policy adviser for wildlife health for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, is the acknowledged bat expert in the Ontario government and spoke to The Expositor from his office in Peterborough. He confirmed the precarious status of the little brown bat. "That description is very likely accurate," he said, explaining that although the bat may not be the only one of its

genus to be impacted by the invasive white fungus, the spores have had an inordinate impact on the smallest of Ontario's bat species.

"They are among the most effected because they are very small and its comfort margin is not very wide," he said. "When you add a stressor it can have a huge impact. That impact may even lead to the extirpation of the

species."

The destruction of the little brown bat is linked to white-nose syndrome (WNS), an emerging disease associated with the deaths of millions North American bats. The condition, named for a distinctive fungal growth around the muzzles and on the wings of hiber-

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Northeast council unhappy with planning board's decision on 'weighted voting' concerns

by Robin Burrige

MANITOULIN—The Northeast Town recently met again with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) regarding its ongoing discussions with the

Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) to receive better representation on the board.

"After a motion to except the proposed weighted vote model was defeated this summer, we scheduled another meeting with the MMAH," Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin explained to council last Tuesday. "Then, at the last MPB meeting (on September 30), a motion was carried (to amend the MPB procedural bylaw for the addition of a weighted vote), but it's totally different from what we originally proposed. The new (weighted vote) model isn't suitable or fair."

"We had already scheduled a meeting with the MMAH for October 1, so we were able to tell them that the motion went through, but it wasn't what we had wanted," continued Mayor MacNevin. "Originally when we

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These circled numbers didn't register as called on the overhead display at the M'Chigeeng complex in the disputed bingo game.

jackpot of \$2,000.

In the special jackpot game, the number 72 was chosen by the caller, meaning that all numbers on the card with the numbers 7 and 2 had to be covered.

After the 'smoke break,' she noticed that one number wasn't lit on the board. "Number 067 wasn't lit when it should have been because there was a 7 in it," Ms. Assiniwe said. The number 074 didn't light up either, the

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Northeast Town and Gore Bay the only Manitoulin Island municipalities to see decrease under new OPP billing model

by Robin Burrigde

MANITOULIN—The highly anticipated 2015 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) bill, reflecting the new billing model, has finally been received by Island municipalities, with only Gore Bay and the Northeast Town realizing a reduction in costs.

“Bottom line, our policing costs are down \$107,000 (from 2014),” said Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson at last Thursday’s council meeting. “Our 2014 budgeted police costs were \$969,000 and 2015 is being forecasted at \$862,540. The reduction is limited to a decrease of \$30 per household for 2015 as they phase in the new model, but we will still see a significant decrease.”

Mr. Williamson explained that other municipalities that are seeing an increase will also have the adjustment phased in, having to pay an increase of up to \$40 per household for 2015.

“In the past we had a very high cost for calls for service,” added Mayor MacNevin. “Now that calls for service is 40 percent and the other 60 percent is based on a base service cost per household, we have really seen a reduction.”

Gore Bay, which is also seeing a reduc-

tion in its policing costs, is paying \$269,596 for 2014, dropping to \$243,153.

While Gore Bay and the Northeast Town were lucky with the drop in their bills, the rest of the Island municipalities will see an increase in 2015 under the new model.

Tehkummah Township will be jumping from \$74,731 in 2014 to \$88,986 for 2015.

Cockburn Island, which previously paid zero for policing in 2014 (but \$650 in 2013), will see a significant increase, estimated at \$19,500 for 2015.

Billings Township will be paying just over \$30,000 over last year, from \$141,720 up to \$171,041 for 2015, phased in over three years to an estimated \$505,865.

Burpee and Mills will be jumping from \$39,825 in 2014, up to \$54,626 for 2015, eventually phasing in to \$89,953 in four years.

Assiginack Township will be paying \$27,002 more in 2014 over 2015, going from \$232,013 up to \$259,015.

Gordon-Barrie Island will also be jumping significantly (\$27,400), going from \$70,781 in 2014 to \$98,181 in 2015, eventually phasing over the next few years up to \$183,749.

Central Manitoulin will see a large

increase over previous years under the new model, going up \$71,842 for 2015 (from \$350,723 to \$422,565). The total amount estimated amount before the phase-in adjustment is \$506,065.

For 2015 over 2014, throughout the province 172 municipalities will see an increase greater than \$40 per property, while 34 will see a zero to \$40 increase. Twenty-three municipalities will have a decrease up to \$30, while 95 will see a decrease greater than \$30.

“The OPP presently polices 324 municipalities in the province of Ontario,” explained OPP Manitoulin Detachment Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb.

Under the current model, there are 97 occurrence types that account for 100 percent of the cost recovery (municipal OPP bill). Under the present model municipalities that would have a large number of

calls would be bearing the majority of the costs of policing. Two years ago, municipalities brought the issue of the OPP billing model to the auditor general, requesting a more simple and fair billing model. As a result of the auditor general’s review and municipal input, the province came up with a more fair and transparent model.”

“With the new billing model (which will take effect on January 1, 2015) 60 percent of the cost of OPP municipal policing is shared among all 324 municipalities in the province,” continued Staff Sergeant Webb. “In this form all properties are included—full-time and seasonal residential units, commercial and industrial buildings—1,103,152 properties throughout the province. When they did the math and looked at how much it will be for each

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Judy Martin to give keynote address at Fibre Arts Festival

ESPANOLA—Next weekend, October 17 to 19, Espanola will again be holding a Fibre Arts Festival with Bay Estates textile artist Judy Martin giving the keynote address at the opening reception followed by a showing of the Manitoulin Circle Project liturgical hangings.

Ms. Martin’s address will be given on Friday, October 17 from 7 to 9 pm at the United Church of Espanola, admission by donation with the exhibition on all weekend long at the church.

The Fibre Arts Festival has many offerings over the three days, from making baskets of many descriptions to fibre sculpt-

ing, arm knitting, rug hooking, crocheting for beginners and making a sistrum (a musical instrument in the percussion family). Costs for the 13 varying workshops range from \$80 to \$10 and those wishing to register can do so by logging on to www.espanolafibreartsfestival.ca or by calling 705-583-2326.

There are also plenty of family friendly events from pumpkin geocaching at the recreation centre, farm tours, pumpkin fun including a pumpkin pancake breakfast, pumpkin carving contest and a giant pumpkin weigh-in and so much more.

Junior Citizen of the Year Award deadline approaching

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—It is once again time to nominate those outstanding young members of the Manitoulin Island community who deserve to be recognized for their accomplishments and contributions through the Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards coordinated by the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) of which The

Expositor is a proud member.

The Ontario Junior Citizen of the Year Awards recognize individuals between the ages of six and 17 (no older than 17 by the November 30 deadline) who are working hard to make their community a better place by volunteering for various organizations, making donations, saving lives and maintaining top grade aver-

ages.

The Expositor urges members of the community to nominate these young people of Manitoulin in one of the five areas of the award: a person involved in worthwhile community service; a special young person contributing to their community while living with a physical or psycho-

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Get out and vote on Monday, October 27

MANITOULIN—With the upcoming October 27 municipal election, The Expositor wishes to remind its readers that along with the vote for mayors, Reeves and council, the ballot also includes a vote for Rainbow District School Board trustee.

This fact is especially important for residents of the municipalities of Burpee Mills and Gore Bay

whose council is acclaimed, but still have the vote for trustee. Similarly, the unorganized Townships of Dawson and Robinson do not select a council but do vote for Manitoulin’s representative on the RDSB.

This year there are two names on the ballot for RDSB trustee, incumbent Larry Killens of South Baymouth and newcomer Maureen Egan of Sudbury and

Little Current.

The school support portion of tax bills is significant so the trustee’s role is important in ensuring that the best possible education is provided with a view to the best use of taxpayers’ dollars.

The Expositor urges its readers to exercise their right and vote this Monday, October 27.

Central Manitoulin votes 2014

Candidate for council

EDITOR’S NOTE: As Central Manitoulin candidate for Ward 1 councillor Petra Wall was away during the time of The Expositor’s interviews with those candidates, Ms. Wall’s interview can now be read below.

Petra Wall

Petra Wall is running for Ward 1 in the upcoming Central Manitoulin municipal elections.

Ms. Wall has a keen interest in Island history and over the last 10 years has been helping people tell their stories for the ‘Now and Then’ column in The Expositor.

She resides with her husband Bill and their border collie Skip in Square Bay, where the couple has lived since 1977.

“I have volunteered for many organizations including the economic development committee for Central Manitoulin, as well as the Northeast Town,” explained Ms. Wall. “I was chair of the Cambrian College Advisory Committee, a board member of the North East Community Care Access Centre, chair of the Manitoulin Community Withdrawal Management Services and secretary of the Manitoulin Fine Arts Association. I also did some early work for

Taste of Manitoulin and am now a member of the new Arts Council for Manitoulin.”

Her background in health along with her Masters in Health Services Administration Services acted as a foundation to help promote health on Manitoulin through a project to establish a centrally based recreation centre on Manitoulin.

“As part of the economic development team for Central Manitoulin, we began our initiative to increase seniors’ housing here as well and began to look towards establishing more assisted living,” said Ms. Wall. “Others such as Jeremy Gordon and also a team of seniors that found interested contractors to build the Sparrow’s Nest have been working diligently in the housing area and are now beginning to have some good choices for our seniors. I agree with Richard Stephens and Gerry Strong that more needs to be done, especially for assisted living, the median between living alone and living in long term care.”

Another issue Ms. Wall hopes to tackle if she is elected is job specific training for students and adults geared to the needs of

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A road between two townships: Red Lodge Road debate continues

by Alicia McCutcheon

ASSIGINACK—Georgie and Terry Hari of Red Lodge Road, representing the Manitoulin Birches Cottage Club, once again made their annual visit to Assiginack council, sharing their displeasure that after years of requesting that the road be tarred and chipped and despite the high taxes residents pay as largely waterfront landowners, the roadwork has yet to be done.

The Red Lodge Road, located along the Bidwell Road, is the dividing line between the municipalities of Assiginack and the Northeast Town with the two townships sharing in the cost and carrying out implementation of road maintenance. Residents on the south side of the road, such as the Haris, are residents of Assiginack while those on the north pay taxes in the Northeast Town.

“Nothing has really changed on our road but the new culvert, which we thank you for,” Ms. Hari began before she came out with her reason for being at the meeting. “I want to see it tarred and chipped.”

She explained that she went to see Northeast Town CAO David Williamson, who once again told her that the road was not high on the municipality’s list of roads to be done. “We want to know where Assiginack’s priorities lie.”

Assiginack has budgeted money for their portion of the work to be done where it remains in an account, waiting for the day the Northeast Town agrees to ante up its share.

Ms. Hari said she was tired of the back and forth and said she realized that nothing would ever be accomplished if it carries on this way. “There has got to be another way of doing this,” she said.

“It is so frustrating for us, and with our taxes so high, we feel we aren’t getting what we deserve,” Ms. Hari added.

Reeve Brad Ham suggested waiting for the next term of council and starting a fresh dialogue with the Northeast Town and the two road superintendents.

“NEMI has said they don’t see our area as a priority,” she reiterated flatly, noting that in previous conversations the Northeast Town had said the road would need to be built up between two and three feet before hard topping could occur while Assiginack said this was not necessary.

Ms. Hari wondered if the work could be done by Assiginack crews and then a payment scheme worked out or a ‘credit’ the municipality could use at a later date with the Northeast Town.

Councillor Brenda Reid suggested CAO Alton Hobbs look into the precedence of cases like this with the municipality’s solicitor.

“It’s not like we’re not paying for it or paying our way,” Ms. Hari said. “If we were just paying \$1,000 (in taxes), we probably wouldn’t say anything about it, but we’re not. We’re paying big money and I feel we should be getting something for that.”

Councillor Paul Moffat noted that every time he sees Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin he brings the subject up.

Ms. Hari noted the number of people who use the road, which is also the thoroughfare, aptly named, to Red Lodge Resort.

“We’ve also put a lot of money into the Bidwell to get people there,” the reeve added.

“I have great faith that you can come up with something creative to see the work done,” Ms. Hari said.

Reeve Ham suggested roads superintendent Ron Cooper meet with the Northeast Town’s manager of public works Gary May to discuss the matter and opened the floor to Mr. Cooper:

“If you’re looking for my opinion, this is strictly political,” Mr. Cooper told council. “NEMI has done a lot of chip and tar on a lot of streets way worse than that one.”

While he would be happy to meet with Mr. May, Mr. Cooper said that he doubted it would have any effect on seeing the road done as, ultimately, the decision is not Mr. May’s.

The reason the Northeast Town said the road would have to be built up, he continued, is because of the impending McLay’s Subdivision on Lake Manitou on the Northeast Town’s side of the road, beside Red Lodge and the anticipated amount of heavy truck traffic that road would see. But now that that project has been scaled back to just six lots, at least for now, because of environmental concerns, this should no longer be an issue.

“Maybe we should ask them for a list of valid answers as to why (it hasn’t been done),” he added.

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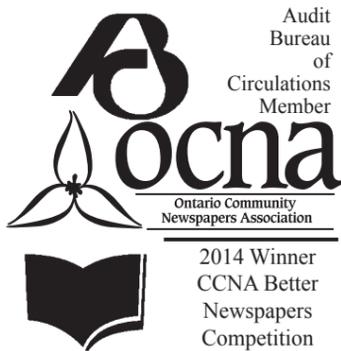
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editorial

In politics, no attempt at a good deed goes unpunished

The much-anticipated Ontario Ombudsman's report on the process in which Billings council conducted the business of determining who would finish the term of a deceased councillor has now been made public and the previous council has had its fingers rapped in a "don't do this again" sort of way.

While some people may make an effort to make this an election issue as the Ombudsman's report was released part way through the campaign period, it's interesting to note that everyone who was on the previous council, and consequently were subject to the Ombudsman's criticism, is on the ballot for the October 27 municipal election along with a host of first-time challengers.

Once Councillor Tom Imrie explained why he had pushed for discussions about the candidates vying to fill the vacant council seat to be held in camera and away from public view, the agreement of the group to hold a "secret meeting" makes sense from the point of view of the good manners most of us had instilled in us as children.

Sometimes, and this is a case in point, being polite doesn't square with proper due process, but it's difficult to fault the council for the spirit that informed council's decision to move into an in camera meeting on the issue.

Councillor Imrie has explained that he expected to discuss the health of one of the individuals who had applied to fill the vacant council seat. The mayor and the other councillors agreed that it would not be prudent to have this discussion about someone's personal health status in public so the controversial "in camera" meeting ensued. It is ironic that in making this decision to do, as they saw it, the right thing they were consequently reported to the Ontario Ombudsman who confirmed that their motivation to not publicly discuss aspects of someone's health that might possibly disqualify him/her from filling the office satisfactorily meant that they were at the same time committing a transparency error.

It's hard not to be sympathetic to Mr. Imrie's motivations and it is understandable that his council colleagues, with the best of intentions, agreed to his request and voted in support of the motion he pro-

posed because of the particular circumstances and took the discussions in camera. The mayor had determined in his interpretation of exceptions allowed under the Municipal Act that discussion of the private aspects of someone's health fell into one of the categories that allows councils to opt to meet outside of public scrutiny.

This motivation to not publicly discuss a neighbour's health status—a fact that could easily be considered germane to the topic of who should fill a council vacancy—is precisely what is good about life in a rural community and, if elected councillors and mayor/reeve are a reflection of their community's norms (as they certainly should be) then this makes perfect sense in that context.

However, such an action, however well intentioned, doesn't stand up to scrutiny when measured against the level of transparency required of elected municipal officials.

There is no question about that and the Ontario Ombudsman has reinforced this with his report.

As it happens, there was no in camera discussion of anyone's health concerns as Mr. Imrie and his colleagues had anticipated but it was this expectation that sent council behind closed doors in the first place where they ended up voting for their choice of councillor. This was certainly an error of judgment by the group, especially since their clerk-treasurer had previously advised them against pursuing this course of action.

This won't happen again, certainly not in Billings Township.

But the well-intentioned naiveté that underscores the event is in and of itself touching. The sign at the top of the hill in Kagawong that declares it to be "Ontario's Prettiest Village" could perhaps be amended to also read "and nicest and well intentioned village."

It's an irony that anyone following the story now knows that someone in contention for the council position possibly had health issues and, doubtless, there will be many people hard at work in an attempt to determine who this was, precisely what Mr. Imrie and his council colleagues were attempting to avoid.

letters

Wikwemikong woman recounts her educational odyssey

"It is never too late to go back to school and make your dreams a reality"

To the Expositor:

As a 57-year-old Odawa woman I am very cognizant of the importance of education. For many reasons that number towards the infinite I was unable to obtain my Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Odawa was and remains to this day my primary language, a fact to which I am very proud hearted. Comprehension of the English language and its countless rules have always plagued me with linguistic complexities and an inability to articulate it fluently, particularly in written form. Apprehension of a Grade 12 diploma was made even more so remote once I had four children to welcome into the arena of my responsibilities. The decades flew by at the speed of time and with my children now grown up I rekindled my longing to graduate.

The journey towards my educational goals began at the Shki Naabwin (Look Ahead) Adult Education Program in 1996. It was a good program but I was unable to obtain any high school credits as the programs focus was directed on Learning Basic Skills (LBS). Once the program closed I moved to Webbwood and enrolled in night classes at the Espanola High

School. A major hurdle to this learning attempt was getting to Espanola with no transportation. I enlisted in night classes with a high school transcript which numbered 14 credits to my name. Through the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) process I was eligible to add 12 equivalency credits to my transcript bringing my total to 26 credits. Grade 12 was now only four credits away. I needed my Grade 10, 11 and 12 English, plus one elective Grade 11 course of my choosing. While this seems like a small feat for most I can assure you that for someone with my limited scholastic skills all those English courses appeared to be in another galaxy. Having moved back to Wikwemikong I was pleased to discover that my community initiated the Wikwemikong Adult Education Program or WAEP for short which in my language means "hurry up." The teacher running the program is Pete Charbonneau and his confidence, patience, respect and teaching abilities were the jet fuel I needed to carry me forward. Mr. Charbonneau enrolled me in a Grade 10 English Independent Learning Course (ILC). Students

are given 10 months time to complete a course and it really took me all of these months to obtain a single credit. My mathematics and computer skills were extremely low and Mr. Charbonneau assisted me in developing these skills by registering me in online classes. I do not like to use the word "hate" but man did I hate the unknowns of technology and arithmetic. Little did I know that I would quickly grow to understand and appreciate these variables in my learning curve.

Two more years passed and I added two more credits to my



Janet Wemigwans of Wikwemikong proudly displays her Ontario Secondary School Diploma, proving to young and old alike that "it is never too late to go back to school and make your dreams a reality."

transcript leaving me one Grade 12 English course away from my goal. So eager was I to obtain this credit that shortly after getting my knees replaced I would negotiate the uphill climb to WAEP during the full blunt of winter. It took me four years to get four credits and my final Grade 12 English mark was 82 percent, a fact of which I am very proud. Also proud are my four children all of whom understand the difficult enduring journey I set off on too many years ago.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform young and mature people alike that it is never too late to go back to school and make your dreams a reality. Mr. Charbonneau and WAEP have truly changed my life and he will help you change yours. A massive chi-miigwech to chief and council for supporting this great program. There is no reason for any community member to leave Wikwemikong to access this level of non-formal learning. Education is not only important but it is an empowering source of knowledge and knowledge is the key to wisdom.

Janet Wemigwans
Wikwemikong

A hope expressed for future representation

Don't just turn this election into a popularity contest

To the Expositor:

Well they are off and heading to the electoral finish line in Billings. All five incumbents re-running and some excellent new faces presenting, so hopefully we won't have four more years of the same!

Questions are emerging from the woodwork it seems, from those who follow the Kagawong Facebook page to an all candidates' meeting held on October 6.

So far I've seen one question about the town's sustainability plan. Frankly, I'd like to see lots more! In case folks don't understand, the revenues from the federal gas tax downloaded to municipalities is contingent on a satisfactory sustainability plan. Municipalities like Billings have had two windfalls over the last four to five years.

One, property tax increases thank to MPAC re-assessments that were on average 50 percent, ringing the cash registers at town treasuries. Two, the significant funding from gas tax downloads. All the federal

government, through FedNor, asked was please develop a sustainability plan that shows us that you have a) done a self assessment of where you are along a continuum b) put in place a capital planning exercise i.e. how to build capital reserves to replace capital items (like fire trucks or water treatment plants or works or waste management equipment) and c) determine how any new growth would continue to contribute to the common operating costs (some form of development charges for developers would be a start).

Billings council did scramble to publish a sustainability plan three years ago but, as hard as I look, I can't find these essential components. I hope interested Billings electors ask many, many questions about this central component of municipal planning and don't just turn this election into a popularity contest!

Paul Darlston
Kagawong

more letters

Call to send a message to provincial representatives about winter road maintenance

“Our lives matter”

To the Expositor:

Re: ‘Island MTO highway winter maintenance contractor receives over \$300,000 in fines, October 8, page 3.

The fines issued to cut-corner contractors points out the need for the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to take back the maintenance of highways in Northern Ontario.

We want our provincial government to use our hard earned tax dollars to improve road conditions and maintenance across Northeastern Ontario, particularly during the winter months.

Many people fear driving on winter roadways because of icy, slippery, dangerous driving conditions and the huge volume of truck traffic we now see on our roads.

The Northern Safe Roads Coalition is a group of business owners, concerned citizens, politicians and others who are concerned about the safety of drivers on northern highways and the lack of proper winter road maintenance.

The reported fines to contractors validate those fears.

Northerners do not have the luxury of Go trains, subways, streetcars and super four-laned highways to travel

on.

We want the government to use our tax dollars to maintain our roads properly and to stop hiring cut-corner contractors who often bid low to get the contracts thus providing lower levels of maintenance to our roads.

The Ministry of Transportation should either take back the maintenance of our highways or stop using nickel and dime contractors thus putting lives at risk.

The government could also invest the “fine” money back into creating safer four-laned highways; wider paved shouldered roads that aren’t death traps.

And while we are at it, let’s reclassify our northern highways from Level 2 roads to Level 1 to ensure improved maintenance standards.

We pay first-rate taxes for third-rate road maintenance.

The sheer volume of traffic on northern roadways is a cause for concern and more and more trucks are traveling our highways bringing goods to our communities.

Without pointing fingers at any one group of drivers, could those same goods not be shipped via rail service?

Rail service would alleviate the heavy volume of traffic on our roads and be much more environmentally friendly.

Truck drivers do not appreciate long wait times due to closed highways during winter months when law enforcement has closed sections of highways because they are simply too dangerous for vehicular traffic.

All drivers must take responsibility for driving habits, particularly when it comes to distracted driving (cell phones, texting, eating while driving, and speeding).

Driving a motor vehicle is a huge responsibility; let’s ensure the highest level of safety on our roads. Please join in and send a message to the provincial government representatives that our lives matter and to end the shabby road maintenance standards across the province.

Safe travels everyone!

Sue Nielsen

**Northern Safe Roads Coalition member
Cobalt**

Manitoulin trustee banished from closed Rainbow District School Board meeting

Informative to know who voted against trespass ban

To the Expositor:

During the September 23 meeting of the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB), the board went in-camera (ie. no public allowed) twice. It is my understanding that during both sessions, the issue of a trespass ban against two parents (Dylan and Anita Gibson) was discussed. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have been taking the board to task for several years now over issues of accountability and transparency, and have been banned from the RDSB offices and all RDSB secondary schools since October of 2012. The Gibsons are currently running as trustee candidates in the City of Greater Sudbury for the upcoming election.

During both sessions, Trustee Larry Killens was asked to leave the room by Chair Doreen Dewar.

Afterwards, I contacted Trustee Killens and asked why

Chair Dewar required him to leave the room. Trustee Killens advised me that the rules are clear that he was not allowed to share the contents of the discussions in an in-camera meeting, however, he was able to explain the following: “I was asked to leave when I refused to answer a question asked of me by the chair. I did ask for a reason, no specific reason was given, other than disobeying a rule of the chair. I asked which rule and the demand to leave was repeated. I complied. I chose not to disobey the rule of the chair as there are tools do so in another venue. I do assure the electorate I did not violate any rule of conduct, that I am aware of, that you would expect of your trustee.”

Now, why is this so important? Trustee Robert Kirwin put forth a motion to have the trespass ban rescinded. Trustee Killens was going to second that motion, which

would then require a vote be taken. By removing Trustee Killens, Chair Doreen Dewar effectively ended any chance that the motion would move forward (as no other trustee seconded the motion).

You may ask, if only Trustees Kirwin and Killens were prepared to support the motion, isn’t it a foregone conclusion that the motion to rescind the trespass ban would have died at the vote stage? And that’s probably correct, but I also suspect that vote would have been a recorded pole vote (ie. each trustee’s vote is recorded). And wouldn’t it be very informative to know where each trustee stands on this trespass issue, especially with an upcoming election?

**Kirk Dopson
Sudbury**

Condition of Providence Bay beach causes surprise for tourists

Township, businesses and cottagers should stand up and fight to get something done

To the Expositor:

In response to the letter about Providence Bay beach I would like to say there is nothing nice about walking on the shoreline with all the sawdust that washes up after a storm and there are many, many people who do not pick up after their dogs. What once was a big tourist attraction as the most beautiful beach on the Island is now false advertising. People are surprised to see the condition of it when they arrive. In fact, people bring their rakes with them to clean an area where they are planning to spend the day with their kids. Someday there are more dogs than people—can’t they read the signs at every entrance? In fact, I have seen trucks driving down to launch their boats. Once again it is also on the sign. If there is no one there to in force the law why should people care? After all it’s looking more like a bush than a beach.

I have been coming here for years and Providence Bay businesses are closing up. If you need anything you have to drive into Mindemoya or drive to Gore Bay. I’m surprised that the people who run some of the parks don’t try and have something done to clean up the beach and get rid of the weeds. If it wasn’t for the tourists that keep their businesses going they would go under so there are two sides to this. If you want to enjoy they endangered weeds, section off an area, but they do grow all over the Island, not just a Providence Bay. While they’re at it maybe they should really make an area for dogs. Who wants to swim with their hair floating in the water or have to listen to them barking. Believe it or not, not all people want dogs around while they are at the beach—they are there to try and enjoy themselves.

They did fix it up around the river, a perfect place to

enjoy the weeds and butterflies, although once again people don’t pick up after their dogs there or on the boardwalk so you need to educate the people or get someone out patrolling the beach to eliminate one of the problems.

Now even walking towards the marina along the shore as you get closer there is an area where they throw the fish guts. Who wants to see or smell that? This year I notice a drop off of tourists and I’m sure it will continue to get worse. I think it is time the township and the people with trailer parks, cottages and what business there is left to fight to get something done. This is your livelihood, it is up to you stand up, after all you do pay taxes. As a person who spends a lot of time and money I would really like to see an improvement next summer.

**Christine Robinson
Sudbury**

Injured workers continue to rally against WSIB regulation changes

The buck stops at the premier’s office

EDITOR’S NOTE: The following letter to Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne is printed here at the request of its author, Colin Pick, president of the Manitoulin and North Shore Injured Workers Group.

