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## Bad roads ahead...



Several Manitoulin residents and local, municipal and provincial leaders have voiced their concerns with the condition of many highways on the Island, including, left, this section of Highway 540 in Gordon/Barrie Island, just past the airport turnoff on the way to Evansville and, centre and right photos, another section of Highway 540.

## Highways 542/551 and western 540 seriously deteriorated and MPP Mantha files concerns with transportation minister

*Minister Mulroney commits to work on sections this fall*

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While residents, local, municipal and provincial political leaders have voiced their concerns with what some are calling “deplorable” road conditions, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has outlined its plans for

this year to improve many of these roads.

“Some of the highway roads I saw are in deplorable condition,” stated Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin after a visit he made to the Island recently. “It is as if someone has blown up

some of the roads.”

“I was on the Island March 26 and had seen videos and photographs of some of the road conditions and after my visit, I presented all of this to transportation Minister Caroline Mulroney,” said MPP Mantha. “I mentioned to the minister that I know that funding is being provided to carry out improvements on the Highway from Little Current to Whitefish Falls this summer, but I said work needs to be done on highways 540 and 542 as well.”

MPP Mantha said on his recent visit he had visited a couple of the highways, Highway 542 from Gore Bay to Providence Bay and on to Mindemoya, and Highway 540 from Gore Bay to Evansville (through Gordon/Barrie Island).

lot of Island residents don’t like to do many things online, “and with our general membership meetings, we used to get about 20 members in attendance, but at our last meeting we had six members attend.”

In a letter sent out to all RCL branch 177 members, Ms. Eadie

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## Without filling its executive roles, Little Current Legion faces shutdown

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—In order to keep the Little Current Branch 177 of the Royal Canadian Legion (RCL) open, the positions of president and secretary-treasurer will need to be filled at a nomination meeting being held later this month.

“Legion president Ruth Eadie wants to step down, and with Kathy Morrison having moved off the Island Linda Bowerman has filled in over the past couple of years as secretary-treasurer,” said Judy Miller, membership chair of the Legion. “Linda is definitely willing to remain and help out as a member but doesn’t want to continue as the secretary-treasurer.”

“Ruth had given her notice on January 1 that she would like to step down,” said Ms. Miller. “So, we need two additional positions to be filled to continue to operate; the positions of president and secretary-treasurer.”

“The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly been challenging,” said Ms. Miller. She pointed out, that a

## Kenjgewin Teg gets \$4.5 million to train new PSWs and RPNs

M’CHIGEENG—Kenjgewin Teg is pleased to be named in Ontario’s initiative to support the workforce demands of the healthcare sector for more personal support workers (PSW) and registered practical nurses (RPN) and will be receiving over \$4.5 million in funding support over the next three years. These supports include tuition and supplies for students and dedicated faculty and instructional support in Kenjgewin Teg’s community-based delivery of the PSW and RPN programs.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has partnered with Indigenous Institutes in Ontario to support the culturally

responsive training of PSWs, RPNs and registered nurses (RNs). By doing so, the goal of Ontario is to meet the complex and diverse needs of individuals in communities and long-term care homes, including Indigenous peoples across Ontario.

“We know we can embed Anishinabek values, language, customs and traditions as part of our holistic well-being model to the education and training of our PSW students,” said Whitney McGraw. Ms. McGraw is an RN working with Kenjgewin Teg for the past four years in numerous capacities.

Ms. McGraw currently sup-  
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## Regional Chief Glen Hare says Pope’s apology only valid if made in Canada

by Tom Sasvari

M’CHIGEENG—While Pope Francis apologized for the Roman Catholic Church’s role in residential schools last week, the regional chief for the Chiefs of Ontario says it will not mean anything until the same apology is made in Canada.

“To me, the apology from the Pope doesn’t mean anything until he comes here to Canada and apologizes,” said Glen Hare, Regional Chief for the Chiefs of Ontario. He explained, “I had declined participating as part of the delegation to Rome because I believe, and still do, that the trip was for the survivors of the residential schools to make, not me.”

“I’ll participate when the Pope comes to Canada to apologize and the apology should be made in Canada directly to our people,” said Chief Hare.

Chief Hare continued, “and I don’t think the apology will make a difference until we bring every last child home from the residen-

tial schools is home. I have heard that the last count is 4,100, and there will be more.”

Chief Hare said that the release of the names and records of all the missing children from residential schools need to be provided to Indigenous leaders.

Pope Francis has apologized for the Roman Catholic Church’s role in residential schools. The Pontiff, speaking in Italian, asked for

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## Island farmers told Ukraine war threatens Canada’s food supply chain

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
MANITOULIN—Ontario farmers are warning that the Russian invasion of Ukraine could jeopardize the global food supply chain and impact the 2022 crop season, driving up prices in the short term. Paul Sharpe of Sharpe Farm Supplies Ltd. explained why to members of Manitoulin Cattleman’s Association, at its virtual Beef and Crop Info Day on March 23. The Sharpes continue to farm in Wellington County, Ontario as a cash crop and beef operation, and have a number of retail locations throughout the province, including ones in Manitoulin and Espanola.

The war in Ukraine is a “black swan” event, said Mr. Sharpe. “It came out of left field,” he explained. “No one saw it coming but the ramifications are massive.”

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## UN video features Island elders

*Worldwide premiere ushers in UN ‘Decade of Healthy Ageing’*

by Michael Erskine

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—A group of Anishinaabe elders from communities across Manitoulin Island gathered in a board room in the early morning hours at Noojmowin Teg to take part in the official launch of the United Nations (UN) Decade of Healthy Ageing videos. The video premiere held personal importance for the elders, as they had created one of the three videos being streamed across the globe by the World Health Organization.

“In 2021, groups of older people from Canada, (and from far-off nations of) Jordan and Togo were involved in a project to ensure their voices were

heard from the start of the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing (2021-2030),” explained facilitator Gregor Sneddon, executive director of HelpAge Canada. “This project used the participatory video (PV) methodology to strengthen the meaningful engagement of older people in the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing’s activities. Older people brought their experience, perspectives and expertise to find solutions to issues that matter to them.”