Dear Premier Wynne:

Further to my letters of July 31 and September 2, 2014, asking for your intervention to better conditions for injured workers going deeper into poverty, and after my making a special request asking you for a proper replay, I feel it is rather unbecoming of you to just ignore people.

As a result, this will be an open letter to the media to emphasize the gross negligence, illegal policies and mistreatment of injured and diseased workers, over the past five years in Ontario by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) CEO David Marshall, board chair, Mrs. Elizabeth Witmer and yourself, because you ignore all pleas for intervention!

Injured workers experience nearly four times the rate of poverty in Ontario, which you turn a blind eye to, allowing Mr. Marshall and the WSIB board to completely dismantle the once Ontario proud Meredith Principles of fair and just compensation. And in their place, practice such reckless and hurtful changes of “illegal policy,” which have been illegally imposed upon the backs of injured and diseased workers contrary to the provisions of the WSIB Act. Premier, the mental anguish and financial hurt caused to injured workers and the poor by these changes is putting people into the poor house and is a humanitarian disgrace.

Further, the sneaky way that WSIB has been downloading onto municipal social services and the health care system is also wrong. And by you allowing the WSIB to surreptitiously shirk off their responsibilities onto municipalities, means that the local taxpayers pay more, which is unfair to municipal councils. Madam Premier,

you call this fairly serving the people of Ontario? Shame on you!

Besides other areas of government excess, take a good look at the WSIB sunshine list, with 386 unnecessary piggy banks at the pot, all taking their lavish expenditures from the fund that was originally set up to pay compensation to injured workers; not for excessive executive sunshine lists, the best of benefits and other perks, lifetime pensions (which I remind you, was taken away from injured workers), abuse of the system, illegal practices and most of all, poor management by lack of proactive financial measures, that were lost by WSIB incompetence and government oversight long ago.

It never ceases to amaze me that the greedy practices of the land barons of yester year are still ingrained, when the corporate rich and the political rich think it’s okay for them to have wages, pensions, and benefits in excess, but think it’s okay for them to take from the workers, to widen their profit margins or make workers do more with less, instead of themselves cutting back a little.

To quote NDP leader Mr. Thomas Mulcair: “we’re fast becoming the first generation in history to leave our chil-

dren and our grandchildren with less of a quality of living than we inherited from our parents.” This is so true of Ontario if we continue to allow Mr. Marshall and Ms. Witmer to run amok, leaving our children and grandchildren with absolutely nothing should they get injured in a workplace.

Mr. Marshall can manipulate the system and change the wordings of the WSIB Act all he likes to suit the circumstances, but no amount of manipulation will make what is wrong and illegal into something somewhat legal. With this staring you right in the face, as the premier who states she, “stands for the people of Ontario,” why do you wear a blindfold to justice that allows such despicable practices to continue?

Regardless, premier, the buck stops at your door, and failing to stop these illegal actions is a disgrace to your office. I can be reached at P.O. Box 88, Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0.

Yours sincerely,

**Colin Pick
MANIWG**

Advocate for injured workers and the poor

Murdered and missing women petition is online

This systemic issue must be openly investigated

To the Expositor:

The Expositor has several times commented on the failure of the federal government to call an inquiry into this serious national problem. Some of its readers who agree that this is a systemic issue that should be openly investigated may like to join me in signing a petition to Kellie

Leitch, Minister of the Status of Women. The petition can be found at www.change.org. Search for “Leitch” or “aboriginal” to find the petition started by Holly Jarrett, cousin of a murder victim.

**Anne Erickson
Little Current and Toronto**

Kenj's 12th career fair boasts largest number of vendors yet

by Alicia McCutcheon

M'CHIGEENG—Titled 'Ready, Willing and Able,' the 12th edition of the Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute (KTEI) Career Fair held at the M'Chigeeng complex on Thursday, October 9 boasted its largest number of vendors yet at 40.

Career fair coordinator Brian Bisson of KTEI said the vendors were split evenly, 20 post secondary institutions and 20 organizations, with 160 students flowing through the displays. Mr. Bisson said he was disappointed that student numbers were down this year, and that despite the invitation, Grade 7 classes from Little Current Public School, Assiginack Public School and Central Manitoulin Public School did not attend but he is hopeful that number will rebound next year.

Grade 7 students are invited from all of the Island elementary schools, as well as from Espanola and the North Shore as this is the grade level at which the Ontario elementary school curriculum encourages career guidance to begin.

New to the fair this year were representatives from the Labourers', Carpenters' and Pipefitters' Unions in Sudbury, which, judging by the crowds around them, were hugely popular among the students.

"(The fair) opens the students' eyes to opportunities,



Students from Charles C. McLean Public School in Gore Bay got to work at the Union of Plumbers, Steamfitters, Apprentices and Welders booth at the KTEI Career Fair last Thursday.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

career-wise," Mr. Bisson said.

The vendors were very encouraged by the fair too, he added, and came from as far away as the Ottawa area

to attend.

"The teachers love it, they really enjoy it," he said.

"Our theme this year was 'Ready, Willing and Able,'" Mr. Bisson said, making sure the students are thinking about a career, are willing to make the sacrifice and are able to achieve that goal, no matter what. "Hopefully, we got them thinking about all these things."

FLU SHOT CLINICS Manitoulin Central Family Health Team

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Search for missing Bay Estates boater a false alarm

by Alicia McCutcheon

BAY ESTATES—Following reports of an unmanned boat adrift in the choppy waters off Bay Estates last Tuesday afternoon, an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) marine rescue unit, accompanied by an overhead search and rescue Hercules aircraft dispatched from CFB Trenton could be seen making passes over the Northeast Town, Strawberry Island, the Strawberry Channel and Sheguiandah Bay.

According to Constable Julian Tonge with the Manitoulin OPP, a concerned Bay Estates resident called in after seeing the 16-foot aluminum craft adrift without a driver on Tuesday, October 7. A launch was immediately dispatched to the region with two other marine units from the Killarney area called in to assist in the search, as well as a search and rescue team from CFB Trenton, whose Hercules could be seen flying in a grid pattern over the Strawberry Channel.

The search was eventually called off and it is reported that a resident from the area called in to report that their boat was missing. This missing craft matched the description of the one found adrift.

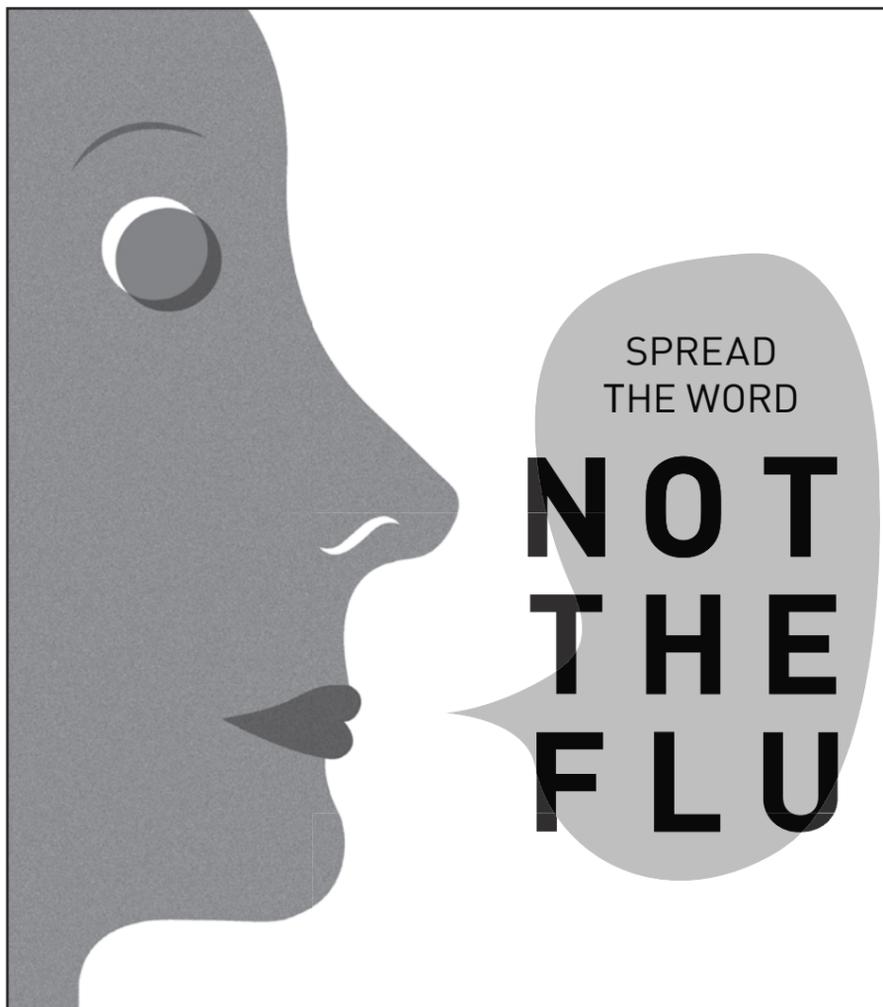
Police remind boaters to always be aware of rapidly

changing autumn weather conditions and winds and to always let another person know where and when they are going when heading out on the water and also to securely tie their boats to their docks to avoid costly callouts such as the one last week.



A Hercules flies over Haywood Island in the search for a possible missing boater.

photo by John Savage



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Gore Bay	CC. McLean Public School	Monday, November 10	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm



Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Alumni game set for Friday!

The Panther Alumni game fundraiser for **Lucus Little** and his family is scheduled for this Friday (October 17) at the NEMI recreation centre. Lucus is a former Manitoulin Panther player, as well as in recent years, he was the head coach of their Atom and Pee wee teams. He has been the main source of income for his family of six so organizers are hoping to raise funds so it will relieve some of the financial burden that comes along with cancer treatment and let Lucus focus on getting well! Please come out and show your support to him and his family.

At this point many former players have committed to making the trip back for the game that will be set up as a North versus South showdown. It sounds like a lot of fun! In addition to the game there will be a silent auction so if you have something to donate to help out please contact **Cathy Wilkin** at 705-368-3462 or email her at conntess@hotmail.com. The game will start at 7 pm but get out early to get a good seat and an early bid.

Panther Points

Some future alumni Panthers, but still Atoms, had an amazing weekend after dominating two opponents over the weekend. On Saturday the Panther Atoms were in Garson and doubled up on the Nickel City Flyers 10 to 5. The locals then hosted the Nickel City Crushers on Sunday but it was the Panthers did the crushing, eclipsing the visitors 15 - 2. The Atoms are on the road this Saturday to play the Lumber Kings and then back home for a match against Copper Cliff at 3 pm, followed by their potluck dinner at 5 pm.

Congratulations team and good luck on your season: **Billy Biederman, Delaney Bridgeman, Liam Bridgeman, Jesse Burella, Jared Cortes, Damion Debassige, Kal Debassige, Aysia Francis-Debassige, Todd Gordon, Gabe Hare, Hudson Hare, Riley Lockeyer, Macie Settington, Jared Toope, Victoria Trudeau** and coaches **Dean Hare, Glen Hare, Jay Toope, Mason Graham, Trainer Fawn Bridgeman** and Manager **Stacey Lewis**.

Manitoulin Basketball Association

This winter there will be a new game in town: basketball. For under \$200 your child will get 16 weeks of basketball, a shirt and a basketball. The league's objective: To provide an opportunity for boys and girls to play basketball in an organized, safe and fun environment. Their emphasis is on learning the fundamentals, and sportsmanship.

Games are to be played at Lakeview Elementary School in M'Chigeeng. The schedule starts on Saturday, November 8 and ends Saturday, March 14. Registration can be dropped off or mailed to: 39 Grandor Rd. P.O. Box 30, Kagawong ON P0P 1J0. For more information call: 705-282-7276. There will be the following Divisions (age as of December 31, 2013). Atom - 9 and 10 year olds (9 to 10 am). Pee wee - 11 and 12 year olds (10 to 11 am) and the Bantams - 13 and 14 year olds (11 am to 12 pm).

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From left, **Hunter Cranston, Autumn Davy** and **Jary White**, all of Central Manitoulin Public School, pose with **Chief Shining Turtle Franklin Paibomsai** who honoured the students for helping their school achieve the best overall score, and subsequent trophy and banner, at the Shawanosowe School Cross Country meet held last week.

photo by Andre Leblanc

Time is running out for major 2015 trail permit discount

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—There is just two weeks left to receive a 30 percent discount on the 2015 Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) trail permit when you buy online and the Manitoulin Snowdusters Snowmobile Club is hoping the Island community will show its support and do just that.

Called the 'extra early bird special,' the cost until October 31 for a regular trail permit is \$180, down 30 percent from the regular \$260 price.

"We are encouraging people to buy early so clubs know where they stand financially going into the season," said Snowdusters media rep Brad Middleton. "This also stops people from waiting until January to buy."

Mr. Middleton said the club realizes that people want to wait and see if there will be a season, or snow, but this doesn't help the club that is already struggling with declining sales.

From November 1 to December 1, the permit then costs \$210, still a discount from the regular price, but come December 2, that price goes back to full price.

The trail permit fee is shared between the OFSC and the Snowdusters, but when purchased online, a box indicating the 'Manitoulin Snowdusters' must be clicked in order for the club to receive its share.

Mr. Middleton said the club also hopes to emphasize that the Green Bush trail, C107D, which saw major issues last year due to the construction of the McLean's Mountain Wind Farm, has been remedied. "The problems that revolved around the windmills are all resolved," he said. "The trail is back to normal, as it was."

The Snowdusters are also anxiously awaiting word that they have been approved for funding help

for a new groomer for the east end of the Island. Another reason why trail permit support is so crucial, Mr. Middleton explained, is that the cost for the groomer is \$202,000 and the cost of diesel fuel for the Island's trail groomer for last season alone came in at \$11,565.85.

"For people who complain about the price of trail permits, all you have to do is pull up to the pumps and see the cost of grooming," he added.

While many clubs across Ontario have experienced a decline in permit sales, the last two years have been the exception with an increase in sales by 21 percent—a good sign for the sport.

"Snowmobile sales have increased double digits and the price for second hand sleds have gone way up," Mr. Middleton said.

The OFSC is again offering classic sled permits for snowmobiles dated 1999 or older at \$140 until December 1 when they then rise to \$170.

Encouraging a new generation of riders, the Snowdusters' Dayle Wright will be offering a drivers' training course for all of Manitoulin on November 29 in Gore Bay where youngsters will learn the ins and outs of snowmobiling before receiving their motorized snow vehicle licences. The course is for kids aged 12 and up to qualify for the licence necessary to drive a snowmobile. Space is limited, so those interested in registering are encouraged to call Ms. Wright at 705-282-2975 or by emailing her at wrightd@rainbowchoools.ca.

"And remember," Mr. Middleton concluded, "The Farmers' Almanac is predicting another severe winter, just like last year."

Visit the OFSC website to purchase your extra early bird permit at www.ofsc.on.ca

Manitoulin Basketball Association seeks to up Island game

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Although sports enthusiast Dave Carr keeps a close eye on his day job, running his landscaping company C & C Lawn and Landscape, he has always found a way to apply his degree in physical education by coaching. Now he and his wife Anastasia have established the

community league down in Burlington before we moved North. I graduated from Laurentian with a Physical Education degree and I've coached and played different sports over the years."

Mr. Carr handles the coaching end of things while Ms. Carr looks after the organizational details. "It's fun," said Ms. Carr of her motivation. "Besides, this is a sport where as a parent you get to watch your child play in a nice

warm gym. No standing around in a cold arena," she laughed.

"For our inaugural season the MBA will consist of three age divisions," explained Mr. Carr. "Atom (age 8-9), Pee wee (age 10-11), and Bantam (age 13-14) and placement will be determined by a child's age as of December 31, 2013. The age divisions and birthday cut-off mirror the CHA's hockey divisions. We hope to expand to other age levels in the

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Manitoulin Basketball Association (MBA) to give local basketball players access to an avenue to upgrade their skills.

"The idea to start up basketball primarily came from our son Jackson who is now in Grade 9 at MSS (Manitoulin Secondary School)," said Mr. Carr. "I coached him for several years in

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Manitoulin bees dodge Ontario die-off

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The news on the bee front has not been uplifting in recent years, with the invasion of various mites and the still largely unexplained (or at least hotly debated) incidence of colony collapse disorder (CCD) devastating thousands of hives across the province, but Manitoulin apiaries have largely been spared the worst of the impact of the calamities sweeping through the continent's pollinators.

"I think it was a pretty good season," said apiarist Paul Salanka of Little Current's LoonSong Garden. Mr. Salanka has been raising bees for nigh onto a quarter of a century and he describes this year's honey production as "pretty decent" despite the late start and generally wet and dismal conditions prevalent through much of the honey-gathering season.

"Our hives came out of the winter quite well," said Mr. Salanka. But the Island's bee population has been a bit of an anomaly in the province. "The bee kills in southern Ontario have been awful, but up here they weren't hit as hard."

Veronika Bingaman of Honora Bay agrees, noting that her losses over the winter were not nearly as bad as has sometimes been the case. "I only lost two hives and one of those was very weak going into the winter," she said. "So I did not expect that one to make it anyway."

She said that the wet and less than ideal conditions over the month of August has also had a dilatory impact on honey production.

"It was a late start to the season but the bees seemed to make up for it over July," she said. "August was bad because we didn't have much sunny weather." Unable to go out and gather nectar and pollen, the bees have found themselves holed up in their hives where they wound up consuming some of July's bounty as they waited out the rain.

One of the side effects of the cool and damp weather has been positive, of sorts. "There hasn't seemed to be as much swarming this year," said Ms. Bingaman. Swarming usually takes place when hives are stressed, usually through crowding, and the bees decide to create new queens, sending out portions of their hive's population to establish new colonies.

Both apiarists surmise that the crop mix on Manitoulin is likely to have played a part in the low winterkills as a class of pesticides that have been

fingered as a possible contributing cause of bee deaths are not prevalent on Manitoulin Island.

"The neonics (neonicotinoids) are not common here," said Ms. Bingaman. "There are pockets of good farmland on Manitoulin, but there are not the hundreds of acres of land with good soil here that you find in southern Ontario, just little spots."

Before Ms. Bingaman and her late husband Dan moved to the Island to establish their honey business on Manitoulin (eventually growing to over 500 hives), Mr. Bingaman did a lot of research on the land and its environs. "The man at the ministry was not very positive," she recalled. "One of the things they told him was about the shallow soil and that the area was not known for its 'super production'."

Ontario has been considering a ban on the use of neonicotinoids in response to strong lobbying by the

tracts; and increased labour, equipment and supply expenses." The class action seeks to recover those alleged losses.

The Ontario Beekeepers Association (OBA) has been active in encouraging their members to join the suit if they believe they have been impacted by the issue.

"While the OBA is not directly involved in this action, we support any effort that could help beekeepers recover losses caused by the overuse of neonicotinoids," said OBA vice-president Tibor Szabo, leaving no doubt as to where the OBA stands on the issue. "This action puts the blame where it belongs—on the pesticide manufacturers." Mr. Szabo himself has lost 1,000 hives over the past year in his operation.

The Ontario government has also instituted a compensation program for beekeepers who have "experienced massive losses over the past harsh winter." The

products. All of a sudden we were experiencing CCD here." The evidence may seem anecdotal, but Mr. Salanka points out that it is a suspicious coincidence, a clear "smoking gun."

The beekeeping community is not completely united in the battle against the pesticides, however. Walter Zimmermann, a former Environment Canada scientist who operates Little Wolf Apiaries, challenges the assumptions behind the causes of the die-off, citing the lack of standardization in beekeeping practices and the rise of beekeeping hobbyists as confounding variables.

Mr. Salanka takes strong exception to the suggestion his father, with whom Mr. Salanka began keeping bees more than a quarter of a century ago and who has experienced huge losses in southern Ontario, are "inexperienced" apiarists or that their practices are behind the losses. "We have been keeping bees since 1980, about 35 years," said Mr. Salanka, who described his father's operation as "semi-commercial. We are not talking amateur hour here."

The Alberta beekeepers, who account for 50 percent of Canada's production, also do not accept the assertion that the pesticides are to blame. The Alberta crew, where corn and soybean production is a huge part of the agricultural mix, say that the neonicotinoids are much better and less threatening than the less effective classes of pesticides they have replaced.

Meanwhile, farmers are caught between the warring factions. Neonicotinoids, which are generally applied to the seed and which travel through the plant systemically, have proven highly effective in combating devastating pests and have dramatically improved crop yields. Until a definitive set of studies confirm whether there is fire behind the alleged smoke, farmers, who are critically aware of the important role played by pollinators like honeybees and their wild varieties, will be left wondering if their baby will be tossed out with the bathwater of political expediency.

Beekeepers or companies in the business of honey production, queen bee rearing and/or pollination services who are interested in participating in the class action suit should contact Siskinds LLP directly via Paula Lombardi at paula.lombardi@siskinds.com or 1-877-672-2121 ext. 7878.



apiary industry and the law firm of Siskinds LLP is representing the province's beekeepers in a class action lawsuit against pesticide manufacturers Bayer and Syngenta. A class action suit brings individuals or small companies together to bring greater economies of scale when taking on large and well-resourced corporations in the courts.

The Statement of Claim brought before the court by the law firm on behalf of beekeepers alleges, among other things, that Bayer (CropScience) and Syngenta were negligent in their manufacture, sale and distribution of neonicotinoids in Ontario causing beekeepers to suffer significant losses and damage. These losses include "killed or weakened bees;

non-productive queens and bee colonies; breeding stock; contaminated wax, combs and hives; reduced honey production and lost profits; costs incurred to meet honey and pollination con-

compensation package, which pays out \$105 per lost hive and applies to operations with 10 or more hives who have lost 40 percent or more of their operation over the winter, has been decried by the OBA as inadequate, but "at least a start," according to a statement by OBA president Dan Davidson earlier this year. "At least the government is recognizing there is a problem out there." The OBA believes compensation should be set closer to \$500 per hive due to neonicotinoids.

Mr. Salanka also believes that the pesticides will prove to be the main cause of bee losses. He points to the positive impact that a European Union ban on the pesticides has had on bee populations on that continent.

"The EU was having the same issue 10 years ago over there," he said. "When they brought in a ban, bee losses dropped off. Chemical manufacturers were losing market, so they came over here to sell their

...Manitoulin Basketball Association seeks to up Island game

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As to the schedule: "Everyone will play one day per week (Saturday mornings) at one location (Lakeview School)," said Mr. Carr. "Hopefully parents will find that pretty easy for scheduling and for driving since Lakeview is pretty centrally located on the Island."

Each age division will

play for one hour and we'll work on skills and drills for half to two-thirds of the time and then split into two teams for a scrimmage for the remaining time. Kids will be mixed (boys and girls) and kids from different towns will be mixed together as well."

The MBA is a pilot program which the couple hopes to see expand. "If the league takes off, which we

hope it will, then future seasons may see different divisions for boys and girls, and perhaps another level up which would consist of two scheduled times per week (one practice and one game)," said Mr. Carr. "For now, we hope the kids will enjoy being able to get on the court on Manitoulin and make new friends while they learn the 'Fundamentals' of basketball."

There were forms available in the October 8 edition of The Expositor and forms have been distributed to all of the Island schools. Best to get your child registered as soon as possible, however. "The MBA starts play on November 8 and for our first season there is only a limited number of spots available and we hope to fill them all," said Mr. Carr.

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Manitoulin Secondary School Player Profile

by Meranda Noble
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



Jessica Marshall

This week's player profile is about a well-rounded student and athlete. This is Jessica Marshall. Jessica is in grade 10 and has already had quite the start to athletics.

Jessica had mainly focused on running and within running doing best in long distance, participating in cross-country and track in grade 9. She found success in both, qualifying for OFSAA in x-country and NOSSA in track. She is currently training for her grade 10 cross-country season and is looking to once again participate in track this spring.

Running is not Jessica only sport. Jessica was part of the junior volleyball team last year and is part of the junior basketball team this year. She looks forward to playing volleyball again this year and trying out for badminton as well.

Her favorite sport is volleyball because "you get to work together as a team" which is as good a reason as any. Her favorite thing about all sports is getting closer with her teammates. While in public school Jessica was very successful with public speaking winning numerous awards. During public school Jessica was part of many teams including cross-country, soccer, volleyball, basketball and track.

In school Jessica enjoys hanging out with friends and her favorite subject is gym. After school Jessica is looking into possibly becoming a physiotherapist. Outside of school she enjoys hanging out with friends as well and going swimming when the weather permits it. She also plays house league hockey in the right wing position. She started in grade 8 and plays for the Little Current Flyers. Good luck Jessica with all your future endeavors.

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Central candidates weigh in on residents' issues

by Betty Bardswich
 MINDEMOYA—Each of Central Manitoulin's 12 contenders running in the upcoming election thanked the members of the audience as they rose to speak about their platforms at the all candidates' meeting held October 6. The Mindemoya community hall was full, perhaps forecasting a larger number of voter turnout.

The 12 people who put their names forth for council include Wes Cline, Pat MacDonald, Petra Wall and Derek Stephens for Ward 1, Gloria Haner, Adam McDonald, Dale Scott and Alex Baran for Ward 2 and John Finley, Keith Legge, Linda Farquhar and Ted Taylor for Ward 3.

Moderator Adam Smith gave each of the speakers a three-minute time limit to explain why they should be in office so as to leave plenty of time for questions and answers.

Mary Gordon was the first person off the mark and her question was directed at the two mayoral candidates, former reeve Richard Stephens and incumbent mayor Gerry Strong. "What is one thing," Ms. Gordon asked, "that you are going to do to engage the young people in the community?"

Mayor Strong answered by saying that he has tried several times to have youth involved and mentioned the skate park as one accomplishment that had been done in the past. He went on to say "we should have youth involved. The economic advisory committee, we could have some youth on that committee."

Richard Stephens responded by saying, "we have tried to engage young people. Unfortunately, the demographics are skewed on the upper level. Youth on the committee, as Mayor Strong said, we would certainly consider."

Martin Garniss then rose for questions and directed his query to Councillor Adam McDonald. "Of all the people here," he said, "you are the only one to talk about taxes. Can the mill rate go down?"

"We understand assessment," Mr. McDonald replied, "It has steadily gone up. Some things are fixed. DSB (Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board) is fixed, but discretionary things can be changed. We were told that it would cost 1/4 million dollars to replace the windows in the old school building. Where can we come up with that money? If we do everything else the same, we would have to raise the mill rate to pay for those windows. We prioritize, debate and so on, but if we are going to do more projects, we are going to have to raise the mill rate."

Nathalie Harvey, co-owner of the Auberge Inn International Hostel in Providence Bay, wanted the Ward 2 candidates to answer the question, "What will you do to help start new businesses to populate Providence Bay?"

Mr. Baran was the first to respond and said that it is, initially, difficult to get young people to anywhere that is remote. "We would have to make sure that they can make some money and we would have to



Central Manitoulin mayoralty candidates Richard Stevens and Gerry Strong at the all candidates' night. photo by Betty Bardswich

give some leeway, some flexibility to get them off the ground with perhaps licence incentives and tax incentives. We can connect them with Trillium, the Heritage Fund and so on and we can do some mentoring."

Ms. Haner talked about the community improvement plan that people could tap into, but remarked that it is hard to make a living on seasonal work and Providence Bay is looking seasonal while Mr. McDonald said that he would welcome with open arms any business. "It takes someone with a vision and a dream," Mr. McDonald said and added, "We are there to help them."

Mr. Scott thought it was very important for municipal staff to be available to help young people interested in starting a business on the Island to find grants and that there are grants available, but sometimes they are hard to find.

Mike Tilson was next with a question, asking if everyone was in favour of the current ward system. Mayor Strong answered that he can entertain the idea of modifying the ward system, but that it is not part of his platform while Richard Stephens said, "we almost have the reason to decide if it is put on the ballot."

Some of the candidates, including Ms. Farquhar, Mr. McDonald and Mr. Baran, were a definite yes in answer to the question while Ms. Wall was open to change. Mr. Cline, Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Haner said that they would not like to see the change made while Keith Legge and Mr. Finley would want the decision made by the ratepayers. Ms. Haner pointed out, however, that the question could not be put on the ballot because

there were not enough voters to warrant it. Mr. Taylor said that anyone from one ward can run in another and in his estimation, there are very few people who want a change. He also pointed out that council has become a lot closer together in their dealings.

Perry Anglin was the next person with a question, asking, "both Richard and Adam have noticed that the tax rate has doubled. Is the assessment run fairly?" he asked Keith Legge, who spent all his working life in employment in assessment for the Ministry of Finance.

Mr. Legge noted that when he worked, it was in an assessment office in Little Current. "We found buildings that were not assessed," he responded, "and that is still going on today. Assessment is not the municipality's fault, it is MPAC's (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) fault."

Arlene Finley got a few laughs when she got up and asked her husband, a Ward 3 candidate, to explain how they got their assessment reduced. "We got them to come out and assess our home fairly," Mr. Finley responded. "There are three people in MPAC in Sudbury and they have all the way west to Webbwood and down to Espanola and all of Manitoulin. It is a very complicated organization."

Bill Rumble posed perhaps the toughest question of the evening when he asked all the candidates if they would be willing to close down one of the arenas and a few of the community halls. Mr. Taylor answered first and suggested that perhaps some of the buildings could at least be shut down in the winter as they cost a lot to maintain. Mr. Finley agreed with this as did Mr. Scott who said,

"People put blood, sweat and tears into these buildings."

Mr. McDonald, running on a plan to curb spending, was in favour of selling and liquidating properties that are costing too much. Derek Stephens also was in favour of cutting back on expenses for buildings and noted that council spent \$400,000 on the community hall with \$200,000 going to the kitchen that is only used a couple of times a year.

Ms. Farquhar was the only candidate to suggest shutting down one of the arenas, but Ms. MacDonald was quick to say, "I am not in favour of closing an arena. Our staff is doing a cost benefit on our facilities. The parts that make up our community are our halls and arenas. I am in favour of making better use of our buildings and of raising rents."

Several of the people running for office suggested asking the people what they want concerning this issue including Richard Stephens, Mr. Strong, Ms. Wall, Ms. Haner and Mr. Legge.

Regan Roy asked the final question of the evening and directed it to Mr. Baran, asking, "How can we encourage young people to stay on the Island or to come back to the Island?"

"Take away their iPads," Mr. Baran jokingly said to applause, but went on to say that there comes a time in the lives of young people when they realize that they have to do something about tomorrow and that is when we have to be there to help them at every level. Maybe the Chamber of Commerce could teach kids how to start a business, he suggested, "wouldn't it be great if the seed we planted here brought them back?"

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Billings All Candidates' Night draws enthusiastic crowd

by Sharon Jackson

KAGAWONG—Candidates vying for Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) trustee, council and mayor of Billings Township faced a packed house at the Park Centre on Monday evening.

Following four minutes of opening remarks from RDSB trustee candidates Maureen Egan and Larry Killens, each of the three mayoral candidates and eight council nominees had the opportunity to address the public for up to three minutes. Topics brought forward included the proposed waterfront improvement and community improvement plans.

All candidates' night organizers Ted Kilpatrick and Sandy Cook took on the task following the closing of nominations on Friday, September 12. Questions from the floor were encouraged and those who may be a bit uncomfortable speaking in front of a large crowd had the option of having a designate ask on their behalf.

The first question from Paul Darlaston brought up some of the proposed steps outlined in the five year sustainability plan (comprised of eight priority issues and action strategies) which rolled out in 2012. He asked current council members to speak on how they would ensure each would be addressed.

Mayor Aus Hunt shared that the focus groups that assisted in making up the sustainability plan "laid the groundwork," outlining the priorities with an outcome that the waterfront, community upgrades and capital expenditures were their top three. A public meeting was suggested and Mr. Hunt stressed that the entire process would not move forward without funding from the government or at the very least be scaled down with the least impact on taxpayers.

Current council member and mayoral hopeful Sandi Hurcomb echoed Mr. Hunt's sentiment, stating council needed to get its ducks in a row and ensure the money is there "or it won't happen."

Councillor Brian Parker spoke of the funding, stating "we don't have it yet."

Rachel Valade was next to step up to the microphone, asking if the proposed waterfront project included amenities for people with young children, or in her case, grandchildren. She addressed the poor condition of the existing slide at the beach and asked for the old waterslide to be brought back, which drew applause from the crowd.

Councillor Tom Imrie responded that yes, playground equipment is part of the plan and stressed the waterfront development project clearly states that the "beach cannot be touched" and they will put in "the best slide we can find."

The next question came from Cathy Cade who addressed mayoral candidate David Yurich, asking him to speak to his intent in running for the position considering he had not attended a council meeting nor held a position of councillor.

Mr. Yurich responded that he wants to go into the position with a fresh mind, calling Billings "an incredible community" and at the



Candidates in the Billings election sit at the front of the room during the all candidates' night held last week. From left are Aus Hunt, Sandi Hurcomb, David Yurich, Sharon Alkenbrack, Nora Bath-Haring, Barbara Erskine, Tom Imrie, Dave Montgomery, Brian Parker, Delroy Prescott and Connie Suite.

photo by Sharon Jackson

end of the day, "all we have is each other."

Mr. Yurich said he would come to the table to work together, further commenting that, "I have great ideas and want to share them to move in a new direction."

The next question came from Jill Ferguson who asked the candidates to provide data to support one of their statements that boating is in decline.

Mr. Parker stated "times are changing" and that boating has dropped off approximately 50 percent over the past five years.

Mr. Imrie shared that one of the focus groups that provided input for the sustainability plan was from 20 members of the boating community of which half were residents and the other half seasonal. They also surveyed all the marina operators on the Island.

He echoed Mr. Parker's comment regarding the higher fuel costs and said boating has changed in that there are more sailing vessels (and diesel auxiliary powered) and larger craft in the 25 to 35 foot day-cruiser range.

Councillor candidate Delroy Prescott said the marina is now owned by the township, which they purchased for \$1, "and now we have to look after it." He said it is time to replace the wooden docks with aluminum ones and a shower house and washrooms are needed. "The township has an obligation to keep it clean and safe."

"It is in need of repair and upgrading," Mr. Prescott said, commenting that he "is not convinced now is the time; not the time for a significant investment."

Mr. Yurich shared that he has boated for 15 years and while he has no data, said, "Real boaters come for the day" and agrees boating is in decline.

He said it would be a dream to be able to "buy a used marina for \$150,000 to \$200,000 and drop it into our marina, but we can't do it."

As a seasonal resident, Mr. Yurich said he has watched the marina during the months of July and August and saw very little boat traffic. Only a select group will benefit, not the whole community, he added.

Ms. Hurcomb shared that boaters, like anyone else who comes to Kagawong, "have a reason why they come and we need to offer something to keep them here." Additions such as a restaurant or laundromat would benefit not only the boaters but tourists and year round residents alike.

"Water use is changing," she concluded, "and we need to take advantage of

that."

Returning for a second opportunity to address the candidates, Mr. Darlaston asked why the Township of Billings has not, in his opinion, taken advantage of industrially zoned land to attract potential business.

Ms. Hurcomb stressed that members of the current council have worked very hard to bring new business to Kagawong, specifically Split Rail Brewery and that at this time "we don't have what they need in order to make it happen." She also stated that, "if we lose them, it's our loss."

"Preparation," Ms. Hurcomb continued, "Will bring businesses here" and concluded by saying that council needs to come together with ideas.

Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack, who holds the position of chair on the Billings Economic Development Committee, said that one of the eight priorities stated in the sustainability plan is to hire an economic development officer and shared that while there are volunteers who sit on this and other committees, "there is no one qualified to move forward with this."

Mike Coomes approached the microphone asking, "how do you keep us here for the rest of our lives?"

Ms. Hurcomb stated that without a proper septic system a seniors' residence is not likely, however they can lay the groundwork for the future.

Mr. Prescott, whose parents are in their 80s, said they have challenges staying in their home and that he "would love to make it an Island-wide priority" to address the lack of assisted living options.

Ms. Alkenbrack shared Ms. Hurcomb's concern regarding the drawback of the lack of commercial septic to accommodate such a building.

Mr. Imrie indicated that should the waterfront improvement project become a reality there would be potential for an addition that could be zoned commercial.

4elements Living Arts Executive Director and new resident in the community Sophie Edwards asked if any of the candidates could share their thoughts on peak oil needs and environmental changes.

Barbara Erskine, who is chair of the Billings Recreation Committee and member of the Waste Management Advisory Committee, spoke of her involvement in the development of the very successful Green Living Expo, which was held in May of this year.

Members of both committees, committed volun-

teers along with MICA (Manitoulin Island Cycling Association), are keen to encourage and promote cycling opportunities on the Island. Some of these initiatives would include the addition of bike racks in communities and along existing biking tours. This, shared Ms. Erskine, would be "an environmentally friendly first step."

Another topic of interest on her mind brought Ms. Valade back to the microphone to voice her concern regarding the proper and safe disposal of hazardous waste and asked if it would be possible to have more than one designated day a year for collection.

As a member of the Waste Management Committee, Nora Bath-Haring stated that they would like to have dates available for residents to dispose of hazardous waste.

Mr. Parker said the company currently comes annually to the Island and does so only when there is a certain amount of items to be picked up.

Ms. Erskine shared that chair of the Waste Management Committee Chris Theijsmeijer indicated "volume was very high this year" in regards to the amount of waste brought to the designated disposal collection site.

"What are your top two priorities for the Township?" asked community member Bonnie Coultis.

Mr. Prescott indicated he would like to see the marina maintained and

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Shawanosowe School gets hands on with science through innovative program

by Robin Burrige
WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION—Shawanosowe students had a special week of learning earlier this fall with Elephant Thoughts—an education outreach organization that offers hands on, innovative programming.



Students at Shawanosowe School work in teams to build a shelter as part of learning about outdoor survival skills from Elephant Thought.

“It was our second time attending Shawanosowe,” explained Elephants Thought teacher and education specialist Erik Koopman. “We were at the school for a week and worked with students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. We did several programs including plants and lifecycles, bugs and insects, zoo guts (which includes huge inflatable endangered animals and their anatomy) and outdoor

survival.”

Mr. Koopman said he and his team even brought animal ambassadors including a milk snake and bearded dragon.

“The animal ambassadors give kids the opportunity to interact with and

learn from live animals,” said Mr. Koopman.

“We work with schools across Canada,” explained Mr. Koopman of Elephant Thoughts. “Our main focus is providing programming support to improve learning opportunities for stu-

dents. We provide specialized programming which encourages students engaged through inquiry based learning.”

During The Expositor’s time at Shawanosowe School during the Elephant Thoughts programming week, students in Ms. Martin’s Grade 3/4 class and Mr. Lester’s Grade 5/6 class were learning about outdoor survival skills.

Students were divided into groups and given instructions and had to decide together where to build a shelter (on school property), what supplies they would need etc.

“We learned different knots and how to build shelters this morning,” one student told The

Expositor. “It’s pretty cool.” Elephant Thoughts works in schools in Ontario and in more than 70 First Nation and Inuit communities across Canada, as well

as Nicaragua, Tanzania, Nepal and India.

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...continued from page 10 improved, but not necessarily expanded. “The docks have served us well,” he said, however they need to be replaced with better technology.

He would also like to see sustainable growth in the community and more recreation oriented opportunities including music and art: “something for our children.”

“This is a large and diverse community,” Mr. Prescott shared. “We need to focus on how to serve everyone from Hawk Road to Rockville Road and from Monument Road to Mud Creek Road.”

Ms. Hurcomb began by saying, “there is so much offered in this community: three beaches, cedar and rock mazes, and hiking trails.” As co-owner of Boo Bah Lou Candy Cabin, Ms. Hurcomb said she has never heard a child say there is nothing to do here.”

Visitors come to spend the day and enjoy nature at its best, she shared.

“We offer a lot,” said Ms. Hurcomb. “Can we offer more? Absolutely.”

Mayoral hopeful Mr. Yurich stated transparency and taxation as his top two priorities for the Township. He would like to see council meetings offered through web cam capabilities so all taxpayers, resident and non-alike, have access to information shared.

“No one can answer if we’re getting ‘x’ percentage of our tax dollars,” Mr. Yurich said. “I want to make sure we’re receiving absolute value.”

Dave Montgomery, who has thrown his hat in the ring for council, feels “we can’t depend on shops and restaurant revenue as the season is so short (first week of July to the end of August). During this time the streets are crawling with people. We need to increase the commercial or residential tax base to keep the tax base down.”

Waterfront improvement and attracting new businesses to Kagawong is top on Mr. Imrie’s list. Hoping to enter his third term as a member of council, he feels they have two options for the waterfront: “pay for the work to be done to fix it and we will still have the same as what we had or take grant money and make it a more community, family and tourist friendly village.”

Bringing new business to Kagawong, such as Split Rail Brewery, would be a perfect addition, or perhaps a bakery, concluded Mr. Imrie.

Ms. Alkenbrack wants to keep the forward momentum going in regards to the economic development of the community. She shared that as an employee at one of the few year round businesses in Kagawong, “we’re busy, it doesn’t slow down.”

Mr. Parker shared that he would like to see the infrastructure expanded and work towards ‘cutting the red tape’ involved in ventures such as the brewery.

Nora Bath-Haring feels the existing Township website is a “source of irritation” and that it needs to be brought up to date including the addition of upcoming events and minutes of all council meetings. Municipal communication is one of the eight priority issues in the five-year sustainability plan.

“We need to focus on more than just the marina,” she concluded. “More attention and priority should be given to signage and trails.”

Ms. Erskine sees the waterfront improvement project as a way to bring people to the community as a social connection. This includes tourists and resident alike. We can reach out by providing activities and events for them to attend and enjoy, she added. “It goes hand in hand.”

Mr. Prescott boasted that “Bridal Veil Falls is our jewel” and the community needs to highlight all of its attractions. One concern he has is the lack of parking at the falls with a fear that someone may get hit on the highway. More signage and education is required. Diverting parking off the highway where it is safe as an option is a real priority for him.

The last question of the night came from Steven Suite who stated that he heard some excellent ideas in regards to the waterfront improvement and so on, however he wanted to ask the candidates what they had in mind to draw more people to Kagawong (other than from May to November). “How do we improve it, make it more progressive?”

Mr. Hunt began by saying that the community needs to identify its amenities, upgrade those that need it and ask the question “where do we spend the

money? We can only do it (spend money on projects) if we have it.”

“We (the Township) spend our money on what you (the taxpayer) want most,” Mr. Hunt continued. The Township collects close to 2 million dollars in tax revenue, however a large majority goes to the school board and social services, policing, fire protection and so on. “There is not a lot left to run the town.”

“What are you interested in? he asked. The road budget makes up 70 percent of the remaining tax dollars, he shared. “We have the second lowest mill rate on the Island. New lots (formed in new subdivisions) create tax dollars.”

Meetings like this are important,” he said, adding that he is grateful to all the volunteers in the township and “wants people to be happy.”

“How to improve Kagawong?” asked Ms. Hurcomb. “What I offer you you can’t buy. Everyone in this audience tonight works hard in the community. They offer themselves to make the improvements.”

Mr. Yurich named three things he sees as ways to improve Kagawong: implement daily ‘to do/follow up’ priorities for employees and council members, drive-alongs with the public works crew and to be responsible to the 70 percent who don’t live here.

“We’re already progressive,” stated Ms. Alkenbrack. Members of EDC are working on a four seasons pamphlet to promote Kagawong. “We can’t rest on our laurels,” continued Ms. Alkenbrack. “We have a base, we need to keep it going.”

Ms. Bath-Haring would like to see more activities during the winter months. “Let’s find out what’s working,” offered Ms. Erskine. We can begin by listening and getting some data. Perhaps someone like an economic development officer could conduct a survey including both residents and non-residents. “This is a group effort,” she said. “We’re in this together.” She congratulated all the volunteers who make the community work. “It is our job to keep the mojo going.”

Mr. Imrie wants to open up opportunities to participate as a volunteer and thanked those who give their time and commitment to the community.

Mr. Montgomery would

like to add more events during the winter months and brought the skating rink forward for consideration as it has not been used for some time.

“We need to look at new ventures and attract more businesses to Kagawong,” stated Mr. Parker.

“I think we are on the right track to bring visitors to our area,” shared Mr. Prescott. “Volunteers do a good job in organizing events such as Christmas in Kagawong.”

“What motivates them to come here?” he asked. “I see a lot of For Sale signs. We need to ask the people who are leaving the reason why and get their feedback on ways we can improve.”

Connie Suite said, “We are not the prettiest village, as the sign at the Highway 540/Main Street declares Kagawong to be. We need some upgrades: spruce things up.”

“I feel we should not focus solely on July and August,” continued Ms. Suite. We need to find a way to do more to stretch the summer months; a way to enjoy all the seasons,” she concluded.

Each candidate had one minute to address the audience following the Question Period. Election day is Monday, October 27.

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Community Living Manitoulin AGM

by **Betty Bardswich**
MINDEMOYA—Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) board chairperson Melissa Peters had barely started the organization's annual general meeting on September 29 when CLM member Carol Nesbitt rose to question the board on the legality of the meeting as there were not enough "paid up" members. As Ms. Nesbitt pointed out, the bylaws state that there must be a quorum in order to pass motions and therefore CLM would have to have a future meeting when motions could be passed. Ms. Nesbitt suggested, however, that this meeting go ahead as planned.

Josh Blasutti of Free-landt Caldwell Reilly LLP reported on the financial audited statement for CLM and it was decided later in the meeting that this firm would also be used in the future for auditing and reporting on the financial statement.

Wendy Freisen, the coordinator of client care, also reported at the meeting and talked of a new proposal for day services at CLM. She stated that she is having a hard time as families come into her office looking for services and she is disheartened in knowing that there is not much to offer and that the programs are not individualized. Ms. Freisen has set several goals including changing the structure of services, creating an envi-

ronment and giving opportunities not only to individuals, but also to staff, giving opportunities for all to be out in the community, reaching out to families, staff and outside services for their input and, as a fifth goal, follow the rules, taking into consideration the Ontario government Quality Assurance Measures (QAM), CLM, the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS) and Development Services Ontario (DSO).

Ms. Freisen also outlined the services that are in place now for individuals including learning, health appointments, finances and case management with all supports beginning in Mindemoya. She proposed to the board that CLM make changes to that style and offer more opportunities to individuals in the surrounding communities. The objectives that Ms. Freisen outlined for CLM to adopt include meeting CLM and MCSS standards, for CLM to add a functional structure to the program by changing the style and creating a better opportunity for choice in services while at the same time offering education to staff with the supported individuals and increase morale and enhance knowledge. The final objective would be to provide an additional community-based operation on Manitoulin thus increasing the community supports and awareness and creating a volunteer

pool.

Ms. Freisen offered several proposals on how to achieve these objectives including setting up an outreach base of CLM in Little Current, communicating with the staff union to change the number of shift days as outlined in the collective bargaining agreement to the number of hours, preparing individualized plans for individuals, offering activities from day services in Mindemoya, providing transportation from Little Current to Gore Bay and Kagawong areas a few times a week and offering on the job training in employment supports and other education.

Ms. Freisen believes that if CLM reaches these objectives, the outcome will be an approach that is creative and unique, that will offer more supports to individuals and their families that need it, will create a greater possibility in reaching out for funding, will provide a greater opportunity to create a network of volunteers from communities and will provide more opportunities for staff and individuals.

Ms. Freisen also reported on the Day Program at CLM as it stands now with 22 individuals involved who work at CLM consignment store Everything Under the Sun and do odd jobs such as shovelling snow. Ms. Freisen would like to see changes made to the program including

making visits to nursing homes, having some cooking, singing and art classes, having the fire department come in and also providing more opportunities to be out in the community. She suggested that a calendar of events be created so people will know what will be provided and when these activities will take place.

Ms. Peters also spoke at the meeting and said, "Overall, we are poised to do some great things" as she went on to thank board member Karlene Scott and her volunteers who came up with a great appreciation dinner. Ms. Peters concluded her remarks by saying, "We have a wonderful board and we will be sad to see Stan (Drystek) and Judy (Olacke) go."

Interim Executive Director Wayne Janzen also spoke at the meeting. "We want to make the services more accessible," he spelled out. "We have to be flexible to deliver those services when an individual needs them and capitalize on a person's interest. We know that the ministry wants us to bring services to Little Current so that is what we have to do." Mr. Janzen also noted that he has been getting some very good comments about CLM lately and that he has been working very closely with the board. Board members include Ms. Peters, Steve Clark, Ron Kenney, Tyler Madahbee, Karen McGraw, Kar-

lene Scott, Janyyn Towns and Kathy Size.

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...Junior Citizen of the Year Award deadline approaching

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...NEMI and GB only Island municipalities to see decrease

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municipality it was \$251 per property, 60 percent to provide the OPP services. The other 40 percent of policing costs are calculated on a call-for-service basis. There are now approximately 140 types of calls for services (opposed

to the previous 97)."

When Staff Sergeant Webb received the 2015 bill estimations from the province for each of the Island municipalities recently he personally delivered all of them.

"I have now met with representatives from each

of the Island municipalities and I have also met with two councils, presenting the packages and a presentation, followed by questions and answers," said Staff Sergeant Webb. "They have all been following the process, so they had the ball park figures

by the time I sat down with them. They are all currently reviewing the new model and estimated costs and will be forwarding concerns or comments on to provincial reps."

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...Petra Wall

Central Manitoulin businesses.

"In the past I have served as chair of the advisory committee for Cambrian College and I know they are interested in our training needs," Ms. Wall continued. "I would like to see current initiatives kicked up a notch to create a more formalized infrastructure to align community jobs with actual needs, including an education and co-op placement component."

Ms. Wall said she agrees with the mayoral candidates and other candidates for council that the provincial downloading of responsibilities to communities is

problematic.

"This is an area I expect council will monitor on an ongoing basis, providing your community feedback to the government as needed."

She wants to work on attracting more families and new businesses to Central Manitoulin. "More businesses and more citizens mean more resources coming to our areas," noted Ms. Wall. "This may help to reduce the rate of tax increase as Central Manitoulin has one of the highest rates on the Island, in third position after Assiginack and Gore Bay. This in an area most of us have much interest in and I hope to join our Central Manitoulin team to find out how

we can reduce the rate of tax increase and bring Central Manitoulin in line with some of the other regions."

Ms. Wall also hopes to work with her fellow councillors to push for a more equal system for rural and urban home assessments from MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation).

"If elected, I will welcome suggestions and feedback from the people and put their needs first," concluded Ms. Wall. "I will bring a strong voice to council and use my varied experience to work with all members of council to make our Ward 1 and our Manitoulin community stronger and better for everyone."

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...Ontario's little brown bat population now endangered species

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nating bats, was first spotted in a photograph taken in a cave in Schoharie County, New York, sometime in February 2006. Since then the fungus has rapidly spread and as of September 2014, the fungus has been found in caves and mines throughout the northeastern United States and Canada, having been identified as far south as Mississippi, west to Missouri and in at least five Canadian provinces.

The disease is caused by pseudogymnoascus destructans, the spores formerly known as geomyces destructans, which is believed to have arrived in North America from its stomping grounds in Europe into this continent's caves by hitchhiking on the boots and other equipment of caving enthusiasts that were not thoroughly cleaned. The impact has been precipitous with the decline of species impacted by the fungus topping 90 percent.

It is not directly the fungus itself that is causing the decline in the little brown bats, however, it is the bat's reaction to the clinging white mess.

Mr. Heydon explained that the little brown bats gather in warm moist caves and other dark places during the winter where their metabolisms slow to a crawl to allow them to wait out the insect-less winter months. "The fungus grows around the bat's muzzles and interferes with their breathing," he said. "They rouse from their torpor to groom and drink." Because their body mass is so slight, the little brown bat's fat reserves prove to not be up to the challenge of the mid winter activity.

"They also seem to think that maybe there might be some insects around when they wake up and fly out of their shelter in the middle of February," said Mr. Heydon. "They don't find any and with their small bodies, they don't make it back." The snowbanks outside the entrances to the hibernation shelters become littered with tiny brown bodies.

The loss of the little brown bat will be "a huge threat to the biodiversity" of the North American ecology, said Mr. Heydon.

The way the fungus impacts the little brown bat is an odd anomaly, as there are many other fungi that inhabit the caves that are very similar to the whitenose causing version. "Swabs in caves have identified 18 different fungi that are structurally similar," he said. "But it is only pseudogymnoascus destructans that is causing the symptoms."

The impact of whitenose on the little brown bat has

focussed scientific investigation on bat species, adding significantly to a body of scientific knowledge that had been remarkably sparse prior to the advent of the disease. Mr. Heydon surmised that the nocturnal nature of bats and the relative inaccessibility of their habitat probably played a part in the sparseness of the record.

Due to the disease, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has called for a moratorium on caving activities in the affected areas and strongly recommends that any clothing or equipment used in such areas be decontaminated after each use. Mr. Heydon said that it would be appreciated if Canadian spelunkers followed suit. "These are naturally dangerous places," he noted. "Not the kind of places you would want to be wandering around."

Disinfecting caving equipment is problematic, however, noted Mr. Heydon, in part because adopting the formulations that have been identified as effective in studies in the US do not necessarily translate to the product brands sold in Canada. "The chemical compositions are often different," he said.

Although the decline in the numbers of the little brown bat has been precipitous and the challenges in dealing with the fungus huge, the provincial government has not been complacent in dealing with the challenge, efforts to combat the disease are ongoing. Some of the proposals include placing aerosols in identified hibernaculum and creating ready-built bunkers where the bats can find a safe haven from the disease. But while that may prove effective in preventing extinction, the scale of the die-off is daunting.

"We used to get reports of five million or six million dead bats," said Mr. Heydon. Now, the numbers that have been lost are so huge the count has exceeded recording capacity. Still, Mr. Heydon would appreciate reports of finding dead or day-flying bats. "If people could record the location and time of day and report that to us at the ministry that would be very helpful," he said.

If you find bats roosting in your building, the public is advised to realize that the little brown bat is considered endangered and therefore protected. "Call us before you take any action," he said.

Hopefully, a solution will be found to turn around the decline in the bat's numbers. Did we mention the little brown bat can eat as much as its own weight in mosquitoes and black flies in a single night?

...subdivision on North Channel island divides Northeast council

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a 16' square area would accommodate approved septic systems.

"The general consensus was that the requests for additional time was considered appropriate and it was acknowledged that the minimum 14 days notice may not provide sufficient time for full responses to be received from interested parties. However, a delay of up to 10 months was not supported," the MPB minutes explain.

It was also noted that the Northeast Town would not be reviewing the application until its regular meeting on October 7.

The MPB carried a motion to defer "further consideration of the application" until the next regular board meeting on October 28 in order to "provide the applicant an opportunity to attend and respond to concerns heard during the public meeting."

Some of the concerns raised include improper public notice of the MPB meeting, the number and size of the proposed subdivision lots, the lack of residential representation on the issue due to the time of year (outside the cottage season) and outstanding questions concerning the sewage on the island.

At the October 7 Northeast Town council meeting, Bay of Islands resident (Red Deer Village) Raymond Gay made a deputation to council regarding the subdivision.

Mr. Gay explained that area residents were upset with the little notification they received and the fact that it was after many residents had left for the season.

"We are concerned with the 18 lots," continued Mr. Gay. "Bay of Islands is a beautiful, natural area. It is low density, with mainly wilderness. We don't want to see it become over populated like Parry Sound. We are also con-

cerned with sewage on the island."

Following the deputation, council discussed the application and were informed by town CAO Dave Williamson that they could send any comments or concerns they had to the planning board for their consideration.

"I think this was very short notice," said Ward 1 (the Islands) Councillor Christina Jones. "I can't support this when there hasn't been enough time for everyone to be consulted. This should be dealt with when everyone (the seasonal residents of the Bay of Islands) are here."

"I agree," said Councillor Paul Skippen. "I would be willing to put a motion forward for the planning board to delay its decision until July."

The motion was put on the table and was tied four to four, with Mayor Al MacNevin breaking the tie, voting in favour of the motion.

Town staff were directed to send a copy of the motion to the MPB, recommending that the MPB defer its decision regarding the subdivision application until July 2015 to allow for consultation with residents of the Bay of Islands.

The Expositor contacted BICA President Rick Sterne regarding the association's official stance on the potential Ireson Island subdivision.

"We want the (MPB) decision to be postponed until next July so that neighbours have a chance to learn about the project and make comments," explained Mr. Sterne. "According to the Planning Act they had to give notice to all property owners within 120 metres (which they did), but the problem is everyone is a lot further apart because everyone's cottages are on islands."

"The Bay of Islands is a low density populated area and 16 new cottage lots

are a lot for our area," continued Mr. Sterne. "We are concerned with maintaining the natural features of the area. We don't know if the area can even sustain another 16 more cottages and if allowed, it would open door to more cottages."

Mr. Stern also said the organization's number one concern is sewage, noting, "that's 16 new septic beds on solid rock. All the soil is going to have to be shipped in."

"As well, the application outlines numerous parking spaces (on the mainland), but there is no commercial dock space in the area. There is a wait list, so how are all the new people going to get to their cottages?"

"We have hired a lawyer and are asking the MPB to delay development," added Mr. Sterne. "We want studies from the Ministry of Health concerning the sewage systems, the Ministry of Environment about the impact of further development to the area and more consultation with residents."

Mr. Stern said that the BICA had been in contact with the Georgian Bay Land Trust, making preliminary inquiries into the purchase of Ireson Island and returning it to its natural habitat.

"Our (BICA) board and the community is very concerned about this potential subdivision," concluded Mr. Stern. "We are taking this very seriously. We intend to stay actively involved. We have a war chest (funds) built up for this type of project."

Mr. Stern warned that the BICA would wait and see the results of the next MPB meeting, but that if necessary, they were prepared to take the matter (file an appeal) with the Ontario Municipal Board.

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met with the MMAH they suggested a restructure of the planning board like the District Services Board, but we wanted everyone (all the municipal representatives) to remain at the table so we proposed the weighted vote, which was a fair compromise."

Mayor MacNevin

reminded council that through his initial conversation with the MMAH earlier this year regarding council's desire to leave the planning board, the minister said that if the municipality and MPB couldn't reach a resolution that the MMAH would step in.

"I asked at our meeting earlier this month if they (the MMAH) were pre-

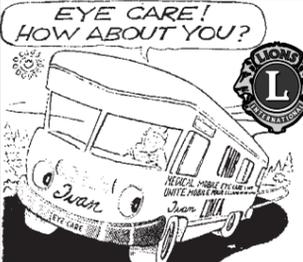
pared to step in now," said Mayor MacNevin. "They said maybe the planning board had lost sight of why the weighted vote was proposed in the first place. The ministry said that they are prepared to mediate and that likely a meeting will take place (between the Northeast Town, MPB and MMAH) in January. The door is still open for us to

leave if we can't reach a compromise—it's now out of the planning board's hands."

The Northeast Town has claimed it has had ongoing issues with the MPB, which started the spring of this year when the MPB appealed a zoning amendment made by the North-

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...Ombudsman's office rules Billings acted improperly

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requirements; two, the township should ensure that no vote is taken at a closed meeting, except in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001; three, the Township of Billings should amend its procedure by-law to reflect the discretionary nature of the majority of the exceptions to the open meeting requirements; four, all members of council or the Township of Billings should be vigilant in adhering to their individual and collective obligation to ensure council complies with its responsibilities under the Municipal Act, 2001."

At the Billings council meeting on Tuesday, Mayor Austin Hunt read out publicly the report that had been received from the Ombudsman's office. "On July 23, 2014, my office received a complaint about a closed session held by council for the township of Billings at the council meeting on July 21, 2014," read Mayor Hunt of the report by Mr. Morin. "According to the complainant, council proceeded in camera to discuss and vote on candidates to fill a vacant council position. The complaint alleged that the discussion did not fail within any of the exceptions to the open meeting requirements of the Municipal Act, 2001 (the Act) and that the in camera vote was taken in violation of the act."

"Ombudsman jurisdiction-Under

the municipal act, 2001, all meetings of council, local boards and committees of council must be open to the public, unless they fall within prescribed exceptions," Mr. Marin wrote. He pointed out his office's open meeting law enforcement team reviewed relevant portions of the township's procedure by-law and the act, as well as the meeting materials for both the open and closed sessions of the July 21 meeting. They also spoke with the clerk treasurer and the mayor," and his office, "received full co-operation on this matter."

"The July 21 meeting was a regularly scheduled council meeting and during the open session council considered applications from five members of the public to fill the vacancy on council (which included Sharon Alkenbrack, who was voted on by council as the new council member, Barb Erskine, Delroy Prescott, Dave Montgomery and Nora Bath-Haring)," explained the Ombudsman report. "During the discussion council resolved to go into close session to discuss matters pertaining to s.239(2)(b), of the act, i.e. regarding personal matters about an 'identifiable individual.' The closed session discussion relating to the council vacancy was not planned in advance. The mayor explained to us that council initially planned on filling the vacancy by a secret ballot vote during

the open session. However, he believe councillors might want to express personal opinions about the candidates, and that this discussion should take place in camera. The mayor told us council carefully reviewed the open meeting provisions of the Act prior to passing the resolution to go into closed session."

"The minutes of the closed session note that before the closed session, the clerk treasurer stated that she did not believe that the issue of selecting a councillor should be held in camera," continued Mr. Marin. "She recommended it take place in the open. She also cautioned council against using a secret ballot vote of council members to fill the vacant seat."

"The closed session minutes also indicate that the mayor handed out slips of paper and asked council members to write the name of their choice for the new councillor on them," continued Mr. Marin. "When these ballots were counted, that vote was tied between two candidates" (which was Sharon Alkenbrack and another female candidate), "and as no council members offered to change their votes, it was decided to toss a coin to determine the winner." When we spoke with the mayor, he acknowledged to us that there was no discussion of personal matters relating to the candidates as he had anticipated.

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east Town council to the Ontario Municipal Board. The appeal, in addition to other ongoing problems, led to the municipality to contact the MMAH, requesting permission to leave the planning board and establish its own planning authority.

The MMAH requested that the Northeast Town try to reach a compromise with the MPB and that they would help support and facilitate the discussions if needed.

At the Wednesday, August 6 MPB meeting, a motion was moved by Doug Head and seconded by Dan Osborne, "that the proposal for weighted voting be abandoned." Since the motion to abandon the proposal was defeated, MPB Chair Ken Noland directed "all board members to submit in writing, before the next regular board meeting, their preference for criteria to be approved for weighted voting," the August 26 minutes state.

At the September 30 MPB meeting all the received comments from the municipalities regarding the proposed weighted vote were read and debated.

The Northeast Town's representative on the board, Bruce Wood, put forward a motion, seconded by Brad Ham (Assiginack reeve) to accept the proposed weighted vote model reading; 1. The existing voting process stay in effect unless a member specifically requests a weighted vote either before or after a vote; 2. Only the affected municipality can call for a weighted vote on land use applications within its municipal boundaries; 3. The model for weighted of votes is based on a percent of funding from municipal requisitions and provincial funding for the unincorporated townships; 4. The option for calling for a weighted

Municipality	Current number of votes	Number of votes when a weighted vote is called
The Northeast Town	1	3
Central Manitoulin	1	3
Gore Bay	1	1
Gordon/Barrie Island	1	2
Billings	1	1
Tehkummah	1	1
Burpee and Mills	1	2
Cockburn Island	1	1
Robinson	1	1
Dawson	1	1

vote is open to any member on any issues with the exception of land use applications as identified previously; and 5. The weighted vote is adopted if the total of the weighted votes in favour exceed 50 percent."

Doug Head, board member for the unincorporated municipalities, said that he would prefer the "status quo" but agreed to the weighted vote, but with further stipulations such as the model for weighted voting be based on the number of votes before amalgamation (opposed to percent of funding from the municipal requisitions and provincial funding for the unincorporated townships).

An amendment to the motion was made by Brent St. Denis (Cockburn Island), seconded by Austin Hunt (Billings), to delete item four of the model (the option for calling for a weighted vote is open to any member on any issues with the exception of land use applications as identified previously).

An amendment motion was carried, followed by the chair calling for a vote on the motion as amended, which was defeated.

After further discussion, MPB secretary-treasurer Elva Carter presented the following bylaw, "Being a bylaw to amend bylaw No. 2002-02 being the procedural bylaw for the Manitoulin Planning Board. Now therefore the Manitoulin Planning Board enacts as follows: i) Under section

VIII, the addition of subsection 14: 14. A weighted vote may be requested by a board member, subject to the following criteria: a) the existing voting process stays in effect unless a member specifically requests a weighted vote before or after a vote and when requested immediately after a regular vote that regular vote shall be deemed to be nullified; b) without a majority consent for a weighted vote, a requested weighted vote is automatically deferred to be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting; c) the model for weighted voting is based on each board member having one vote except the municipalities of Central Manitoulin and the Northeast Town each have three votes and Gordon/Barrie Island and Burpee-Mills each have two votes as per planning board structure prior to municipal amalgamations; d) a weighted vote is adopted by a majority vote; e) a weighted vote shall be recorded in the same manner as a recorded vote."

A motion to accept the presented bylaw was moved by Gary Brown and seconded by Lou Addison. The motion was carried unanimously.

Under the new weighted vote model, the number of votes (when a weighted vote is called) will change from one vote for each of the representatives (which will continue to be for all votes other than weighted votes) from the Northeast Town, Central Manitoulin, Assiginack, Gore Bay, Gor-

don/Barrie Island, Billings, Tehkummah, Burpee Mills, Cockburn Island, Robinson and Dawson to votes based on the planning board structure prior to municipal amalgamations.

Prior to amalgamation the organized and unorganized representatives on the MPB each had a planning board vote. Each of the followings organized townships had one vote and representative; Howland, Little Current, Assiginack, Tehkummah, Sandfeild, Carnarvon, Billings, Gore Bay, Gordon, Barrie Island and Burpee and each of the following unorganized had one vote and representative on the MPB; McGregor Bay, Campbell Township, Mills Township, Dawson Township and Robinson Township. During the period of amalgamation McGregor Bay, Howland and Little Current became Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (the Northeast Town) and had one vote and representative for the new municipality; Campbell, Carnarvon and Sandfeild came together as Central Manitoulin, with one vote; Burpee and Mills became Burpee/Mills, reducing their vote and representative to one; Gordon and Barrie Island, the most recent to amalgamate, became Gordon/Barrie Island, again with one vote and representative on the MPB; while Dawson, Robinson, Cockburn and Assiginack remained the same and with the same representation.

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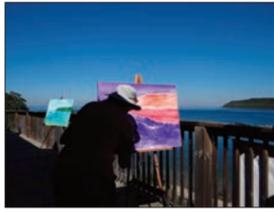
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Pilot for Island festival builds sound foundations for future

by Michael Erskine
 MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Tourism Association (MTA) has been undergoing a sea change in operations and approach recently, with a more outwardly-focussed approach to marketing. Part of that rejigging has been a revamp of the still nascent Taste of Manitoulin Festival, moving from a mostly food-oriented theme to a more broadly based concept involving capturing a niche market of tourists who are interested in participatory and experiential products.

MTA president Ron Berti sat down with The Expositor after the launch of the



The waters of Gore Bay provided a magnificent backdrop to this plain air demonstration.

photo by Ron Berti
 lot of solid new relationships," said Mr. Berti. One of the great connections from his point of view was the number of new connections made with artists in the Gore Bay area. "Over the past five or six months we have made some amazing connections. We need to support each other."

Mr. Berti pointed out that in the official definition of tourism, "if you are travelling more than 40 kilometres you are a tourist."

"We don't normally think in those terms," he said. "If you look at the four regions of the Island, there are a lot of benefits that can come from learning more about each other and what each region has to offer the other regions."

Mr. Berti said that he was particularly impressed with his visit to the Tilson property in Honora Bay. "The concept is so different there," he said. "We are so wedded to the idea of the 'expert' coming in to present in a workshop on a subject. But with the land-based opportunities for learning that are taking place there, with many different people adding their parts of a knowledge base, the whole becomes so much greater than the part."



The first pizza isn't very far off as the final touches are applied to an outdoor stone oven.

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 there is another stream that is happy in taking part in the process." The big bonus in this year's pilot, however, was in finding people who have skills and knowledge and stories that they are willing to share. "That was the truly great benefit," said Mr. Berti. "We met a lot of people who came forward that we normally would not cross paths with."

Mr. Berti said that the MTA was looking forward to developing the concept and expanding it further with what they had learned from this year's event.



Building a new part for the cedar apple press takes shape in Honora Bay.

photo by Michael Erskine
 inaugural pilot for the Festival of 1,000 Skills and he said that he was very pleasantly surprised with the success of the project.

Although uptake in the project from participants was nothing to write home about, the real benefit in the pilot was in identifying people who were interested in sharing their knowledge and the realization that people do not have to be 'experts' in something in order to make a valuable contribution to the local knowledge base on a subject.

"We were able to build a



Cider pours forth from the cider press as the final product goes into production.

photo by Ron Berti

One person can get up and share their knowledge on a subject and then others taking part in the workshop add their knowledge into the mix. "The process becomes much more organic," he said.

The concept is definitely a niche, but it is a niche that Mr. Berti said he feels is growing. "Some tourists still definitely want a schedule of events, a clear linear approach to what they will be doing and what they will accomplish, but



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New branding and marketing initiatives unveiled to members at Manitoulin Tourism Association's annual general meeting

by Isobel Harry

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Tourism Association (MTA) held its annual general meeting on Wednesday, October 1 in Manitowaning, hosted by Debajehmujig Creation Centre. In the theatre space tables were set up to accommodate several people at each, café-style, a buffet sustaining the dinner-time crowd throughout the evening while an overhead screen showed a rotating selection of evocative photos of the Island, creating a suitable 'Manitoulin mood.'

Ron Berti, MTA's president since January 2014, welcomed the members and called the meeting to order. Sam Nardi, of Sam Nardi Business and Tax Consulting in Little Current, the group's accountant since 2011, presented the financial statements, showing a balance of revenue and expenses for the non-profit corporation in the year ending August 31, 2014.

Mr. Berti then presented the report of the director of operations, Shelba Millette, who remarked that 12 summer students had been funded this year to work at various events, in tourism booths, on the Chi-Cheemaun ferry and in both ferry terminals to promote Island tourism. Ms. Millette deemed the summer students energetic and enthusiastic, from their orientation through to the end of the season (June-August), giving tourism "a great boost." While walk-in visitors to the Welcome Centre in Little Current were fewer this year, 8,423 compared to 9,441 in 2013, email information requests were up 72 percent from the previous year. Ms. Millette noted that 90 percent of visitors now book online before travelling. Indications are that ferry ridership is equal to or higher than last year's num-



The newly-elected board of directors of the Manitoulin Tourism Association after this month's annual general meeting in Manitowaning. From left, at back, Ron Berti, president, Dylon Whyte, middle row, Lorie Leeson, Lois Keller, Bonita Taibossigai, Rita Gordon, front row, Amanda Recollet and Perry Patterson. Absent: Stan Ferguson.

photo by Isobel Harry

bers, although official figures have not yet been released. The MTA plans to introduce statistical surveys on the ferry next year to determine visitor demographics, interests, and feedback to better target its audience and assist in planning strategy.

So far this year, reported Ms. Millette, over 100 meetings were attended by the MTA, with municipalities, First Nations and funders, in an effort to communicate and develop its new strategic marketing and branding initiatives. Ron Berti further explained that the nature of the economy on the Island is changing and that tourism here and elsewhere is trending more toward cultural events, "We need to be open-minded to these changes, and to acknowledge them. Visitors don't just want to buy, they want contact and a relationship with Islanders. We've never really looked closely at everything that we have

here and how to market it, from Cape Smith to Mel-drum Bay."

"Culture," continued Mr. Berti, is "the way we live our lives. Whatever and wherever the community is, the MTA needs to represent all of the Island through the culture of people's lives, First Nations and non-First Nations, and we need to show its dual make-up."

The MTA recognizes that "people travel to learn, and sharing our skills and knowledge is a great way to do that, whether about the foods, gardens, trees, water, information or culture, all the things that make the Island unique."

Propped on easels were the new tourism posters in vivid jewel tones of emerald, gold and sapphire, designed by Mr. Berti, highlighting the Great Lakes region of Canada, with Manitoulin Island sparkling like a crystal at the centre. "We thought, how do we convey the idea

of Manitoulin visually? Everyone recognizes the Great Lakes on a world map, so we decided to use that shape to identify the Island. The most fresh water in the world is in the Great Lakes, so people assume there's fresh air and open spaces too. This is one of the new ways we are using to promote the Island."

Ron Berti was a board member when MTA's then-president Ken Ferguson stepped down in January and was elected to complete the term; he has a long history with the Island, having been hired in 1993 as general manager of the highly-successful Debajehmujig Theatre Group in its ninth season; he is now executive director and his partner Johanna Berti is Debaj's director of outreach and education. Mr. Berti's background in TV and film direction and design—he partnered with Total Eclipse film group to pioneer Canada's music video industry in the 1980s, winning several national and international awards—and his career as art director and director for TV ad campaigns complement his current role as president of the MTA. He is an accomplished photographer, graphic designer and writer who seems particularly well-suited to translate the ineffable qualities of Island life and landscape into words and pictures that compel interest.

Another concept that Mr.

Berti has envisioned in his mission to promote tourism by "putting the traveller first" was outlined at the

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The clerk-treasurer confirmed to us that the closed session minutes were accurate."

The open session then resumed and it was indicated that the closed session involved a discussion of the five candidates to fill the council vacancy. Council then passed a resolution to appoint Ms. Alkenbrack as the new councillor."

Mr. Marin wrote, "the closed session did not involve discussion of personal matters pertaining to any individuals. Council's primary purpose was the selection of the candidate to fill the vacant council seat. Consequently, the closed session was not permitted under the exceptions of the Municipal Act. Council's closed session vote to select the member to fill the vacant seat was also not permitted under the act. Not only was the July 21 closed session illegal under the municipal act, the vote was in violation of the act. As the clerk-treasurer initially told council, a vote to fill a council seat must take place in open session. I want to stress that my office's mandate is restricted to reviewing whether or not council complied with the open meeting provisions of the municipal act. It does not extend to commenting on the potential procedural issues surrounding the mayor's decision to flip a coin during the closed session in order to select the new councillor."

"Before proceeding in camera under any of the other eight permissive exceptions, council should consider whether there is sufficient reason to exercise its discretion to exclude the public from the discussion," wrote Mr. Marin. "Council should also amend its procedural bylaw to reflect the wording of the act."

"This report gave us recommendations that we will adhere to," stated Mayor Hunt.

Paul Darlaston, who attended Monday's meeting, said any votes that are not allowed under the Municipal Act are null and void.

"It doesn't say that in the report we have here," said Ms. Alkenbrack.

"That is what was given to us," added Mayor Hunt.

"I will accept the majority of the blame because after checking the act both the night before and immediately before the vote was taken I read the directions under the Act, and obviously misinterpreted them about going into camera to protect individuals," said Mayor Hunt.

Councillor Tom Imrie reported at the council meeting that he had received an email on September from Delroy Prescott which had been sent to a number of people. "He (Mr. Prescott) wrote, 'last night a copy of an email sent from the Ombudsman's office concerning their investigation of Billing Township council was forwarded to me. I have agreed to block out the name of the recipient as it must remain confidential by law'."

"It's my view that the clerk will have shared the report with mayor and council immediately and once they have had a day to digest it, it should be made public," wrote Mr. Prescott. "I can understand that council will address the matter at a future meeting, but strongly feel that the report should be provided to the media, posted on the township website and be available at the front counter of the office right away. Accountability and transparency are issues in this municipal election, burying this report from the public until October 20 will only reinforce the concern that council has something to hide from the voters."

Mr. Imrie explained, "because I put the motion forward first to go into camera (at the July 21 meeting), I spoke to Michelle Bird of the Ombudsmans office." He explained, he had knowledge that one of the applicants for the vacant council seat had reported they were sick at the time and were incapable of performing the duties of council, and was at the time incapable of working. Because of this he didn't feel this should be disclosed at an open meeting. However, this wasn't discussed in the in camera meeting. My mistake was trying to protect the individual's privacy and medical information. I apologize and I won't be making that mistake again."

Mr. Imrie reported that on October 3, a letter from Mr. Marin was received on the Ombudsman investigation into whether members of the waterfront improvement committee for Billings held closed meetings in violation of the Municipal Act, 2001. Mr. Marin wrote, "on July 23, 2014, my office received a complaint that the Waterfront Improvement Committee for the township of Billings regularly met and made decisions behind closed doors. According to the complainant, waterfront development is a matter of great public interest to the community, and accordingly the committee's meetings should have been open to the public."

The Ombudsman jurisdiction is the same as the above issue was that under the Municipal Act, 2001, (the Act) all meetings of council, local boards, and their committee must be open to the public, unless they fall within prescribed exceptions.

And the same investigative process took place by the Ombudsman's office on this issue as it had for the July 21, 2014 meeting.

"The waterfront improvement committee was created in 2012 as a result of the township's substantiability plan, which included improvements to the waterfront," wrote Mr. Marin. "Township staff told us that, although it is referred to as a committee it is not considered a committee of council for the purpose of

the open meeting requirements. There was no by-law to form the committee and it has no official terms of reference. The committee is made up of the mayor, one member of council and three members of the public all appointed by council. The committee meets on as needed basis, and the committee has no budget or decision making authority. Recommendations of the committee are brought back to council by the committee chair, who is a member of the council."

"Section 11 of the procedural bylaw states that council may not meet in camera unless the subject matter of the discussion falls under one of the exceptions outlined in the Act. Section 26 of the procedure by-law states that the rules governing the procedures of council shall be observed in all committees," continued Mr. Marin. He said, "although staff advises our office that the waterfront committee meeting was not considered a meeting of council,

we were also told that it provides notice of meetings, keeps minutes, and allows the public to attend its meetings."

In conclusion Mr. Marin wrote, "although the waterfront improvement committee is already following a practice of holding open meetings, there appears to be confusion as to the committee's status as a committee of council for the purpose of the open meeting requirement. Staff and council should be aware that any group that meets the definition of committee under the township's procedure bylaw (2009-01) will be subject to the open meeting requirements as a result of the provisions contained in section 11 and 26 of the bylaw. For the sake of clarity, we encourage council to develop terms of reference for this committee and to formalize in writing, the committee's practice for providing notice of meetings to the public."

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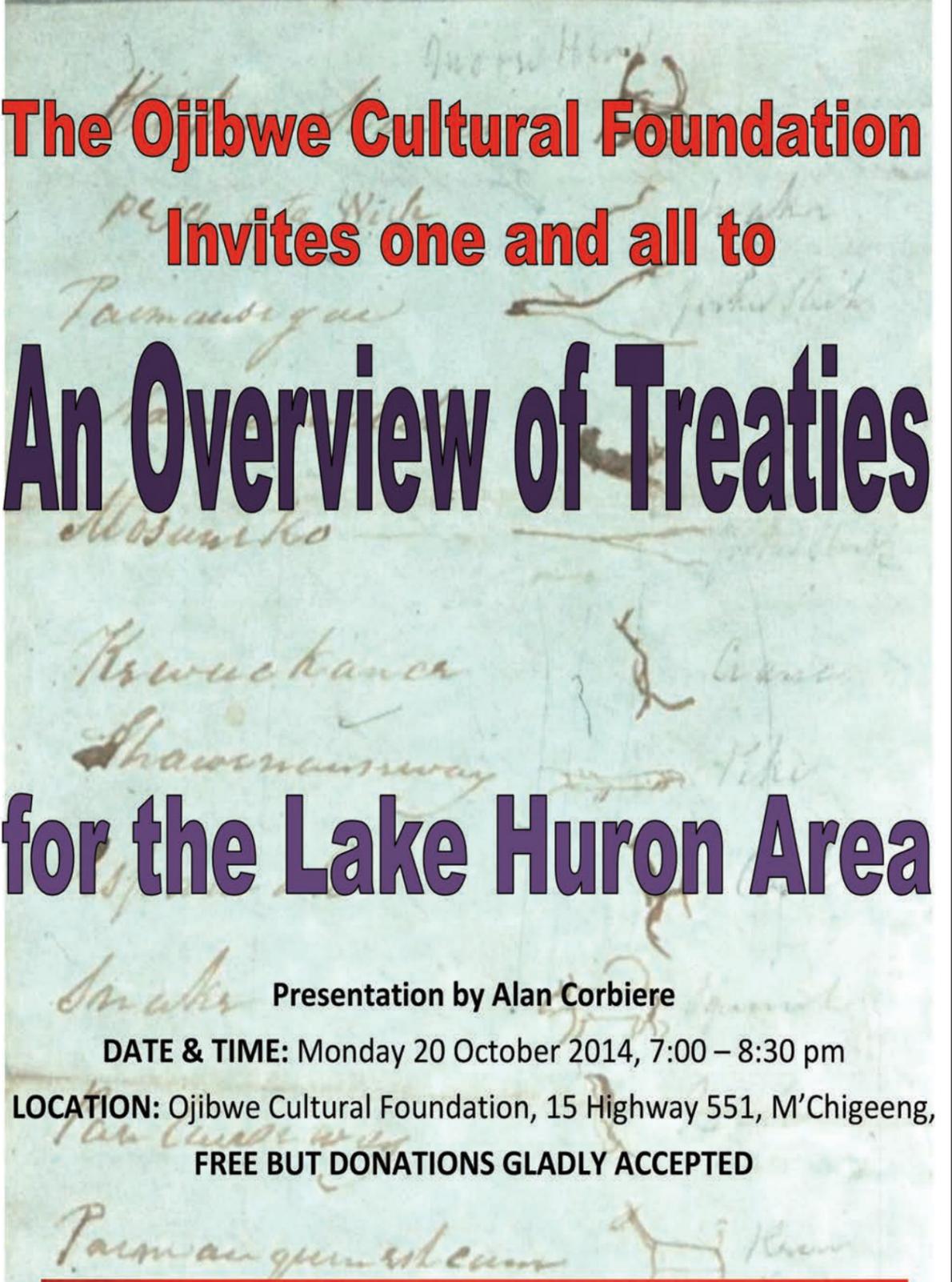
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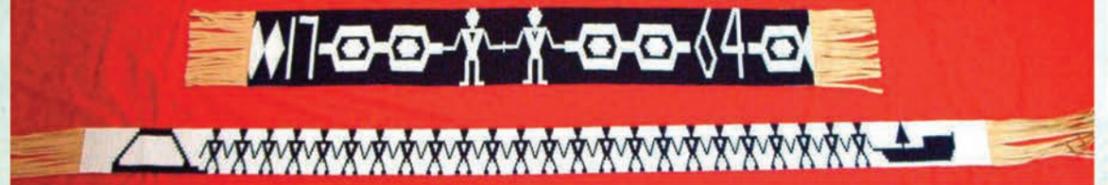


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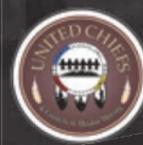
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Ms. Foster gave the board an overview of the project and was pleased to relay to the board that ground had broken on construction.

CEO report

MHC CEO Derek Graham reviewed his report with the board. He began by noting that MHC's Sweet Slumbers campaign for new hospital beds for both sites was going well.

"We are currently sitting around the \$80,000 mark," said Mr. Graham. "The community's response has been very positive."

He also noted that MHC participated in a planning session over the summer hosted by the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM). He explained that NOSM is looking to create a new strategic plan and that recruitment of NOSM graduates to rural-remote communities was emphasized as being 'very important' by local health leaders. As well, he noted that two new NOSM students have

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recently begun their 8-month training sessions at health care settings across the Island.

"MHC has been told to plan around receiving up to \$235,105 in infrastructure funding for 2014-2015," continued Mr. Graham. "The actual amount will be confirmed shortly under the Health Infrastructure Renewal Fund. Through a previous multi-year audit of MHC's buildings, a list of priority items has already been assembled."

He also informed the board that MHC had received word from Blue Goose Pure Foods that they were not in a position to honour their outstanding \$12,000 pledge from last year, nor are they able to meet the current year's \$12,000 amount. MHC received one of five \$12,000 (totaling \$60,000) installments from Blue Goose two years ago towards the hospitals' radiology campaign.

Chief of Nursing report

Mr. Graham gave a brief nursing report, noting that there had been a structural change in terms of the chief of nursing position.

With the recent vacancy in the chief nursing officer position, MHC used the

opportunity to look critically at leadership roles across the senior team, the reporting relationships of the management team (which principally streamed only through to the CEO), and the future requirements for leadership at MHC that are necessitated by the objectives within its strategic plan.

As a result, it was decided that the time was ripe for transitioning the leadership of the organization into more of a shared leadership, team model, with two distinct streams—being a support stream and a clinical stream.

The role of chief nursing officer will now change to that of vice-president clinical services and chief nursing officer; the other clinical managers will report to this leader, creating a clinical stream.

Chief of Staff report

MHC Chief of Staff Stephen Cooper reported to the board that they had just launched Telecrisis at both site's emergency departments. He said that it will utilize videoconferencing equipment for individuals who present in emotional/mental health state of crises after hours.

"We will still facilitate

crisis assessments on-site Monday to Friday, but this will assist in off-hour mental health care and enhance what we already have."

CFO report

Lynn Foster, MHC CFO, presented the financial highlights report.

"After five months of operation in our 2014-2015 fiscal year, MHC ends with a surplus of approximately \$201,000," said Ms. Foster. "The overall \$290,000 positive variance was generated by positive variances with both revenues (\$124,000) and expenses (\$166,000).

"MHC's investment portfolio has been managed by Beutel Goodman since January 2006," Ms. Foster continued. "MHC's assets under management at book value equals \$4,512,653 with a fair market value of \$5,392,587. The asset mix is currently 46 percent fixed income and 54 percent equity, which is consistent with the board established investment policy of 50/50 (target range of 45/55). To date, MHC has spent approximately \$20,000 on capital assets for way-finding signage, clinical and support equipment that failed and needed replacement. Also the capital budgeting process has just

been completed."

Auxiliary reports

Little Current Hospital Auxiliary Chair Dave Sylvester noted that there had been \$3,999 collected from the coin boxes to date, with November marking the fourth year since the campaign started. He also discussed the ongoing success of the book sale and the upcoming launch of the FundScrip gift cards which garner 3-5 percent per card purchase towards the auxiliary.

The Central Manitoulin Hospital Auxiliary reported to the board that the auxiliary executive serviced tea and refreshments during the MCFHT ground breaking. They also donated

another \$10,000 towards the Sweet Slumbers campaign.

MHC board votes to reduce meeting

The MHC board carried a motion to reduce the number of board meetings during the winter months from 10 to seven (including the annual AGM). Mr. Graham explained that there had been trouble last winter with members attending during harsh weather conditions.

The new proposed meetings will be held in September (which has passed), on November 27 at the Mindemoya site, January 8 at the Little Current site, March 26 at the Mindemoya site, May 28 at the Little Current site and June 25 at the Little Current site, followed that same night by the AGM.

...branding and marketing initiatives unveiled

...continued from page 16 tions by getting visitors excited about where they are and where they're going" on the Island. A work in progress, the map divides the Island and North Channel communities into four distinct "lands" or areas based on how the landscape changes from one to the other, "making it easier to talk about and more logical" for tourists to find their way around the Island's 24 communities. The map will eventually show locations and distances between them and Mr. Berti would like to revive some of the old place names, such as Snowville and Squirreltown, to enhance visitors' experience of the uniqueness of the Island, and to refresh Islanders' pride of place and history. New signage is also part of MTA's future plans to answer tourists' "Big Question," which is, according to Mr. Berti's extensive research: what can we do here? Also required to answer that question is a need for more activities packages.

"This year," adds Mr. Berti, "the MTA raised awareness of the Cup and Saucer hiking trail and the Mississagi Lighthouse. We need our major attractions—natural, historic, cultural, environmental—to remain important by taking them seriously. Because of their increasing importance in a cultural tourism strategy, we must consider that each of these may be enhanced and protected by an official management plan." New partnerships are critical to this idea and Shelba Millette said that the MTA is more amenable now to partnering with councils, businesses and groups.

Nominations then took place for the board's eight directors; Ron Berti's term of office as president is

until the annual meeting this time next year (2015). The chair of nominations, according to the MTA's bylaws, must be a "neutral third party" and to fulfill that mandate, Kathy Grant acted in that capacity at the meeting. Ms. Grant is a resident near Manitowaning who is "happily retired" from her position as manager of the regional trauma program at London Health Sciences Centre and as a member of numerous other boards and committees; she gave an overview of the work of volunteer board members' roles and responsibilities before the voting. Rita Gordon, of Gordon's Park in Tehkummah, asked for a round of applause "in support of the new direction of the Manitoulin Tourism Association;" her suggestion received the enthusiastic endorsement of those present.

The 2014-15 board is made up of Ron Berti, Stan Ferguson, Lois Keller, Lorie Leeson, Perry Patterson, Amanda Recollet, Bonita Taibossigai and Dylon Whyte, "representing a wider swath of the Island" from Mindemoya, M'Chigeeng, Gore Bay, Tehkummah, Wikwemikong and Little Current. "We want to communicate with as many people as possible," said Ron Berti. "Everyone needs new ways to gain interest and for their businesses to succeed within the new plan."

When the Manitoulin Tourism Association started in 1952, he said later, "it was established with a membership that was primarily lodges and accommodations because tourism emerged from the guided fishing and hunting interests on Manitoulin Island. Today, membership is open to individuals, businesses, community groups, associations and other

entities interested in participating in the tourism sector of Manitoulin Island and the North Channel."

Mr. Berti adds that "annual membership fees range across a spectrum of categories, as do benefits and incentives. Part of the transition to a cultural tourism-based strategy has been to pilot new outreach categories to give broader and more diverse access to participation in tourism. This includes representation for markets and fairs, artist studios, annual community celebrations, museums and environmental groups.

"There is even a process for considering membership requests that do not fall into any currently established category. As with tourism as a whole, the MTA is going through a transition, or transformation. The new categories are responding to the transition, bringing in new members and building networks; membership is the vehicle to interact with and benefit from these networks. Each of the networks is self-determined but they come together under an umbrella of representation as 'Manitoulin



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19-22p

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20-22p

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22-24oa

Potluck Dinner and Dance at the Barrie Island Hall, October 18, 6 pm. Music by Western Station. \$10 per adult.

22p

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21-22oa

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22-23p

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22-23p

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22p

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Sunday, October 19th

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 starting at 5:00 Potluck Dinner 6:00
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PUBLIC LIBRARY WEEK CELEBRATIONS AT NEMI PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saturday, October 18
10am - 12pm
 Fun with Duct Tape - Kids 8 - 10 Years Old
 Call 705-368-2444 to register - space is limited

Saturday, October 25
1pm - 3pm
 Library Open House - Art for Seniors Display
 Refreshments

ALL-CANDIDATES' NIGHT

for the
 Town of Northeast Manitoulin and the Islands

Friday, October 17
starting at 7:00pm
Royal Canadian Legion

Come and meet the candidates for Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 and for Rainbow District School Board Trustee.

Moderator: Roy Eaton



As a community service this event is sponsored by the
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Blake's Story



I am 5 years old. I was recently diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. I am currently receiving treatment at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario where I'll be staying for the next 9-12 months. The doctors tell me that the overall process will take a minimal of 3 1/2 years. I really enjoy playing hockey, riding my dirt bike and playing with my big sister Haileigh. When I grow up I want to be a hockey player on the Toronto Maple Leafs team. My grandparents are Lisa and John Bond, great grandparents Donna Bond and the late Clayton Bond of Whitefish Falls.

No Frills Luncheon

Thursday, October 30th
 11am – 1pm
 Holy Trinity Anglican Church
 Robinson Street, Little Current

\$7.00 Soup, Sandwich, Dessert, Tea & Coffee
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Wikwemikong Nursing Home

2281 Wikwemikong Way PO Box 114 Wikwemikong ON P0P 2J0
Phone: 705.859.3107 Fax: 705.859.2057
E-mail: administrator@wikynursinghome.com

**3rd Posting
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
OFFICE MANAGER**

Wikwemikong Nursing Home is committed to providing exemplary long-term care services to residents. Our focus is on the provision of individualized care that respects, supports and enables residents to be as independent as possible.

Under the direct supervision of the Administrator, the Office Manager is responsible for providing secretarial support for the Administrator and other supervisory staff for the facility. This position is responsible for accounts receivable, payroll functions and making necessary travel arrangements. The Office Manager must comply with the Wikwemikong Nursing Home Finance policies.

A detailed job description can be picked up at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Accounting or Business Administration diploma is required
- Must have demonstrated experience in financial management and accounting, ideally in the nonprofit sector
- Must have advanced skills in MS Office and experience working accounting software
- Organization development, human resources management experience
- Strong interpersonal and team skills
- Previous employment in a Long Term Care or Health Care setting is an asset
- Class "G" license
- Payroll experience would be considered an asset

SALARY:

Annual salary will range between \$38,000 to \$42,000

APPLICATION:

To apply please forward a detailed resume, cover letter, three current work related reference letters and copies of relevant diploma/certificates, marked "Confidential" to:

Wikwemikong Nursing Home
2281 Wikwemikong Way, P.O. Box 114
WIKWEMIKONG, Ontario P0P 2J0
Attn: Office Manager position
Deadline: **Friday, October 31, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.**

Late submissions will not be accepted.

All applications become the property of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home and will not be returned. The successful applicant will be required to provide a Criminal Reference check and vulnerable sector screen.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.**

Registered Nurse

Home Care Program

The Registered Nurse provides Home & Community care nursing services to the individuals, families and communities. (Sheguiandah, Aundeck Omni-Kaning, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing First Nation) on Manitoulin Island (Ontario)

To ensure that the Home Care Nursing Services are sensitive and culturally appropriate to meet the needs of the First Nations Communities; work collaboratively with health care providers in providing wholistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health; Ensures timely, quality and compassionate care

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishnaabe customs, culture, and language
- A Baccalaureate in Nursing from a Canadian University and/or a diploma in nursing from a recognized School of Nursing.
- A member in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario and possessing a current license to practice and RAO registration.
- Experience in community health nursing/home care nursing within First Nation communities considered an asset.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Knowledge of available community resources.
- Current and clear CRC
- Valid driver's license
- Mental Health knowledge a strong asset

Forward applications with a cover letter, resume, and three (3) professional references to:

CONFIDENTIAL-Executive Director
2014-RN-HCP
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
Postal Bag 2002, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 17, 2014 at 12:00 noon

Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified



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**Youth Internship
Tourism Projects Research Assistant**

The intern will assist the LAMBAC Community Economic Development Consultant with research into feasibility and costing of three (3) tourism projects identified in the LaCloche-Manitoulin Strategic Plan.

Responsibilities

Based in Gore Bay, this one year contract position will offer a student first-hand work experience in a professional office setting, conducting research into real-world issues. The information generated will help LAMBAC meet goals established by the community as economic development priorities. It will offer the intern experience in implementation of community-based economic development initiatives in rural northern Ontario.

Requirements

Candidates must be unemployed or underemployed youth (under the age of 30) who have graduated with a degree or diploma from a post-secondary institution within the last three (3) years, are legally entitled to work in Canada, and have not been previously employed under a FedNor Youth Internship funding agreement, or other federal or provincial internship with pay for a period of six (6) months or more. The Intern will be required to have excellent telephone manners and superior communication skills, as well as the ability to work well independently following detailed instructions and to produce well-written reports. The ideal candidate will have first-hand understanding of the economic realities of the tourism industry in rural communities in Northern Ontario. The candidate must have reliable transportation.

Salary

This full-time position is partially funded by FedNor's Northern Ontario Development Program.

Please forward a comprehensive cover page and resume to:

LAMBAC
P.O. Box 130
Gore Bay, Ontario
P0P 1H0
Attention: Michael Addison, General Manager
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Deadline: October 17th, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

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ISLAND FOODLAND, Mindemoya

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Term: Part time to May 31st, 2015
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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
DIRECTOR OF CARE**

The Director of care is responsible to the Administrator for the management and leadership of resident care and services. The person holding this position is required to meet the needs and expectations of the residents in accordance with the standards and guidelines of the Long Term Act. The Director of Care is also responsible for adherence to the respective regulations and relevant legislation, the Resident's Bill of Rights, the standards set by the College of Nurses of Ontario, and the Home's mission and policies. This includes promoting and fostering the Resident Centered Care Model of Care.

A detailed job description can be picked up at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensures and promotes the provision of resident-centered services to meet the needs of residents.
- Responsible for the administration of the nursing department to provide quality resident care.
- Provides effective professional nursing practice
- Responsible to manage the nursing department's financial resources
- Provides effective human resource practices
- Promotes and ensures occupational health and safety for nursing
- Provides for effective use of material resources
- Maintains an appropriate recording system
- Responsible for quality management

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Registered Nurse with a current registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Current Membership with Gerontological Nursing Association (GNA) and Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) is desirable
- Preferred post-RN education, certification or degree in nursing administration and management, preference is BScN or business degree in health management, particularly long-term care and further education in gerontology, geriatrics or rehabilitation.
- At least one year experience working as a registered nurse in the long term sector
- At least three years of experience working as a registered nurse in managerial or supervisory capacity in a health care setting
- Demonstrated leadership and communication skills
- Fluency in the Ojibway language would be a definite asset.

RENUMERATION:
The salary will commensurate with experience and qualifications of the successful candidate.

APPLICATION:
Forward a detailed resume, cover letter, copies of diplomas/certificates as well as three (3) letters of references dated within the last three (3) months, no later than **Friday, October 31, 2014 by 4:00 p.m.** marked "CONFIDENTIAL" to:

Wikwemikong Nursing Home
2281 Wikwemikong Way, PO Box 114
Wikwemikong, ON P0P2J0
Attn: Director of Care position

Late submissions will not be accepted. All applications become the property of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home and will not be returned.

The successful candidate will be required to submit a Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Screen

We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Manitoulin-Sudbury
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210 boul. Mead Blvd
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Espanola/Little Current Quote Competition #2014-18-ISS
Closing date: **Friday October 17, 2014**

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at
www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

...Bingo fan irritated

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result of a board malfunction.

On the 58th number, Ms. Assiniwe called 'bingo,' which should have amounted to her being awarded the full \$2,000 jackpot, she claims.

The runner (the person responsible for verifying the numbers), upon checking her card, said she did not win on the 58th number, but on the 59th number and would only be eligible for the consolation prize of \$500.

The bingo caller, Geraldine Ense, said Ms. Assiniwe should be paid in full, but later recanted.

"I've called the M'Chigeeng Gaming Commission, the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police and the chief of M'Chigeeng (Joe Hare)," Ms. Assiniwe said.

Ms. Assiniwe, so entrenched in her convictions, even drove to M'Chigeeng to speak with the head of the Gaming Commission directly, Brenda Ense.

"I'm just so upset because I should have been paid (the full amount)," she told The Expositor. "I've been reading up on the Gaming Commission and all the equipment should be in good working order. They should be following the Ontario rules and regulations." She said she took the \$500 consolation prize that night, but is pushing for the remainder of the jackpot.

"I feel they disrespected me," she added. "And I hear this always hap-

pens," Ms. Assiniwe said of the machine malfunction.

Chief Joe Hare, speaking on behalf of the Gaming Commission, said while Ms. Assiniwe "has her opinion," the Gaming Commission oversight committee looked at her complaint and determined that she was only able to win the consolation prize.

"The error on the board led her to believe that she won the full jackpot," the chief added. While he said it was unfortunate that the machine malfunctioned, it was a rarity and not something that happens regularly.

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21-24c

Do you work or attend school/training in Sudbury? I travel from Little Current to Sudbury and back Monday to Friday one week and Tuesday to Friday the opposite week. I work from 8 am until 4:30 pm but need my vehicle on the job so I cannot carpool. Anyone interested in riding with me, please email me at Lmoshe7@hotmail.com to discuss cost and times.

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ISLAND FOODLAND SNOW PLOWING TENDER

ISLAND FOODLAND, Mindemoya

Tenders are invited for the winter snowplowing and sanding of the parking lot areas of Island Foodland on a seven day per week basis, as well as the parking lot at Central Manitoulin Business Centre.

(2134 Hwy. 551, Mindemoya)

Details of the specific requirements, and other pertinent information, can be obtained by contacting:

Carol Patterson, Island Foodland Store Manger
11 Yonge St., P.O. Box 167
Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0
705 377 6200

NOTE: Tenders must be received no later than **Oct. 24, 2014**

The lowest, any tender, will not necessarily be accepted.

in memoriam

GORDON--In loving memory of Jerry Gordon, March 12, 1935 - October 17, 2010. We miss him in so many ways. We miss the things he used to say, And when past times we do recall, That's when we miss him most of all. Always loved and remembered by Dorothy, Mary-Jo, Ruth, Lori, Jack and Jeremy.
220a

in memoriam

LEESON--In loving memory of our father, Glen, who passed away October 13, 2013. We think of you in silence We often speak your name What would we give to hear your voice And see your face again Lovingly remembered by your children Cheryl, Glenda, Wilberta, Perry and Gail, and families.
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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE CAREER OPPORTUNITY

POSITION: 1 Police Constable - Full Time Employment Position commences December 2014
LOCATION: Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation, Wikwemikong, Manitoulin Island Ontario
RESPONSIBLE TO: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

SUMMARY:

The Police Constable shall be responsible to the Police Chief and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting in order to establish peace and harmony within and around the designated territory.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- Degree in law and criminal justice an asset;
- MUST have successfully completed post secondary courses and possess a valid Applicant Testing Certificate as endorsed by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police;
- MUST possess valid Ontario driver's licence in good standing, CPR and Standard First Aid Certificates;
- Must have an awareness of First Nation culture and traditions;
- NO criminal record for which a pardon has not been granted, as supported by a updated Criminal Reference Check (CPIC check), complete security check for local and external indices check, CPIC check at applicants' expense;
- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada 21 years of age.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

- Knowledge of First Nation, Federal and Provincial laws and statutes;
- Knowledge and understanding of community language, culture and traditions;
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Ability to work shift work; comprised of both day and night shifts;
- Typing and computer skills and knowledge of word document programs;
- Preference will be given to applicants of First Nation descent;
- Experienced officer preferred, however not an absolute term for employment.

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT:

This position is a permanent full time position. The anticipated start date is December 2014. There will be a one-year probationary period, regardless of any previous experience. The successful candidate must pass a background check, comprised of reference CPIC and local police agency indices with submitted eye and medical examination prior to being offered the position.

Successful candidate MUST attend the 13 week Basic Recruit Training course at the Ontario Police College, Aylmer, scheduled for January 8th thru April 2nd, 2015 and receive a certificate of graduation.

NOTE: Should an experienced officer apply, consideration as to salary merit level is open for discussion.

In addition, the candidate must provide consent for a background information check. Candidates must also be willing to reside within the community or within the immediate community's vicinity.

APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- Cover letter,
- A complete and valid CPIC Check, as completed by an accredited police agency;
- Personal Resume noting credits/courses/training etc.;
- Photocopy of valid Ontario Police College graduation diploma;
- Photocopy of valid CPR and First Aid Certificate;
- Photocopy of valid Ontario drivers license;
- Photocopy of valid Applicant Testing Certificate as supported by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police;
- Completed medical certificate and eye examination;
- 3 written references, from people whom are not directly related to the applicant;
- Completed Application package which may be obtained at the Wikwemikong Tribal Police office during administrative hours, by telephone, by writing to the Chief of Police, or at address listed below.
- NOTE: Failure to include the above-mandatory screening requirements will result in a noninterview selection. Preference will be extended to male or female applicants from the Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation.

SALARY & BENEFITS:

Adherence to the present Memorandum of Understanding with the Wikwemikong Police Association, terms of employment, pension, salary, health benefits for both single or married applicants are competitive with other police services in the Province of Ontario.

POSTING CLOSES:

Please forward with completed employment application package and all necessary information and noted mandatory attachments no later than Friday November 7th, 2014 at 4:00 PM.

Forward completed resume with ALL itemized and required attachments (please forward photocopies of documents only; do not send originals).

For a complete employment application package, please call the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service at 1-866-684-1136 and ask for senior receptionist who will respond to your request.

Please send completed employment application package to:

Attn: Chief of Police Gary G. Reid
Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service
2074 Wikwemikong Way
P.O. Box 27
Wikwemikong, Ontario
POP 2JO

For additional information and applicant packages please contact Wikwemikong Tribal Police Office Monday thru Friday during regular administrative hours at 1-705-859-3141 or toll free at 1-888-684-1136. No e-mails please.

Please note that all applications received will be screened for content and only those selected will be extended a personal interview.



in memoriam

LEESON--In loving memory of my husband, Glen, who passed away October 13, 2013. Though you're no longer with me Everyday I find In one way or another You're back there in my mind I might hear a piece of music And at once my mind is stirred Back to a treasured moment The two of us have shared I never try to stop them I let them just flow through It's just my way of spending time Once again with you Lovingly remembered by your wife Edna.
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real estate

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AMAZING PROPERTY & AMAZING HOME!! - Beautiful sand beach luxury home, nicely secluded on the south shore of Manitoulin. South facing over Lake Huron, 5 bdrms, 4 baths, 2 kitchens, large double garage only 20 mins from Mindemoya. They don't come any nicer than this one. Please call for more information. MLS#1027254



3 PLUS ONE BDRM GORE BAY BUNGALOW!! - Beautiful well maintained high-end home located in prestigious area of Gore Bay, a short walk to downtown. This property is located on a quiet dead end street & the school is also a short walk. The house comes fully furnished with in floor heating & walk out basement, large double sized attached garage & workshop & a brand new sauna. The lot is beautifully manicured with a stream running through back of the lot. Asking \$235,000. MLS#1027176



ENDLESS SEA OF BEAUTY!! - Fantastic southern view over Lake Huron located on the sandy beach shoreline of Dominion Bay. This beautiful two storey home features an upstairs living room for a great panoramic view & a master bdrm with en-suite. The main floor has 2 additional bdrms & full bath with magnificent ceramic tile flooring. There is also a single detached fully finished garage. The landscaping is all natural with absolutely no grass to cut. Asking \$350,000. MLS#1027151



POWER OF SALE - 3 bdrm Treasure Trails home with stunning view over Lake Mindemoya!! A one minute walk to a beautiful public sand beach with public boat launch & dock & a two minute walk to the golf course. The house features an open living room, dining room, kitchen concept, a nice viewing deck & a large unfinished basement with attached workshop. Asking \$179,000. MLS#1026477



BEAUTIFUL HOME ON 67 ACRES IN THE TOWN OF MINDEMOYA!! - Located within walking distance of Mindemoya's amenities, this beautifully landscaped home has 3 bdrms on the main floor & a self-contained separate entrance granny flat in the basement. The property is great deer & duck hunting with hundreds of feet of shoreline on Mud Lake. The house is on drilled well & septic so no town water bills to deal with. Asking \$259,000. MLS#1026338

BEAUTIFUL ELEVATED VIEW OVER LAKE HURON'S SOUTH BAY!!

This nicely maintained one plus one 920 square foot bedroom home shows pride of ownership. This very private retreat has a fully finished walkout basement with insulated concrete floor under the flooring. The large viewing deck on the lake side of the house provides plenty of room for outdoor furniture and makes for a great outdoor kitchen. The 125 foot waterfront home comes with a wrap-around driveway, 10 X 10 shed and a useful 16 X 24 detached garage which has hydro and a concrete floor; only \$270,000. MLS#1024802



MINDEMOYA - Beautiful, manicured building lot with perfect, panoramic view over Lake Mindemoya. Good sand bottom for swimming with government boat launch 50 yards down the road, & golf course only a good three wood shot away. Natural spring on property offering great landscaping potential. Asking \$36,000. MLS#1026199
ON GOLDEN POND!! - Enjoy beautiful sunsets on this west facing building lot. Located on Lake Huron's Lonely Bay this nice lot is close to the cul-de-sac of a dead end street that is a year round road & has hydro available at the lot line. The lot is over 1 acre in size & has a roughed in laneway with approximately 150ft of sandy cobble-stone shoreline. Good fishing for salmon & trout and close to amenities such as hospital & grocery shopping. Asking \$75,000. MLS#1027019
LARGE WATERFRONT DREAM LOT ON SOUTH BAY CLOSE TO FERRY!! - This magnificent waterfront lot comes with a nice sand bottom for swimming, a driveway, hydro on to the lot, a septic & a drilled well. Some landscaping has been done including a deeply dug pond with a small waterfall & a windmill to aerate this spectacular pond. This amazing dream lot can be yours for only \$125,000. MLS#1026056

LAKE MINDEMOYA BUILDING LOT!! - Great building lot off Monkhouse Road with elevated panoramic view over beautiful Lake Mindemoya. Nice sand bottom for swimming & great fishing for walleye, small mouth bass, jumbo perch & whitefish. Located only 5 mins from the amenities of the town of Mindemoya including hospital, golf course & the island's largest grocery store. Asking \$94,000. MLS#1025778
A RARE OFFERING - A large 4 acre building lot on Windfall Lake. West facing, private boat access. Good walleye fishing. \$75,000. MLS#1013599
GREAT WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT!! - This building lot has a cleared building site with a septic tank & field bed & drive way installed. Hydro available at road. Asking \$109,000. MLS#106278
HUNTERS SPECIAL!! - Located within minutes of the ferry this 100 acre mixed bush property is located in the heart of deer country. On the property is a fully furnished hunt camp with a wood cook stove & a metal air tight wood stove which will provide plenty of heat. The Blue Jay Creek famous for speckle trout fishing runs through one corner of the property. There are a couple of really good tree stands & ATV trails for you to enjoy. Asking \$109,000. MLS#1021644

RUSTIC COTTAGE ON 50 ACRES OF PRIME HUNTING LAND!! - Located off of New England side road close to Manitowaning, this off-grid cottage features a sleep loft, wood fired sauna, storage shed & of course a deer hanging pole. This private location has no close neighbours. MLS#1027235
200 ACRES WITH YEAR ROUND ROAD ACCESS & A RIVER FULL OF FISH!! - This prime deer hunting property is located close to Silver Water & has over 2400 ft of frontage along Hwy 540. There is a driveway installed that runs to a building site where you will find a 16 X 16 ft shed with a concrete floor, hydro ready, a drilled well & also a partial footing dug. Silver Creek runs through the east side of the property & into Lake Huron. Some very well built enclosed tree stands & deer blinds & a 16 ft travel trailer are included. Asking \$200,000. MLS#1022479
LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE!! - Approx 133 acres of mixed forest with some small meadows & about a half mile of shoreline along the Missisquoi Strait of Lake Huron located at the west end of Manitoulin close to the town of Meldrum Bay. The property is accessible by truck. Asking \$189,000. MLS#1020069



NEWER 2 + 1 BDRM HOME WITH BEAUTIFUL BALD ROCK SHORELINE - Located along Lake Huron Drive's Lonely Bay, this year round home has plenty of character with a raised kitchen & living room, a sunken master bedroom with en-suite & a walkout to the lake, as well as a sunken screened in sunroom with a pan abode view over the endless water of Lake Huron. Only 15 mins from the amenities of Mindemoya or the re-noun sand beach of Providence Bay. Reduced to \$249,000. MLS#1022862



PROVIDENCE BAY - Large Majestic very private lot at the end of a dead end street! A very short walk to the beautiful sand beach. Only a 15 min drive to the amenities of Mindemoya. This nicely landscaped lot comes adorned with a new well, 2 large driveways, 2 sheds, a great little bunkie, a beach corner hot tub, a spectacular fully insulated 30 X 30 ft heated garage with 12 ft ceiling, metal roof & a cement pad & a 2 bdrm bungalow with partially finished walkout basement, all newly renovated & upgraded plumbing, wiring etc. Priced to sell only \$199,000. MLS#1022695



COUNTRY LIVING AT ITS FINEST!! - Newly renovated 3 bdrm country home with finished basement and insulated 2 car attached garage. Sitting on almost a full acre of land, lots of privacy with no close neighbours, located on a year round road a short distance from the ferry. The downstairs comes with an office/den that could be converted to another bedroom. The eat-in kitchen opens up onto a large deck with a beautiful panoramic view over a lovely meadow. Asking \$229,000. MLS#1022409



SOUTH SHORE BEAUTY!! - This 1700 sq.ft. year round 2 bdrm/2 bthrm home comes beautifully landscaped with cemented stone walkways & a natural rock basketball court. A wonderful sand beach is just a 1 min walk down the shoreline & the 150 ft of waterfront on this property is magnificent smooth bald rock limestone. There are 2 nice decks on the front of the house facing the lake as well as one on the guest cottage which also comes with running water. Asking \$279,000. MLS#1021511



NOT YOUR AVERAGE 2 BDRM KAGAWONG HOME!! - Large private waterfront lot with a 2 bdrm home, detached 2 bay garage, 2 bdrm bunkie, sauna building with change room & indoor plumbing, a 10 X 10 shed & a large carport. This rustic bungalow with its beautiful hardwood floors, open concept kitchen/ dining room/ living room surrounded with a beautiful deck on 3 sides. Located on a cul-de-sac at the end of Poplar Dr. in the pretty town of Kagawong. The beach is a short walk. The town of Kagawong has a marina with dockage for your boat. List price only \$249,000. MLS#1024965



LUXURY WATERFRONT HOME - This 2 plus bdrm, 2 bath home on the North Channel of Lake Huron comes with a breath taking view of the LaCloche Mountains. The granite countertops & marble flooring & walls are rather amazing as is the quality hardwood flooring, ceramic tiling & beautiful custom made oak kitchen cabinets. The downstairs kitchen also has nice custom made cupboards. The full basement is to be finished. This nice flat to the water property comes with a new garage for all your toys. Reduced to \$299,000. MLS#1023504

LOG HOME WITH PANORAMIC VIEW!!

This beautifully landscaped property nestled into the west bluff has a majestic view over Gore Bay. Watch the yachts & sailboats enter the harbour from this cozy 940 sq ft log home. The property is nicely landscaped & comes with a great little sleep bunkie for your guests. The almost 1 acre property is on a year round road & has plenty of privacy & features 304 ft of road allowance lake frontage. Asking \$179,000. MLS#1022581



GORGEOUS GEORGIAN BAY WATERFRONT CAPE COD - style 3 bed, 3 bath all brick immaculate property. All oversized bedrooms feature walk in closets. Both upstairs bedrooms have designer fireplaces. There is also a floor to ceiling Parry Sound stone fireplace in the living room. Extensive decking, huge wired double car garage, outdoor cooking area. The property is set among mature trees & is well landscaped. Turnkey situation featuring 8 appliances, high quality furnishings including beds, living room, dining room furniture, high quality pots, pans, dishes & lawn tractor. Asking \$379,900. MLS#1026227



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AFFORDABLE LAKE MANITOU RETIREMENT HOME OR YEAR ROUND COTTAGE! - Located at the end of a private road this south facing 1 + 1 bdrm home has 1800 sq. ft of living space & comes with a single car garage on cement slab & drive-thru shed add on. This very private, nicely landscaped flat lot has a sandy waterfront that is kid safe with a gradual decline. Only \$269,000 for this Manitoulin hideaway! MLS#1024220



NEWLY RENOVATED LAKEFRONT HOME WITH WESTERN VIEW!! - Nice waterfront 2 storey home with 3 bdrms including main floor master bedroom, 2 baths, full basement, very good dock for your boat & a great sunset view over Big Lake. Asking \$270,000. MLS#1025827



PROVIDENCE BAY CHARMER!! - Newly renovated, nicely decorated 3 bdrm home. Manitoulin's most renowned public sand beach is less than a 2 min. walk from your door. You can keep your boat at the marina only a minute drive for some awesome fishing in Providence Bay. The Mindemoya golf course & Manitoulin's largest grocery store, hardware stores & amenities are all 15 mins away. Asking \$129,000. MLS#1024766



LAKE HURON - Year round 3 bdrm, 3 bath home or cottage. Spectacular south facing over Lake Huron with private setting. The shoreline is bald limestone. Asking \$339,000. MLS#107954



2 + 1 BDRM WATERFRONT HOME IN A PRIVATE SETTING!! - The kid-safe swimming area has a nice sand bottom. The beautiful modular home has a fully finished walkout basement & a really nice L shaped deck & comes with a large 26 X 40 insulated garage/workshop. Both the house & garage have in-floor radiant heating system from an external wood heating stove stored inside a large steel sea container which is also used for wood storage. Reduced to \$390,000. MLS#1025451



HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, magnificent kitchen, 3 bathrooms including the en-suite in the huge 600 sq ft master bdrm found at the top of a spectacular oak stair case. The manicured lot, amazing concrete driveway & 2 large decks of which one is a covered verandah. Also included is a 10 X 12 storage shed & a heated completely finished & insulated double garage. Asking \$370,000. MLS#1024690



BEAUTIFUL NEWER WATERFRONT HOME!! - Own a beautiful Gore Bay Waterfront home with an attached one bdrm flat that allows your company & you some privacy. Recent addition, modern construction, new well & septic system. Attractively landscaped lot comes with a 24 X 30 garage with a concrete floor. Shopping, medical center, golf course & other amenities are close by. Asking \$350,000. MLS#1023266



BAY ESTATES - A 3 bedroom home with deeded access to, and view of, Manitowaning Bay. Many recent upgrades including a new water treatment system. Would be quite suitable as a home or cottage. (Wall mount convection heaters and air tight wood stove.) Priced \$189,000 MLS#1024398



COUNTRY BUNGALOW within walking distance to Sandfield village amenities, Manitou River and the lake! 2 bedrooms, full bath, open kitchen and living areas, full basement for utility and workshop - nice country location! Ideal retirement home or rental property! Priced at \$89,500 MLS#1025596



SOUTH BAY - Beautiful location on South Bay. Just mins from Manitowaning and the Ferry. This 2 bedroom 1 bathroom cottage has a beautiful shoreline perfect for swimming. Come view this peaceful setting and see what Manitoulin Island has to offer. Priced at \$169,000. MLS#1026639



MANITOWANING HOME - This stunning 3 bed, 2 bath home with detached garage is sitting on perfectly manicured double lot with beautiful mature trees. The home has 3 bedrooms upstairs with the possibility of 2 more in the basement. The living room in the basement is warm and cozy with the addition of a propane fire place. The double 24x28 garage is sure to please any hobbyist. Come tour this spectacular home. Book your showing today. \$239,900, MLS#1024635



WATERFRONT CHARMER! - 2 bedroom main cottage, open concept living/kitchen/dining areas, 2 pcs bath, porch, and walk out to large patio deck with gorgeous westerly views over the North Channel. Guest bunkie currently set up as 3 bedrooms, but could also be used as a 2 bedroom with small living/sitting area, plus additional bathroom building with composting toilet. Great gentle sloping lot to shoreline with nice sandy areas, very kid friendly! If you want to have a first row seat for some of the most fantastic sunsets in the world, this is the place to be! List price \$139,900 MLS#1014930



KAGAWONG This home is one of a kind. The quality of the original workmanship has been maintained in all the modern updates. Newer windows, roof, furnace, in floor heating and kitchen. Four bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms make this a true family home. On 2.2 acres of privacy in the town of Kagawong, overlooking Mudge Bay. Two hand crafted stone fireplaces and hard wood floors add to the warmth and character. \$269,000. MLS#1018947



78 ACRE bush lot with 2600' of water frontage on the south-east part of Loon Lake, which is on the west end of Manitoulin Island. Water access from the public boat launch on Loon Lake. Priced at \$85,000. MLS#1026089



ICE LAKE This property offers a variety of features across its 140 acres. They include i) a large wetland area with wide variety of wildlife ii) an in-active gravel pit, iii) a beautiful stand of maple hardwood, iv) large open areas that was once pasture land, v) and a great elevated water view. These features in addition to it being comprised of 2 original unsevered lots, means there are many potential uses for this unique property. MLS#1025335



COMMERCIAL - Successful business opportunity located in the downtown core of Gore Bay. Currently a licensed franchise for The Source and it also retails sporting goods. On the 2nd floor is a 2 bedroom apartment. Excellent location and many recent upgrades to the building. List price \$135,000. MLS#1024601.

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A nice cozy 2 bedroom open concept home with sunrise views over Mudge Bay. There is also a 2 bedroom bunkie and other utility buildings including a maple sugar shack. Great shoreline for recreational enjoyment and many chattels included. List price \$280,000. MLS#1025134



LARGE ACREAGE - An attractive large acreage property (600+ acres) with over 2600' of frontage on Lake Huron's North Channel. A mix of open fields, bush, wetland, and water view. It fronts on a seasonal road. Has an older bush camp. A network of ATV trails in place. It would be a wonderful recreational holding. Asking \$700,000 MLS#1025863



GORE BAY - Currently operating as a place of worship, this building could have other potential uses subsequent to a zoning change. There is over 1300 sq.ft. of finished space including a kitchen and 2-piece bathroom. Recently a new propane furnace was installed and the electrical service upgraded. \$75,000. MLS#1026428



CLOVER VALLEY FARM Versatile working farm in prime agricultural area! About 70 workable acres, 25 acres mixed bush. Good portion of fields are tile drained. Large solid barn with hydro and water has had electrical service upgrade. 11 box stalls/pens (2 for birthing) w/wood floors and rubber mats. Good well. Hydro to all buildings, water also to Bunkie. Large garage/drivshed and chicken coop complete this farm. Comforting in-floor radiant heat and woodstove for backup in hydro outages. Sit on your covered porch and enjoy the serenity of country life. \$299,900. MLS#1027480



CENTURY HOME - In Little Current within walking distance to downtown and all other amenities. Adjoining lot included in the purchase price. This house has 4 large bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Large double parlour on the main floor is ideal for entertaining and perfect for the home theater system. Spacious kitchen with adjoining dining room, main floor laundry. New windows, shingles, basement insulation with waterproof "drytrek", sump and dehumidifier all in 2011. \$242,000. MLS#1027239



MANITOWANING Solid 3 bedroom bungalow in a preferred quiet neighbourhood just a short walk from all the amenities of town. 3 spacious bedrooms, bright kitchen, dining and living areas, hardwood, full basement with large rec room area, additional bathroom and ample storage. A great home for the growing family or ideal for retirees! List price \$199,000. MLS#1023592



HUNTING CAMP - Hunt camp on 100 acres on the west end of Manitoulin Island. New propane stove. 1200 Watt generator and sauna included. Prime hunting area! \$89,000. MLS#1020916



COTTAGE RETREAT - Tucked away on the back side of Bay Estates is this very private cottage surrounded by mature trees. The property is across the street from the water access and offers storage for your boat when you're all done playing on the water. The 2 bedroom cottage is nicely updated and is a great place to relax after a long day of fishing. Priced at \$79,900 MLS#1025042



COTTAGE ON ACREAGE - A comfortable cottage on 90 acres fronting on a year round road. 24ft. x 24ft. on the main level plus an attached 12ft. garage/shop. It has been used as 4-season home. It recently was serviced with Hydro (underground), but can operate off-the-grid with the solar system and generator. Gravity fed water source for sink and toilet. 12V pump for shower. There is also a hunt cabin, small sugar bush, and seasonal stream. \$149,000. MLS1024304



SPRING BAY 5 bedroom home in the hamlet of Spring Bay with large detached garage. Over 1500 sq.ft. on the main level. Recent upgrades include new kitchen. Private back yard. List price \$159,000. MLS#1026815



STRAWBERRY CHANNEL Spectacular 3 season cottage just South of Little Current. This property has 334 feet of frontage and a depth of 809 feet. The cottage is situated so that one can enjoy the East views of the LaCloche Mountains. Main floor has living, dining, kitchen, master bedroom and bathroom. There is also a deck facing the water to enjoy the views. Second floor is a large loft bedroom. Lower level has the family rec room, bedroom and bath. A great summer retreat with many features! Please call for details and a viewing. \$258,000 MLS#1026232



MUDGE BAY - Waterfront home or cottage on a nice level west facing lot. Sand beach and good water depth for a dock. 3 bedrooms and 4-piece bathroom on the main level. Master bedroom and 3-piece bathroom on the 2nd level. Open concept on the lake side with wood interior finishing on some walls and ceilings. 20'x26' detached garage. Easy access to North Channel boating. \$235,000. MLS#1019688.



NORTH CHANNEL/MUDGE BAY - Manitoulin cottage with a great west facing beach. It offers 3 bedrooms, nice cedar exterior, hydro service, and is located on a 4 season road. There is an outhouse and gray water pit. The buildings have been well maintained and the property nicely developed. Recent upgrades include shingles, soffit, & fascia. Comes fully furnished. List price \$160,000. MLS#1025364



GORE BAY - 4 bedroom house and 1800 sq.ft. commercial building (2002) with highway frontage on the edge of Gore Bay. Priced to sell at \$115,000. MLS#1027358



GORE BAY - A 1150 sq.ft. 3 bedroom 2 bathroom bungalow with a 1 bedroom 3-piece bathroom apartment on the lower level with a walkout. Each unit has its own garage, hydro meter, & security system. The apartment bathroom is wheelchair accessible. Central air on main level. NEW ROOF installed in August 2013. Priced at \$217,500 MLS#1015232



MCGREGOR BAY - Your own private 1.5 ac+ island with lovely natural rock shoreline and wooded areas. Main cabin offers open kitchen and dining areas, plus large screened porch to enjoy the views! Wood deck walkways and natural paths to 2 sleep bunks, bath house, storage shed - very nice setting and offers good privacy - short boat ride from marinas at Birch Island - priced to sell! Don't delay owning your own private island getaway in gorgeous surroundings today! \$199,000. MLS#1025849



SHEGUIANDAH BAY - This 1270 sq.ft. cottage gives you the quiet, secluded feeling you would expect in a getaway destination. Only minutes from the dock in Sheguiandah, this boat access cottage is ready for your finishing touches. The perfect template for off the grid sustainable housing. The Beaver Cottage, Trillium model, is only a few years old and fronts on 667 feet of beautiful shoreline. The 17 acres is well treed and would make an excellent hunting property. \$129,900. MLS#1024471



MCGREGOR BAY - Island TP2085 - Own your own island. Open concept log cabin located in a sheltered area of McGregor Bay that is just a short boat ride from the marina in Birch Island. Beautiful views of the LaCloche Mountains. New 8 x 24 foot dock built in 2011. Why rent when you can own your own private island? Option to purchase a large 3.5 acre parcel on Island TP 1977 which is a stone's throw away. \$155,900 MLS#1026778



CENTRAL LOCATION Charming Little Current bungalow within walking distance to shopping/school/churches/hospital/downtown. This tastefully decorated 3 bedroom bungalow has many upgrades including roof, insulation, windows, hardwood generator, propane pedestal stove and more. All on one level and completely maintenance free!!! The large garage has a workshop addition with plenty of storage space. List price \$154,900 MLS#1027053



LITTLE CURRENT - Beautiful 2 bedroom Bungalow with loft only a few minutes walk to downtown. Open concept kitchen dining room allows for excellent socializing. The property is well landscaped with established vegetable garden. Large Double Garage with workshop. No shortage of storage in this home. \$124,900. MLS#1026299



NORTH CHANNEL COTTAGE This manicured property has everything you could want in a cottage retreat. Offering 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and beautiful sunroom overlooking the North Channel. Enjoy the shoreline on the poured concrete deck that spans from one end of the property to the other. The cottage has a new Steel roof and new water pump. This cottage is turn key! \$229,000. MLS#1020694



MELDRUM BAY - A commercial opportunity and adjoining home located on the western end of Manitoulin Island, cottage country in northern Georgian Bay. It offers highway frontage and conveniently located across from the marina. The home has about 1450 sq.ft. of living area and there is close to 3000 sq.ft. of commercial space. It is currently a seasonal country store and LCBO agent, and it could have many other income possibilities. Rental potential for commercial or converted to short or long term residential. MLS#1024353



PRIME LOCATION - Prime opportunity to own a large commercial building in the main downtown core of Little Current. Currently set up as 3 separate spaces (with separate entrances), but easily converted back into one large commercial/retail space. Many possibilities as a retail store/commercial office or combination of both. Great investment opportunity as a purchase to lease out office/retail space. Excellent exposure, employee parking and access in rear. Over 6000 sq. ft. for only \$199,900! MLS#1022821



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100 ACRES PLUS COTTAGE \$159,000
located in Burpee Twp, highway frontage, newer bungalow approx 28 x 42 feet., steel roof, 6 inch walls, shed, good deer location, this building could be a year round home/Mindemoya Homecoming Supplement, property located a few miles west of Evansville, 28 x 42 cottage with 2400 watt solar power, 8x 12 bunkie with solar, 8 x 8 shed with propane fridge, 12 x14 metal drive shed, 8 x 20 boat shelter asking \$159,000 (1391) (MLS#1020340)
Norm Morrell 705-282-2430

LOTS
190 ACRES BAYFIELD SOUND NORTH CHANNEL - good road access, hydro nearby, nicely treed, excellent deer hunting location, incline to shoreline, suitable for year round residence or cottage purposes. Asking \$225,000 (1426) (MLS#1025246)
WATERFRONT LOT ON ICE LAKE. Surveyed and well treed. 200' of frontage. Building site cleared. Western exposure. Year round road access and hydro available - MLS#1019632 - Asking \$49,900 Call Jordan 705-368-3113
ESTATE SIZED BUILDING LOTS near Lake Mindemoya. Hydro, municipal road and lake access. Four to choose from. Asking \$18,999 each
GORE BAY BUILDING LOT - overlooking west harbour, paved road, municipal services, area of newer homes, lot size 124 by 175 feet, good investment or building location, asking only \$19,900 (1413) (MLS#1023944)
19 acres - Rockville - Mixed bush with municipal road frontage. \$44,900
MLS#1026417
GORE BAY BUILDING LOT - Close to school. All services to the lot. Asking only \$22,500. MLS#1014340. Call Jordan 705-368-3113.
100 ACRES ROBINSON TWP. - fronting on Mason Line Road east of Silver Water, good recreational/ hunting lot, some mature timber areas, excellent deer location, call the hunt group now, asking \$79,000 (1445) (MLS#1026791)
LITTLE CURRENT BUILDING LOT. One acre. Country Setting. Asking \$25,900. MLS#1027217

118 ACRES BURPEE COTTAGE \$139,000
Attractive cottage in excellent deer hunting / recreational location, three bedrooms solid cottage, drilled well, wood stove, 5 substantial outbuildings, perfect for the outdoor enthusiast group, (1443) (MLS#1026572)
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REDUCED!
MANITOWANING HOME \$229,000
Manitowaning Home. 3 Bedrooms. Large open layout. 24' x 46' heated garage/workshop with loft. Quality home on a beautifully landscaped lot. MLS#1023251
Jordan Chandler 705-368 3113

WHITE'S POINT WATERFRONT HOME \$375,000
Large waterfront lot with western exposure for amazing sunsets. Features include master bedroom with ensuite and walk-in closet, attached garage, walk-out basement, large deck, waterfront beach area and the list goes on. Call for details. MLS#1027720
Jordan Chandler 705-368 3113

300 ACRES CAMPBELL TOWNSHIP \$195,000
includes attractive cottage, good quality deer area, recreational / hunting uses, good access on unopened road allowance, hydro line near cottage, wood heat, three bedrooms, located on Pine Tree Trail off Hwy. 542. (1424) (MLS#1024932)
Norm Morrell 705-282-2430

LAKE MANITOU FOUR SEASON COTTAGE \$269,000
142 feet of sheltered Manitou shoreline. 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath. Features include municipal road access, a bunkie, new foundation and insulation, upgraded hydro service, wrap-around decking and a beautiful landscaped lot with mature maple and cedar trees. (1442) (MLS#1023934)
Jordan Chandler 705-368-3113

25 ACRES/COTTAGE MILLS TWP \$49,000
well built hunt camp and shed, access off paved Union Road, good deer area and nicely wooded. (1438) (MLS#1016274)
Peter Flanagan 705-282-3135

GORE BAY \$164,000
four bedroom overlooking Gore Bay harbour, watch the yachts in the bay, oil heat, metal roof, large estate sized lawn area, quiet dead end street at the north end of picturesque quaint North Channel town. (MLS#1026070)
Norm Morrell 705-282-2430

WATERFRONT LORNE LAKE \$249,000
Approx 1000 feet shore line and 34 acres on this inland lake in Burpee Township, two rustic cottages included, deer country, great for fishing or canoeing, secluded private location, washrooms and well, interior natural cedar lined, a great recreational package. (1448) (MLS#1027070)
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LAKE MANITOU FARM \$549,000
218 acre farm. Over 3700 feet of untouched Lake Manitou shoreline! Cozy Manitoulin farm house with a large steel storage shed and barn. Asking \$599,000. Call for details. MLS#1026457
Jordan Chandler 705-368 3113

100 ACRES ROBINSON TWP \$72,000
fronting on Mason Line Road east of Silver Water, good recreational/ hunting lot, some mature timber areas, excellent deer location, call the hunt group now. (1445) (MLS#1026791)
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EVERGREEN RESORT
Located minutes from Gore Bay, this waterfront resort boasts many amenities including: An indoor heated pool, 10 quality cabins, 4 motel units, an owner/operators residence, docks, boats, a beach and much more. Call for details. Asking \$849,000 MLS# 1024364
Jordan Chandler 705-368-3113

HUNT CAMP AND LOG SAUNA \$95,000
on 100 acres, close to Little Current. Several tree stands and quad trails make this camp ready for the fall hunt! Many recent upgrades! (MLS#1016274)
Jordan Chandler 705-368 3113

ICE LAKE WATERFRONT COTTAGE \$179,000
Over 940 feet of lakeshore, minutes from Gore Bay, 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Cottage. Level lot with landscaped lawn and excellent shoreline. Asking \$179,000. File #1439.
Jordan Chandler 705-368-3113

GORE BAY BUNGALOW **\$159,000**
located on large corner lot, paved driveway, stone fireplaces, electric heat, large double detached garage, many recent upgrades such as flooring, walking distance to downtown. (1436) (MLS#1026044)
Norm Morrell 705-282-2430

BUILDING LOTS east of Silver Water (1) \$13900; Gore Bay (7) Doc Strain \$20000, 3.21a \$58000, downtown \$49000, 5a \$39,000, landscaped with garage \$49000, West Bluff with water view \$49000; Kagawong's Maple Ridge (2) \$19900, \$24900; Sunsite Estates (1) \$19900; Providence Bay (1) \$29500

ACREAGES in Burpee (1) 10a \$14900, Mills (3) 100a \$57000, 100a \$57000, 101a \$57000; Mills on Ocean Point Road (2) 50a \$52000, 50a \$46000; Lake Wolsey 38a w/1320 ft. marshland frontage \$39,000; Allan on Scotland Road (1) 100a w/large camp \$130000; Billings on Monument Road (1) 86a \$83000; Carnarvon 1 km south of Government Road (1) 135a \$74000

COTTAGES on Little Lake Huron w/3 bedrooms & 2 baths \$99000; on Lake Huron just west of Misery Bay Park constructed from straw bales coated with lime plaster inside & out being 1302 sq. ft. on a full basement foundation \$118000; on Lake Huron west of Dominion Bay w/1575 ft. & 4.1ac. \$275000; in Campbell Township on Hwy542 to be moved 648 sq. ft. w/deck \$35000; on Lake Kagawong w/165 ft. of frontage & 7 ac. \$199000.

COMMERCIAL building downtown Gore Bay on corner lot \$59500; income building in downtown Gore Bay w/solid return \$249000; Kagawong 3000 sq. ft. on corner Hwy540 \$129000; Providence Bay 10000 sq. ft. near beach \$199,900 Offers Welcome; commercial opportunity near Dryden's Corner w/2500 sq. ft. of business & living space plus 8300 sq. ft. storage \$119000.

WATERFRONT LOTS on Elizabeth Bay (1) \$129500; Little Lake Huron (2) \$24500, \$44500; Barrie Island (2) \$47500, \$47500; Shrigley Bay (2) \$44000, \$49000; Campbell Bay (1) \$55000; Ice Lake on Ice Lake Drive (1) \$64000; Lake Mindemoya on Lakeshore Road (1) \$75000; South Bay via Clover Valley (1) \$59000; South Bay on Lakeshore Road (1) \$85000

HOMES in Gore Bay 1032 sq. ft. \$46000; in Silver Water 990 sq. ft. \$97000; on Campbell Bay 1176 sq. ft. on 3 ac. & 266 ft. \$219000; beautiful stack wall eco friendly 2 levels on Robertson Road \$389000; on Bidwell Road & 11.9 ac. \$129000.

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STONE CASTLE architecturally redesigned & rebuilt in 1990 on high ridge overlooking Ice Lake w/65 ac. of fields, forests & wetlands plus 700 ft. water frontage. Beautiful 2 storey 2028 sq. ft. w/2+1 bedrooms, family room, bath, kitchen, dining & living room w/massive stone fireplace & some stone walls on full basement. Covered porches on 3 sunny sides. Cabin 16x20 ft. w/own living & bath plus shed. Remote creek frontage & marshland boardwalk. \$427,000 (1070)



LIVE OFF GRID in 24 x 32 ft. bungalow w/year round access, drilled well, septic system, large shed garage. All wired for generator or invert for solar energy. Mostly wooded lot 60 x 725 ft. \$49,000 (1181)



GORE BAY FAMILY HOME w/large private level back yard & forest backdrop. New Street 2 storey 1720 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms (2 quite big), 4 pc bath, very spacious double living room & equally spacious dining kitchen area. Covered porch on morning sun side \$179,000 (1109)



MILLS COUNTRY HOME on 74.5 ac. of forest w/5 ac. hardwood & 100 ft. on Union Road. Round dwelling plus regular bungalow additions on 2 levels giving 1131 sq. ft. living space w/1 bath, extended loft bedroom, living dining & kitchen in extension. Closed in shell to be completed. Sheds, large workshop, horse stables & large horse paddock for riding & training. \$119,000 (1097)



SMALL COUNTRY HOME on open surveyed lot 135 x 313 ft. in quiet area at corner of Silver Bay & Johnston Roads. Bungalow 574 sq. ft. on full partly finished walkout basement. Currently 735 sq. ft. living space of one bedroom, bath, eat in kitchen & living room. Extras of garage, sheds, lake water, septic, deck & wood heat. Direct access to Lake Manitou at end of road. \$84,000 (1177)



COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY just south of Dryden's Corner on Providence Bay highway w/200 ft. frontage & 1.4 ac. One storey vinyl & steel clad 2,500 sq. ft. of business or living space plus a steel clad traditional barn & addition all set up for 8,300 sq. ft. of storage. Some extras included. Check it out. \$119,000 (1183)



LITTLE LAKE HURON camp w/150 ft. frontage accessed via Pebble Road. Aspenite clad cabin 416 sq. ft. w/wood heat, 2 bedrooms, kitchen, dining & living area plus 2 sheds, all off the grid. All contents including propane refrigerator, stove, several lights.. \$35,000 (1167)



WATERFRONT COTTAGE HOME w/great water view yet surrounded by trees & grassy slopes. Mansard roof 2 level style 1316 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, open kitchen dining living w/electric & wood heat, municipal water, 150 ft. on Main Street & Mudge Bay w/firm sand bottom. \$212,000 (1155)



MELDRUM BAY HOME on wooded 1.5 ac. w/200 ft. on pristine North Channel. Chalet built 2008 designed to bring natural surroundings inside. Solid construction including plywood sheathing & well insulated for year round comfort including the full basement. IKEA kitchen cabinets & birch butcher block countertops, ceramic & laminate flooring, solid pine panel doors & trim. Spacious 1000 sq. ft. of 2 bedrooms w/master being full second floor, 1.5 baths, decks & balconies, 6 appliances. Beautiful setting & spectacular view. \$239,000 (1096)



LIGHTHOUSE ROAD WATERFRONT HOME w/great North Channel view. Gore Bay bungalow 1800 sq. ft. built 2001 w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, laundry, living room, large eat in kitchen w/extended sunroom. Private & beautiful setting w/attached garage, limestone patio, stone front wall and full open basement built w/concrete filled foam blocks for more warm & cozy space. \$399,000 (1115)



ALMOST WATERFRONT CENTURY HOME well worth seeing w/frontage on Thorburn & Water Streets w/direct access to Gore Bay harbour & marina. Two storey 2146 sq. ft. w/sun room, kitchen, dining & living rooms, large laundry mudroom, 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths & spacious halls on both floors. Completely refinished interior from the studs plus hardwood floors down & pine up including wiring & plumbing. Surveyed lot, water paid, F/A oil heat, propane fireplace. \$219,000 (1151)



SOUTHERN LOOK HOME in downtown Gore Bay on 62x175 ft. lot close to amenities. Two storey 1727 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, family size kitchen, separate dining & living rooms. Private outdoor living on 2 walkout decks, 2 screened balconies, landscaped yard, paved drive w/high cedar fencing. Newer insulated vinyl siding, upgraded windows, propane fired hot water heat, 2 pellet stoves, tankless hot water & garage. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$199,500 (1158)



LAKE MANITOU HOME w/100 ft. frontage accessed via Dryden's Lane from Gibraltar Road. Raised bungalow about 1236 sq. ft. on full walkout finished basement w/2+1 bedrooms, 4 pc. bath, great room, sunroom, family room & recreational area. Extras of 4 appliances, 2 decks, dry boat house, double garage insulated & finished, permanent dock. \$274,000 (1098)



SANDFIELD HOME in Village on landscaped lot 100 x 200 ft. w/detached single garage. Bungalow 557 sq. ft. plus attached partly finished shed & side mudroom entrance w/2 bedrooms, full bath, eat in kitchen, living room. Extras of refrigerator, stove & patio. \$49,000 (1103)



SPACIOUS WATERFRONT HOME on Lake Wolsey on private, landscaped 2.6 ac. w/200 ft. frontage & gazebo. Sandstone clad 2080 sq. ft. all built w/solid lumber & extra insulation in walls & ceiling. Beautiful bungalow w/3200 sq. ft. living space including walkout basement, 3+1 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, kitchen, office, dining, living, family, recreation & hobby rooms, utility wood oil furnace room w/wood & workshop areas, double attached garage w/entrance through laundry room. MBR at one end with lots of closets, ensuite & patio doors to deck. Lovely approach to front porch. \$434,000 (1134)



GORE BAY GRAND HOME 2720 sq. ft. plus 410 more of covered wrap around porch w/many recent interior upgrades including a new kitchen. Two storey on large lot w/double detached garage 26x34 plus insulated loft workshop. New windows, well insulated 6 inch walls, newer vinyl siding & shingles on this house w/spacious rooms including 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, kitchen, sun-room dinette, dining & living rooms, family room & laundry mud room. Heated by FA oil furnace or pellet stove. Worth a look! \$247,000 (1135)



GORE STREET HOME on level lot 71x176 ft. plus double garage w/full second floor storage loft. Bungalow & 1.5 storey 1477 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms & bath upstairs plus bedroom & full bath on ground level. Eat in kitchen, laundry area, large pine finished entrance, separate dining & living rooms. Good back yard & all Gore Bay services. \$109,000 (1056)



CAMPBELL BAY BRICK HOME on surveyed point about 2 ac. w/914 ft. water frontage. Two storey 2000 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, living room, spacious kitchen dining room, family & sun rooms. Second floor balcony overlooking living room w/cathedral ceiling. Detached double garage w/woodworking shop addition & full 2 bedroom apartment above & separate pole shed. Hot tub in its own gazebo, gardens, large deck, dock, geothermal heat, privacy & more. \$429,000 (1072)



FARM Gordon Township on 97.5 ac. mostly open tillable & pasture land at corner of Hwy540 & Noble SR just west of Gore Bay. Large 2 storey home w/5+ bedrooms, full bath, 2 covered porches & open deck. Horse barn 22x44 w/loft & w/3 box stalls, long oval training track, heated workshop 18x22, steel quonset hut 40x60, woodshed garage 20x38, another shed 12x16 & traditional barn w/loft, big run in & several box stalls. New septic, drilled well, outdoor furnace plus oil FA heat. House w/many upgrades but still needs work. \$247,000 (1182)



WATERFRONT LIVING in premier Mudge Bay home. Designed & constructed by Maple Leaf Homes, this 2 storey offers 3 bedrooms w/large master & ensuite, 1.5 other baths, kitchen w/dining area, living & family rooms on full basement w/office & spacious laundry, storage, utility, workshop. Maple Ridge lot w/153 ft. frontage, sand bottom swimming, hardwoods, fruit trees, landscaped. Roll out dock & raft included. Lots of windows, wrap around covered verandah, 2 decks, 3 outbuildings, circular drive, municipal water & more. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$387,000 (1125)



WEST BLUFF HOME overlooking water of Gore Bay. Very spacious 2 storey over 1900 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, laundry, office, eat in kitchen w/new cabinets, dining area, large living room w/stone fireplace plus attached triple garage, all heated w/hot water. Hardwood floors throughout, cathedral ceiling, upper floor balcony landing w/ huge master & ensuite. All the interior recently restored. \$299,000 (1106)



KAGAWONG COTTAGE HOME in Maple Ridge w/150 ft. on Mudge Bay w/firm sand bottom swimming. Bungalow, on large storage basement, 1028 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms, bath & open kitchen dining living overlooking water. Walkout to private 2 tier deck. Treed lot, circular drive, large shed, aluminum dock, municipal water, electric & wood heat, all contents are some extras. \$219,000 (1159)



FOREST COTTAGE in Burpee just west of Misery Bay Park Road w/122 ft. frontage on Hwy540 & about 4.5 ac. Triangular shaped lot 313 ft. deep backing onto a beautiful wildlife marsh w/observation blind. Cottage 513 sq. ft. w/hydro, screened porch, 2 open decks, wood fired sauna, several sheds & double privy. All contents. \$54,000 (1138)



COUNTRY HOME in Gordon w/109.9 ft. fronting on Hwy540 & 426.9 ft. deep. Two storey 1388 sq. ft. w/5 bedrooms, 4 pc bath, laundry, eat in kitchen, living room & office on a full basement. Extras include attached shed, double detached garage, steel roofs, new water filtration & septic systems. \$105,000 (1095)



SUNSITE LAKEVIEW HOME built 2011 w/good view of Manitowaning Bay from main level & from upper bedroom, family room & powder room plus balcony. Home 1170 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, open kitchen dining living and laundry mudroom. Garage completely insulated & finished to living standards w/propane heat. Extras of 6 appliances, raised gardens, cedar planters, stone walkways, grape arbour, garden shed, greenhouse, pergola, 2 decks & beautiful landscaping of 1.27 ac. w/lots of maples. \$239,000 (1144)



MAPLE POINT HOME w/150 ft. water frontage & 1.6 ac. hardwood forest. Bungalow 1110 sq. ft. on full finished walkout basement w/2+1 bedrooms, 2 baths, laundry, spacious kitchen dining living area & very large family recreational space. Extras of double insulated garage, guest house/studio, gazebo, multiple decks, sauna w/attached beach deck. Several appliances plus 2 propane fireplace stoves & high end water treatment. \$429,000 (1178)



LAKE KAGAWONG LOG HOME or all season cottage w/spectacular elevated water view & surrounded by gorgeous limestone outcroppings. Bungalow 1424 sq. ft. w/2 bedrooms & sleeping loft, laundry, 4 pc bath, kitchen, spacious dining living w/vaulted ceiling & 10x32 deck. Lot 7.3 ac. open & wooded w/187 ft. frontage. Extras of stone patio, double garage, heated workshop, implement shelter, green house, 3 gardens, 2 sheds, gated entrance, new dock. \$298,000 (1102)



FAMILY COTTAGE on walk in beach w/102 ft. fronting Manitowaning Bay in private Sunsite Estates Cedar St. setting. Spacious bungalow 1726 sq. ft. w/4 bedrooms, two 2 pc. baths, tub shower room, eat in kitchen, separate dining living rooms on water side. Extras of metal roof, mud laundry room, workshop, municipal water, full length deck & year round use. \$189,500 (1161)



BRICK HOME on Gore Street w/2 backyards separated by a creek. Bungalow 1248 sq. ft. plus full finished basement with 1+2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, spacious kitchen, dining & living rooms, big laundry mudroom, large family area & workshop. Lot 70 x 414 ft. w/24 x 30 brick garage w/private rear deck & concrete deck on street side. Wood stove & 3 appliances included. \$198,000 (1146)



GORE BAY HOME overlooking harbour, town & channel from a quiet setting. Two storey 2880 sq. ft. built 2007 w/many recent beautiful upgrades on full walkout basement. Family home well set up for B&B w/3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open great room, family room, lower & upper decks w/westerly exposure for sunsets & great water views, plus attached garage. Main level has MBR w/ensuite. Eight quality appliances including induction cooktop plus Generac generator & central air. Really is a must see! \$349,000 (1133)



COUNTRY HOME OR COTTAGE on 10 ac. w/440 ft. fronting Hwy540 just west of Silver Water. Enclosed trailer w/add ons for 608 sq. ft. living space plus screened room & second finished bedroom in detached single garage. Year round, drilled well, septic system, hydro, phone & all contents. \$64,000 (1175)



LOVELY BAY ESTATES YEAR ROUND COTTAGE OR HOME - A very well kept 3 bedroom cottage with a 250 square foot screened in summer porch ideal for those afternoon naps! Open concept living room with wood stove, dining room and kitchen, 3 bedrooms and full bath all upon a full concrete block foundation. Year round water & access. 200 amp service plus a single car garage. 80' dock included with boat lift. Some furnishings & appliances. Asking \$239,000. MLS#1023345



SHEGUIANDAH HOBBY FARM - 26 acres with hardwood forest & great quality tillable lands. Modern 3 bdrm home with breath taking view, huge country kitchen, 13 x 30 master bdrm with en-suite & full basement with walkout. Also features 70 ft deck, all appliances, Pacific Energy woodstove & 11 cords of firewood. Great price! \$275,000. MLS#1026975



3 BDRM BUNGALOW WITH GARAGE - This beautiful home with a large front yard & even bigger back yard comes with a garage, large storage shed & paved driveway. Situated beside Mum's Restaurant, most amenities are in walking distance. This house would also make a great rental property investment at only \$139,000. MLS#1026940



PROVIDENCE BAY HOME - 4 bdrm home on a corner lot close to one of Manitoulin's few sand beaches. This home has had many updates including a new kitchen, flooring, electrical panel, doors and some newly replaced windows. It is only 10 mins away from Mindemoya which has many amenities including a hospital & golf course. From here you can walk or bike to the beach & there are restaurants nearby. Come & live in this quiet, picturesque community & retire or raise your family here. Attractively priced at \$145,000. MLS#1026614



LAST NEW CONDO - Spacious 3 bdrm unit with balcony overlooking the North Channel. Only steps to swimming area, Spider Bay Marina & downtown shopping. Price reduced to \$299,000. MLS#1026482



GREAT QUALITY LITTLE CURRENT HOME - Spacious 4 bdrm back split with huge room sizes, hardwood flooring, upgraded kitchen, attached garage, paved drive and gorgeous back yard. Impeccable landscaping adds to overall appeal. Please call for full details. MLS#1026376



WATERFRONT DREAM HOME - This is one of Manitoulin's finest homes, 12 room, 4850 sq ft, 6 baths, 4 fireplaces, 9 ft ceilings. Double attached garage, central air & vacuum and Spacious Trex sun-decks. Pristine river & ravine run through property into lake near dwelling. Detached garage built in 2003. 3 bays with 8 ft doors plus 1 drive-through with 10 ft doors. Only 4 km from Manitoulin East Airport. Call for Details. MLS#1026212



SOUTH BAY - cottage on beautiful flat rock shoreline. Come and see this attractive and well-built cottage which is a great get away and inexpensive to maintain. Just a few minutes from the Chi-Cheemaun. Asking \$169,900. MLS#1026079

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LUXURY LIVING IN A PICTURE PERFECT SETTING - Stunning south facing waterfront location with panoramic views & exceptional landscaping. Spacious 3 bdrm home features very appealing open layout remodeled inside & out to a luxurious finish with obvious attention to detail. Extra's include attd garage, built in appliances, gas fireplace, huge patio doors with walk out to large deck & full un-finished basement with ground level walkout. Reduced to \$428,500. MLS#1025729



LITTLE CURRENT ESTATE - Beautiful elevated lot in quiet location. Completely renovated, has 2 fireplaces & most of the basement is finished. Priced at \$279,000. Call Al Frank Salesperson at 705-859-3297. MLS#1025534



COUNTRY LIVING!! - Very cute 1 bedroom home located on Highway 540, 6 km west of Spring Bay. This building has been upgraded with septic system, drilled well, new kitchen & bathroom. This building located on a unique corner lot with access off White Church Road has had many uses over the years and left to your imagination for its next use. Reduced to \$119,000. MLS#1025330

CHARMING BAY ESTATES HOME/COTTAGE

Raised ranch style 2 bdrm insulated cottage with full, partially finished basement. Features cathedral ceilings, huge decks & a relatively level site with exceptional landscaping & spectacular views. Oversized site with 151 feet shoreline. Asking \$219,000. MLS#1025176



SOUTH BAY, MANTOULIN ISLAND - Beautiful flat lot looking over South Bay towards a full sunrise. This is a great location for a home or summer retreat. The lot is fully tree covered with some very mature trees and the view is gorgeous. Asking \$85,000. MLS#1025080

LAKE KAGAWONG - a very private lakelakefront acreage. This 9.7 acre lot with 483' of lake front is just 15 mins from Kagawong & features a mixed hardwood & softwood forest. The driveway has been roughed in & there is a small bunkie on the property. Spectacular views over Lake Kagawong. This will make the perfect hideaway for those looking for peace & quiet. Asking \$137,500. MLS#1023222

LITTLE CURRENT - Fully serviced building lot. Owner anxious, no reasonable offer refused. Only \$24,900. MLS#1027284

FULLY SERVICED RESIDENTIAL BUILDING LOTS IN LITTLE CURRENT - Good selection to choose from at a great price & a superb location for your new home! Brand new subdivision with all municipal services prepaid. Now only \$29,700 per lot.

BEAUTIFUL MINDEMOYA WATERFRONT PROPERTY - Beautiful 1.24A Mindemoya Lake water front lot with 345 ft frontage. Well treed hardwood lot with natural limestone formations & frontage on year round road. Great location for home or cottage. Asking \$129,000. MLS#1026393

BASS LAKE - Desirable waterfront lot with exceptional Southern exposure. Year round road. Hydro & telephone available at lot line. Don't overlook this picturesque building site. Asking \$89,000. MLS#1026380

WILDLIFE REFUGE - 152 acres with frontage on Archie Lake. Sandhill Cranes in abundance. Beautiful mixed bush. Road access. Good gravel deposit on property. Priced to sell at \$169,000. MLS#1023987

HUGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE - 959 acres of heavily treed lands with approx. 3.87 kilometers of frontage on the North Channel. Private road access & interior trails through most of the property. Well located North West facing shoreline. Willing to sell for the right buyer offering the ultimate in privacy. Great price at \$929,000. MLS#1025726

CENTRAL MANTOULIN RURAL ACREAGE - Very appealing 75 acre property featuring some of the best Manitoulin has to offer. Year round location, mix of open crop lands and pasture lands, hardwood & softwood forest, fully fenced site, two small cabins, tree stands, escarpment ridge, pond, driveway and laneways. Build your dream home here! Asking \$129,000. MLS#1025608

LAKEVIEW ACREAGE!!! - 100 acres of mixed bush & open pasture lands with year round access plus hydro & telephone available at the street. Ridge site offers lake view over Manitowaning Bay, easy access off Hwy. 6 or Sunsite Estates Road, gravel deposits & an excellent location for rural living on Manitoulin! Includes plenty of wildlife! Only \$99,900. MLS#1024828

STRAWBERRY CHANNEL WATERFRONT PROPERTY ON HWY 6 - 200 acre lot with year round road access, laneway, open pasture lands, stream, and treed in mixed forest. A wonderful setting that's ideal for a building site or use as hobby farm. Income potential plus great hunt lot. Asking \$279,000. MLS#1026659

200 ACRES - hunting property in Tehkummah with a good camp and sauna. Asking \$129,000. MLS#1024159



PROVIDENCE BAY BUNGALOW - One floor living, 3 bdrms & 2 bath located on a pretty one acre lot. Close to the Providence Bay beaches this home features a new furnace installed in 2013, custom kitchen cabinets, thirty five year shingles installed in 2011 & many other renovations & upgrades. Reduced to \$159,900. MLS#1022427



BEAUTIFUL SAND BEACH LOG COTTAGE, NO YARD MAINTENANCE, YEAR ROUND ACCESS!! - Located 15 mins from the golf course, the grocery store & the hospital. This rustic 2 bdrm log cottage comes with a 200 amp hydro service, a drilled well & a cute little Bunkie for your guests. The property has natural landscaping with no grass to cut. The property is situated right in the middle of Square Bay which is one of the islands finest sand beaches! Asking \$250,000. MLS#1021778



SHEGUIANDAH - this 3 bed, 2 bath home is situated on a very nicely landscaped 1 acre lot. There are maple hardwood floors on the main floor & many other recent upgrades. There is a separate entrance that leads to a room that could be used as an office or B+B possibilities. There is a full unfinished basement. Included is 30' x 35' garage for the toys! Asking \$199,900. MLS#1023146



PRIME COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY - Little Current Core Commercial offering with 1,898 square feet on one level, all in excellent condition. Wheel chair accessible, low maintenance exterior, high traffic location in area of mixed office and retail uses. Includes modern interior finish, central air, high efficient propane heating, extensive municipal parking and street grade walk in access. Please call for full particulars. MLS#1026004



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Wikwemikong elders rediscover the fine art and lore of ash baskets

Quickly discovering that traditional basketweaving is anything but a 'slack' course

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMIKONG—Behind the elegant beauty of each traditional Anishinaabe black ash basket lies a tremendous amount of hard work, time and concentration but the reward that comes of the creation of each basket extends back through the reaches of time to establish a connection between artisans and their ancestors and the process helps to bond modern families together.

A five-day workshop facilitated by Anishinaabe kwe fibre artist Renee Dillard of Sault Michigan at Wikwemikong's Amikook elders' centre assisted local elders and the younger members of their families to reconnect with the process.

"We partnered with Wikwemikong Heritage Organization on the Ash Basket workshop, with help and support from Lands and Agriculture, and it was very successful," said Amikook manager Kim Genereux. "The workshop reignited a tradition that many remember their grandparents and parents doing when they were children."

The workshop was a big hit with folks of all ages in the community, she said. "Approximately 50 elders and youth took part in this five-day gathering and they are now the ones that can share their teachings/knowledge."

The workshops ran fairly intensively over the course of the five days, from 9 am to 4 or 5 pm each day, noted Ms. Dillard. The course included the entire gamut of the



The ash basket workshop members line up for a photograph with instructor Renee Dillard and their new ash basket creations following one of the classes.



Isadore Bebamash watched intently as the instructor demonstrates a technique.

to have to work that hard," noted Ms. Dillard. "My father found a couple, Paul and Vivian Jackson, who lived near us and who taught me. Once my grandmother was sure it wasn't just a passing fancy, she agreed to show me the patterns she knew."

The process begins with a walk in the woods. "You put down your television remote, step away from your technology and go for a walk," said Ms. Dillard. That walk

and his sister split the strips of wood." The elders then wove those strips into the intricate patterns that create the baskets.

"It really is a family undertaking," noted Ms. Dillard. "Not everyone is good at the same part of the process. Some are good at doing the pounding while others

up the craft herself because it was something that she found she was good at and that she truly enjoys the act of passing on the skills and knowledge involved and the building of bridges to her people's past.

The advent of the emerald ash borer is also one of the reasons Ms. Dillard said that she goes out



Some of the finished products are laid out on a table for display. The baskets represent many hours of diligent hard work and concentration that went into their creation.

might be best at the weaving; everyone has a part."

Ms. Dillard noted that in her grandmother's time, the making of black ash baskets had also become somewhat debased by commercial considerations. "She never had any use for the tiny baskets that were being made for the tourist trade," she said. "She called them 'fru fru' baskets." But for Native communities in her part of Michigan, those tourist items were a major source of scarce dollars.

Ms. Dillard said that her grandmother was offended by the term 'arts and crafts' in relation to the making of the baskets. "She said it was 'not a hobby,'" recalled Ms. Dillard. "It isn't a hobby," she said. "It is a way of life."

"The elders recall the time when baskets were a part of the community," she said. The process of making the baskets has its own unique sound and cadence, explained Ms. Dillard. "In days of old, the community would not only know who was getting ready to make the baskets, but also who was doing the pounding by the sound," she said.

Ms. Dillard said that she took

of her way to teach the craft. "They are really bad down our way now," she said. She noted that, in her opinion, the best defense against the invasive pest is the collection of seeds. In what might seem counterintuitive to a Northern audience, she finds herself hoping for more severe winter weather with significant temperature drops.

"If the temperature drops low enough, I'm not talking only wind chill now, then the cold will kill off the pests," she said.

Although the work that goes into making the baskets might make creating them a less-than-profitable pastime in a commercial sense, it is not the basket itself that Ms. Dillard considers to be the main goal of the process.

"The basket is really only a by-product," she said. "When we go through the process of making

these baskets, we are walking in the footsteps of our ancestors."

The process teaches a past when Natives were utterly self-reliant and in tune with the land but it was not the hardscrabble existence that is portrayed in film and literature, noted Ms. Dillard. "They had to work hard, but they lived comfortable lives," she said. "We had all of the things that we needed. The white people brought things that we wanted." It is important to realize the difference. "The newcomers brought us the technology of convenience," she said.

Ms. Dillard also creates matts made of bulrushes for historically accurate installations. Those matts would insulate wigwams with the same air pocket technology used today by windows and fibre insulation. "They understood the principles," she said.

Ms. Dillard said that she believes that young people today of all cultures can benefit from a closer and more intimate understanding of the lives and technologies of their ancestors. "You have to understand where you have been to understand where you are going," she said. That understanding can inform the choices that youth today make going forward in their own lives and the modern world.

The black ash basket workshop will be the subject of a five-minute documentary being made with the Kapikoni community film project that is once again visiting Wikwemikong.

The elders of Amikook have also stocked up a good supply of processed black ash strips for future projects. "Amikook has partnered up with Lands and the community to harvest and continue gathering and will come together weekly in the evening at Amikook," noted Ms. Genereux.



Some of the finished baskets bear sweetgrass embellishments to good effect.

"The community is anxious to come together. Some harvesting has started but with the wild rice harvesting and the Wikwemikong Fall Fair this past week, it's been busy. Fortunately this can be done throughout the year, so we hope to be started next week on a regular basis."



Special jigs hold the black ash strips in place as they are carefully split in half to create the raw material for the weaving. Ash baskets weaving traditionally involved whole families.

production cycle, including tree identification and processing and followed the two cardinal rules she said she applies to the process: "Carefully and carefully."

"Renee's teachings/sharing was done with passion and a great sense of humour," noted Ms.

brings you close to nature and the land. "You become closer to Mother Earth," she said.

The selected length of black ash must then be pounded to separate the rings of wood that are peeled away in strips. Each of those



John Jones holds the black ash log while Gavin Bebamikawe carefully separates the strips loosened by the earlier pounding from the log.

Genereux.

The amount of work involved in creating black ash baskets is one of the reasons the art has largely faded away. Ms. Dillard's grandmother only agreed to teach her the patterns she knew once she was convinced that her granddaughter was not pursuing a passing fancy.

"She did not teach her own family because she did not want them

strips must themselves be split apart into two halves and it must be done quickly.

"Black ash hydrates and dehydrates very fast," she explained. "I like to do it within the hour. But once the strips have been separated, they can keep for ages."

"There was one little fellow here, Gavin Bebamikawe that worked his heart out every day pounding the logs," said Ms. Genereux. "He did the pounding



Gavin Babamikawe splits the raw strips of black ash in half. This work must be done within hours of removal from the log. Once the strips are split they can be rolled up and safely stored for later use in weaving.



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Elder abuse warning signs discussed at Elephant in the Room conference

by Michael Erskine
 LITTLE CURRENT—Elder abuse is a decidedly unpalatable subject, but such is the central theme of 'The Elephant in the Room: A workshop concerning elder abuse' conference held at the recreation centre in Little Current on Thursday, September 18.

The daylong conference dealt with a wide range of topics central to aging and seniors' beyond abuse, with seminars on 'assessing medical care,' 'safe medication for seniors, as well as 'elder abuse and bullying.'

The conference was made possible through a grant from the federal New Horizons for Seniors program, noted Serena Verboom, one of the organizers of the program hosted by the Manitoulin Seniors' Services Providers. This was the fourth in a series of conferences being held in communities across Manitoulin.

"I am the token senior on the committee," chuckled retired Manitowaning teacher and current municipal councillor Les Fields. A characterization quickly dispelled by her fellow committee members. "There is nothing token about Les Fields," laughed Ms. Verboom. "She provides a lot of important insights to the committee that we would be hard pressed to do without."

Elder abuse remains the central theme of the conference, noted Ms. Fields. "It really is the elephant in the room. Nobody wants to admit it happens in their family. Nobody wants to think it can happen to them," she said.

But as Josée Miljours, regional elder abuse consultant with Elder Abuse Ontario pointed out in her seminar, elder abuse has "no boundaries, it can happen to anywhere, anytime, to anyone. It occurs in all cultures and faiths and four out of five cases are never reported."

The rate of abuse in Ontario lies somewhere between four and 10 per cent, with the number of those facing abuse standing conservatively at between 60,000 and 150,000. "For those who work with seniors on a daily basis, at least one out of every 10 seniors will experience some form of abuse, according to a 2009 Statistics Canada study," said Ms. Miljours.

Elder abuse is defined as "a single or repeated act, or lack of appropriate action, occurring in any relationship where there is an expectation of trust that causes harm or distress to an older person." The abus-

er can be a spouse, child, family member, friend or paid caregiver.

Elder abuse takes many forms, including financial, physical, psychological, neglect, sexual or a denial of human or civil rights.

Ms. Miljours gave examples of each type of abuse. Financial abuse could mean forcing or tricking a senior into selling his or her property, stealing money or personal possessions, forging signatures, misusing powers of attorney, door to door sales, frauds and scams by telephone, Internet or mail, renovation frauds, identity theft or the ubiquitous 'you have won a prize' scams.

Some types of abuse are more subtle than others, such as children that never move out of the home and don't pay rent. "Children assume that their parents' money is their money too," said Ms. Miljours. "It is going to come to me anyway' is a common sentiment. 'I don't have to pay back loans, it will all be mine some day anyway'."

Often these abuses depend on a parent's reluctance to report their family member.

Examples of psychological abuse include name calling and ignoring the senior, threatening, intimidation and isolation, provoking fear, humiliation, scolding and shouting or other forms of treating an older person like a child.

The warning signs of such abuse include low self-esteem, agitation, difficulty sleeping or needing excessive sleep, waiting for the caregiver to respond to questions, being prevented from having visitors or going out, unexplained fearfulness or tearfulness.

Physical abuse includes the use of force that may result in bodily injury, physical pain or impairment. Examples include hitting, pushing, biting, rough handling, shaking, burning or the over medicating or sedating of a senior. Warning signs include unexplained and/or frequent injuries, fearfulness and anxiety around certain people and depression or passivity.

Neglect can include malnourishment, denial of medical attention or treatment, over medication or lack of medication, being left in unsafe or isolated places or inadequate hygiene. The warning signs include unpleasant odours, missing dentures, hearing aids or glasses, untreated bedsores and/or dehydration.

Sexual abuse is non-con-



Presenters Dr. James Chau, Monica Bretzlaff and Roxanne Makela presented Conversation Pieces—Accessing Medical Care and Josée Miljours spoke on Elder Abuse and bullying at the Elephant in the Room workshop at the Little Current Rec Centre.

sensual sexual contact of any kind with an elderly person. That includes unwanted touching, sexual harassment and sexual assault. Warning signs include bruising, infections, the person being fearful and anxious or depressed.

The denial of human or civil rights is defined as any act that denies a person's rights as outlined in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms or other declarations.

Rights of the elderly include dignity and respect, autonomy, independence, access to information, privacy, freedom, confidentiality, safety and security and the basic requirements for life. Warning signs include difficulty visiting, calling or contacting an older person, making excuses for social isolation or reluctance to participate in decision-making.

The typical victim of elder abuse is a female over the age of 75 who is living with their abusers, is often reluctant to report the abuse, is socially isolated, under the influence of the abuser and who may have some physical impairment or mental incapacity.

The typical abuser is a family member, often a dependent of the older person for finances, may be resentful of their caregiver role, lacking in personal and community support, having alcohol and/or drug dependencies and often have a history of mental illness or emotional problems.

Another significant issue for the elderly is senior bullying, noted Ms. Miljours. That is the activity of repeated, aggressive behaviour intended to hurt another person, physically or mentally, she said. "It is characterized by an individual behaving in a certain way to gain power over another person and can include verbal harassment or threats, physical assault or intimidation

place such as seniors' centres, church groups, day care centres and other locations. It often involves vocal insults over board games or the pool table, dining room cliques, being inconsiderate of others when operating motorized vehicles, shunning or exclusion and controlling attitudes. "Often we see the same people who were bullies in school engaging in the same behaviour as seniors," she said.

The victims of bullying cross all boundaries, with men and women equally being victims or the aggressor. Women tend toward passive aggressive bullying while men tend to the more direct forms. Often bullying is not a direct function of aging at all, but simply a continuation of lifelong antisocial behaviour.

"Some people don't adjust well to aging and can

become disruptive and abusive, pushing people away from group activities, social activities or meal time," noted Ms. Miljours.

Like other forms of bullying, combating the condition among seniors often requires a proactive stance, reporting incidents, putting in place anti-bullying policies and training caregivers in how to respond. "Bullying behaviour should not be ignored," noted Ms. Miljours. "The behaviour can often escalate."

Among those agencies that you can turn to regarding elder abuse are police agencies, Crimestoppers, the Community Care Access Centres and particularly the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly (ACE) at 416-598-2656 or Elder Abuse Ontario at 705-525-0077. There is also a 24/7 toll free line for seniors and their families at 866-299-1011.

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Watch for details.

Me to We spokespeople encourage Mustangs to give back to their communities

by Betty Bardswich

M'CHIGEENG—In 1995, a 12-year-old Thornhill boy, along with 11 of his school friends, gathered to start an organization called Free the Children. Craig Kielburger had read a story in the Toronto Star about Iqbal Masih of India who became a slave at the age of four. Iqbal died speaking out for children's rights and Craig was moved to do something about the plight of youngsters who had been sold into slavery. From that small beginning, the organization grew to be an international charity comprised of more than 2.3 million youth.

In 2008, Craig, along with his brother Marc, started the Me to We organization, a for-profit enterprise from which half the monies made go to Free the Children. With support from entertainers such as Nelly Furtado, Demi Lovato, Jennifer Hudson and the Jonas Brothers, the association sells bracelets, necklaces and other pieces sourced from around the world.

On September 30 two members of Me to We travelled from Toronto to M'Chigeeng to speak to the students of Manitoulin Secondary School about making change in their communities. Amanda Wand and O'Neil Gaudet spoke of the need for students to take action in their own neighbourhood with a talk entitled 'Give Where you Live.'

Ms. Wand and Mr. Gaudet began by telling the students that they are passionate about their work with Me to We Free the Children and told a little about themselves. Ms. Wand, of Gananoque, is a farm pageant winner, won a restaurant service award as the best server in Ontario and is opening at an art gallery in New York City in February. Mr. Gaudet, formerly of Massachusetts, moved to Toronto a year ago and loves Canada. The couple has worked in Ecuador and Nicaragua in the past, but are now speaking across Canada about the need for people to help their own neighbourhood. "To have the power, will and drive to help your community," Mr. Gaudet told the students. "When someone gives something, there is a gain to both the giver and the community," Mr. Gaudet explained. "There



Me to We organization members Amanda Wand and O'Neil Gaudet spoke to Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) students about making changes in their neighbourhoods with a talk titled 'Give Where You Live.'

is pride, sense of purpose and being bigger than yourself."

Mr. Gaudet went on to explain that he and Ms. Wand were able to travel to M'Chigeeng with the support of telecommunications company TELUS, the first Canadian company to be named the most outstanding philanthropic corporation and thus win a global award in 2010.

Mr. Gaudet also told the audience that people who give are 42 percent happier than people who don't and that there are scientific reasons why giving makes one feel good. "When you give," he said, "you get a glimpse of how perfect you are."

"Everyone has something they are passionate about," Ms. Wand added, as she went on to talk about what bothers people from bullying, poverty, human rights, animal rights and mental health issues. Ms. Wand explained that in Canada, one in three students will experience bullying, 3 million people have mental health issues of which only one in five will receive the help they need, one in five youth live in poverty and 100,000 youth are homeless.

The couple explained that there are many things youth can do to make their communities a better place. "Pick up trash,

ask a new student to sit with you, hold an adopt a dog day, meet with your local representative and volunteer" were some of the ideas given to the MSS students. "Volunteering is a surprising fun way to spend

your time and meet good people. Volunteering and giving to your community is the best. And defines who you are"

"Never underestimate the power of your actions on others," Mr. Gaudet added.

The couple outlined three ways to give including do a local action for your community and take a picture, log actions and get points for your school at TELUS Wise, change your world 365 days a year and download the App We365 and thirdly, take action by attending the leadership camps run all summer by Me to We throughout Canada.

The duo also talked of some of the actions people had taken in their communities including the fact that Ms. Wand held a love rally to stop homophobic words and actions where she lives, Trisha Prabhu of Chicago, a 13-year-old, became a finalist in Google's Global Science Fair for her project on how to stop cyber bullying and two young girls started a taxi service for people who had been drinking.

"The decision is yours," Mr. Gaudet added in closing, "the outcome is everyone's."

photo by Betty Bardswich



LC Legion gives back through first clothing and food drive

The Little Current Legion Branch 177 recently held its first clothing and food drive as part of its Legion Week activities (September 22 to 28). Members of the Legion officially donated the many collected items to Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Help Centre in Mindemoya. "We are extremely excited and grateful for the Legion's donation, especially at this time of year," said Help Centre Project Manager Nancy McDermid. "The donated clothing will go to our Treasures Thrift Shop (with proceeds going to the food bank) and the food to our food bank." From left is Ms. McDermid, Help Centre Assistant Project Manager Katie Arsenault and Little Current Legion Public Relations Coordinator Monique Barnes. Anyone interested in donating to the MFR can stop by the office drop off bins at 27 Forest Street, Mindemoya (behind the police station).

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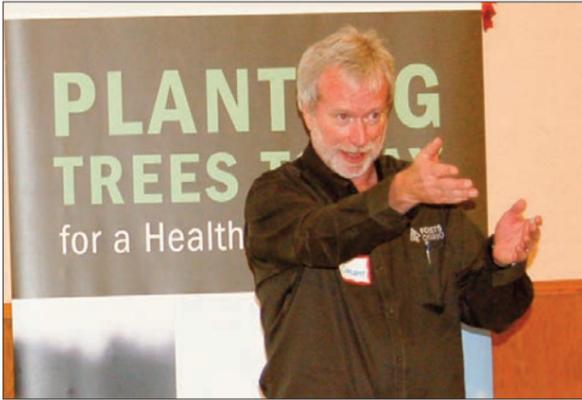
by Heather Pennie
 MANITOWANING—Manitoulin landowners are now able to apply for subsidies that will allow them to reforest their properties. The 50 Million Tree Program, which is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, is the Ontario government's commitment to plant 50 million trees by 2025 to help fight climate change and re-green the province.

At a meeting held last week in Manitowaning, Al Corlett, the director of programs for Trees Ontario, explained to interested Island residents the scope of the 50 Million Tree Program.

"We have landowners that have all kinds of different objectives," noted Mr. Corlett. He explained that some people want to provide wildlife habitat, while others wish to enhance their land for recreation, add value to their property and even to establish forests for future generations. Eligible projects include windbreaks, block planting and riparian planting.

The program, which has existed in southern Ontario for many years, is now expanding to northern parts of the province.

The requirements for the program include the need for at least one hectare (2.5 acres) of productive planting area and the land must be mostly open and not have been a woodland since 1990.



Al Corlett from the Trees Ontario initiative met with Manitoulin residents who are interested in reforesting their property.

In order to receive the subsidy of up to \$1.35 per tree, the landowner must sign a 15-year agreement to maintain the trees, employ good forestry practices and assume the costs associated with implementing the plan and tree maintenance.

Those interested in the program can complete an application. After applying, one of the three Manitoulin planting delivery agents will contact landowners and set up a site visit to determine the local conditions. In consultation with the landowners, the best native trees to plant at the site will be determined. This is an important aspect to the program to ensure that the trees will be viable. In future, seeds will be gathered locally to ensure that trees planted are native to the area.

Landowners in attendance at the meeting had many questions about the

program including what sort of site preparation is involved and what supports are in place.

"We have local experts in place," explained Mr. Corbett. These professionals can offer advice on the elimination of competition vegetation for site preparation, forest management, and can provide these services.

It was noted at the meeting that the subsidy won't cover the entire cost of tree planting projects, and landowners will need to contribute a portion. Usually the landowner portion will be for site preparation and maintenance costs, with the cost of the tree seedling being covered by the program. For more information, or to apply to the 50 Million Tree Program, email info@treesontario.ca, visit their website www.treesontario.ca or call toll free 1-877646-1193.

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Hilarious and sexy indie folk artist Big Mama Lele to play Manitoulin

by Robin Burrige

SHEGUIANDAH—The Yukon's Big Mama Lele will be making a stop at Manitoulin's Rue Studio in Sheguiandah tomorrow, Thursday, October 16, as part of her 26 date North American 'Singles' tour from the Yukon to Vermont.

"This will be my second time visiting Manitoulin," said Amelia Merhar, who goes by the stage name Big Mama Lele. "Last time was in the dead of winter, so I'm excited to be coming in the fall this year."

Ms. Merhar explained she started singing while hitchhiking several years ago, and picked up the steel ukulele in Vermont (where she will be ending her tour) because of its convenient size for traveling.

"My Singles tour is to promote my latest album, 'Singles,' which I released in April of this year," Ms. Merhar told The Expositor. "It's also word play because I'm single. The tour has been going really well. It has been a lot of fun."

Big Mama Lele was awarded runner-up for the Best Emerging Artist at the Yukon Arts Audience Awards in June 2014.



Big Mama Lele will be playing a show on Manitoulin on Thursday, October 16 at Rue Studio in Sheguiandah.

She describes her music as "hilarious and sexy indie folk" and writes about a variety of subjects from living in the Yukon, life in a cabin and hauling water, to life on the road ('Dirty Old Man Not getting Some') and 'Montreal Boys,' which depicts "hipster boys in Montreal who wear plaid shirts but don't know how to start a fire," explained Mr. Merhar.

Big Mama Lele will be performing at Rue

Studio in Sheguiandah tomorrow night (October 16) at 7 pm. Admission is \$10 or by donation (pay what you can).

Rue Studio is located 100 Townline Road

in Sheguiandah. Call 705-368-1438 for more information or visit www.bigmamalele.com.



Dress for the Cause

The Little Current United Church (LCUC) is doing its part to raise funds toward life saving breast cancer research by hosting a Dress for the Cause event on Sunday, October 26 in the church hall from 11 am to 1 pm. Just \$10 will get you a delicious selection of sandwiches, squares, tea and coffee plus a Dress for the Cause t-shirt like the one sported by Northeast Town Councillor Michael Erskine, all for a great cause. Mr. Erskine is seen with the LCUC's Gail Gjos, one of the head organizers behind the event.

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Assiginack Council Notes

New attraction in the works for Assiginack

Events coordinator Jackie White approached council with the idea of creating a roadside tourist attraction for the municipality.

Last month Ms. White met with Laval Bouchard of Massey who is well known for his steel statues which dot the Highway 17 landscape along the North Shore.

“He has been doing this type of steel work for years and his art is now throughout North America as tourists stop on the side of the road and either buy pieces or hire him on the spot,” she said. “Municipalities have also hired him.”

Seeking other like artists, she found that Mr. Bouchard’s rate is far more reasonable and that he would be willing to create a piece of a whitetail deer jumping a split rail fence—both symbols of Manitoulin Island—for \$10,000.

“The intent of purchasing this roadside attraction is to stop people and get them to pause in our town,” Ms. White added. “Whether they take a picture or just look at it, we have an opportunity to show them what we have to offer. They can stop in at the information booth when it is open, or we are planning on redoing our big bulletin board so they have two more opportunities to learn more about our community.”

“As well,” she continued, “it gives us another platform for social media exposure of our municipality, including our website, the actual ‘Canadian roadside attractions’ website, blog, Facebook and Twitter.”

The statue will also nicely play off the successful White-

tail Deer Show, which will continue each year.

Council debated the funding of the \$10,000, with Councillor Brenda Reid suggesting that local businesses be approached for donations to help offset the costs. She also noted that the community could use new roadside signs as well on either side of Manitowaning.

“I mean, we’ve spent \$1,200 on two new picnic tables,” Councillor Reid added.

Council agreed with soliciting local businesses and debated at length how to fund the rest.

Public works superintendent Ron Cooper, who also sits on the Whitetail Deer Show committee, suggested taking a loan from the municipality with the proceeds from the show going toward paying the loan back. While the problem of funding was not nailed down, everyone agreed that the project should go ahead and gave Ms. White the go ahead to solicit Mr. Bouchard to begin work this fall.

OPP costing

Council received the new costing model from the Ontario Provincial Police, along with new rates for service. Assiginack can now expect to pay almost an additional \$24,000 per year, or \$2,000 each month extra.

Assiginack clinic repair report

Assiginack council reviewed a report from Architecture 49 regarding a leak resulting from the skylight located at the peak of the Assiginack Medical Clinic’s sloped roof.

The architects recommend eight items to repair and fix the leak, which may only remedy the situation for three to seven years unless the skylight is removed and replaced with glass along with a new roof structure, or entirely a new roof.

“I just hope we can get it fixed,” said Councillor Paul Moffat.

CAO Alton Hobbs said as yet, there was no time-frame for the work to be finished.

Accounts for payment

Council authorized accounts for payment in the sums of \$42,555.25, general, and \$20,193.66, payroll.

No objection for easement

Council received an application for consent from the Manitoulin Planning Board for Elwood, Eddy and Merle Sagle regarding 1032 Slash Road, Concession 15, Part Lot 8, for a right of way for access over Lonesome Pine Trail to access Part Lot 3, 31R-1556.

Council had no objections.

Harvest Glory Days

Reeve Brad Ham noted the exceptional job the community has done, once again, in decorating for the Harvest Glory Days contest sponsored by The Manitoulin Expositor.

“I don’t think there’s a pumpkin left in Ontario!” he laughed.

Northeast Town Council Notes

Library to purchase early learning station

The Northeast Town council approved a request from the Little Current Public Library board to remove up to \$3,145 from the library’s reserves to use toward the purchase of an early learning computer station for the facility.

“The early learning station is for the use of our youngest patrons,” explained a letter from library board chair Marian Barnett to council. “This is a learning device consisting of a 20-inch touch screen, pre-loaded with over 65 software titles that span all curricula areas. This special workstation for children contains all the programs needed for two to eight-year-olds to interact and engage in learning fun right at the library.”

“We are hoping to fundraise for some of the costs, but I would like to ask for up to \$3,100 of the cost in case the library doesn’t raise as much as they hope,” explained Councillor Christina Jones, council’s representative on the board.

“I think early childhood literacy is incredibly important,” said Councillor Dawn Orr, “and it is great that they are trying to raise some money as well.”

Council carried a motion, allowing the library board to use up to \$3,145 from its reserves for the new station.

Manitoulin Streams donation request

Council received a donation request from Manitoulin Streams asking for council to match its \$5,000 donation to the organization from last year. Council decided to defer the request to its budget discussions later this fall.

“I am very much in support of this organization

and the work that they do, but it should be looked at as part of our (2015) budget,” said Councillor Michael Erskine.

Council supports Manitoulin cycling

The Northeast Town council carried a motion to donate \$200 towards the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) trip to the 29th annual International Bike Show in Toronto where the organization will be promoting Manitoulin Island as a cycling tourism destination.

Council also agreed to send a letter of support to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports regarding MICA’s funding application for bike route signs.

Northeast Town objects to Saturday closure of LC post office

Council directed staff to send a letter to Canada Post objecting to the closure of the Little Current Post Office on Saturdays after reading a letter from Canada Post informing council that it could be a possibility in the future.

Financial reports

Town treasurer Sheryl Wilkin reviewed the financial reports with the administration and finance committee. After going over the municipal vouchers for September, she explained the accounts receivable for water/sewer.

“There were 21,098.04 payments in September,” said Ms. Wilkin. “Currently there are 14 accounts over \$500, of those, five were due to penalties applied for September and there have been nine disconnections.”

As for taxes, Ms. Wilkin

noted that there were \$591,656.71 in payments made in September.

OPP Billing

The Northeast Town council reviewed its 2015

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) bill which the town had recently received. Council was pleased to

learn that their bill had dropped under the new model (being introduced in 2015) by \$107,000.

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Expositor Correction

A page 1 story in the October 8, 2014 edition of The Manitoulin Expositor ‘Gore Bay dentist settles Ont. Human Rights charges and will issue public apology’ incorrectly identified the plaintiff as Henry Pitawanakwat when the plaintiff was actually Henry Panamick of M’Chigeeng. The Expositor regrets the error.

Tehkummah Talk

Not a whisper of wind
To rustle a leaf
Not the sound of a bird
The stillness is brief
Off in the far distance
I hear a goose call
While the world is just
Waiting for fall
The mystery of seasons
So hard to explain
The sunshine cloud pictures
The down pouring rain
Time is the essence
We hark to the call
Those autumn hues
Colours of fall
The russets the yellows
The oranges and reds
The soft falling leaves
Float to their winter beds
The carpet just rustles
As I walk through
Another fall season
With you

The gardens the harvest
Is all put away
The first fire of fall
Was just lit today
The cold winter threatens
Too soon we'll see snow
To Florida
We all should go
P. Hall, Oct. 2014

Nelda Horn, thank you for your nice note and all the data on the Kangaroo Rats and Mice. It was definitely a "RAT," even though they are "NOT" supposed to be here. Hello to your sister.

Early deadline, I've just got home from Mindemoya, had lunch at the Soup and Sandwich. I wanted to catch up to my "Sissy" but somehow that didn't work.

Did say hello to Betty and Doug, and Audrey (Haggard), little chats.

Nice bunch for cribbage and more amazing food again. Ruth (McDonald) was my partner today. First: Betty Jean and Bill-

964, Second: Audrie and Lois- 933, Third: Cal and Gib- 928, Low: Lori and Rick- 839, High Hand: Gib- 22, Door: Rick and Lois.

Reading Nicholas Sparks "Safe Haven," can't put it down, too realistic.

I missed the reeves speeches on Wednesday evening, but thought they had a fine slate running for council.

I was going to stand up and say "what about me?" when they were talking about getting/welcoming new people into the township. I've had quite a few folk say they came because of my column!! (To the Island

even.)

Hey, they had a full hall; a lot of interest it seems, and issues I guess. Me, I want the post office back too! Can council do that?

Not enough out for euchre, so I went to Mom's for cribbage. Beat her good the first game, Susan came along and all of us won a game, a couple of skunks in the mix. This early deadline shortens up the info available; hope your thanksgiving was wonderful. I hate the fact that despite the fading colour there is also a baring look to the trees.



farm facts and furrows

by OMAFRA Ag Rep Brian Bell



Ontario pesticide survey

The Ontario pesticide survey can be found at www.ontariopesticidesurvey.ca and is anonymous. Only a respondents' county/district information will be collected to help determine crop protection product usage in different parts of the province. Crop product use data has been collected across Ontario every five years since 1973. The data has allowed both regulatory and policy makes to track trends in pesticide use and make informed decisions. For more information contact Bruce Kelly at 519-837-1326 x. 292 or via email at bruce@farmfoodcare.org

barn? If not, how would you know how much nutrients have you applied through manure and how much would you need to apply through chemical fertilizers? Test your manure whenever you apply manure to your fields. Nutrient content in the manure could vary from season to season and from farm to farm depending upon the feed type and contents of nutrients in the feed. For details on manure sampling and management, visit www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/crops/pub/b811/9manure.htm#nutrient. In some cases and for some crops manure application alone could meet phosphorus and potassium requirements of crops.

Manure testing

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Ben and Crystal Lentir work on replacing the cedar shingles on the roof of the log cabin at the Pioneer Museum in Mindemoya.

140-year-old Pioneer Museum building gets a helping hand

by Jan McQuay

MINDEMOYA—Ben and Crystal Lentir replaced the cedar shingles on the front roof of the log cabin at the Pioneer Museum in Mindemoya recently, finishing just in time for the Open House held on the last Sunday in September.

It's not an easy task, especially on a steep roof, but the Lentirs have worked with cedar shingles many times. In fact, the last time was a few weeks ago, putting new cedar shingle siding on their house. "You have to take care not to put weight on them or they could crack. And the gap between the shingles has to be just right so after it rains the air will flow in to dry the sur-

rounding shingles," explained Ms. Lentir.

The log cabin was originally built by William and Agnes King in 1874, shortly after they moved to Manitoulin Island. In the early 1900s it was moved to Lake Mindemoya where the Brookwood Brae Golf Course is located. Jack and Marion Seabrook lived in it as a summer cottage from 1960 to 1963. In 1993 they donated it to the Central Manitoulin Historical Society and it was moved to the Pioneer Museum grounds in Mindemoya. The logs have lasted 140 years. The new cedar shingles will prevent leaks and help preserve the cabin for many more, a part of our heritage for everyone to enjoy.

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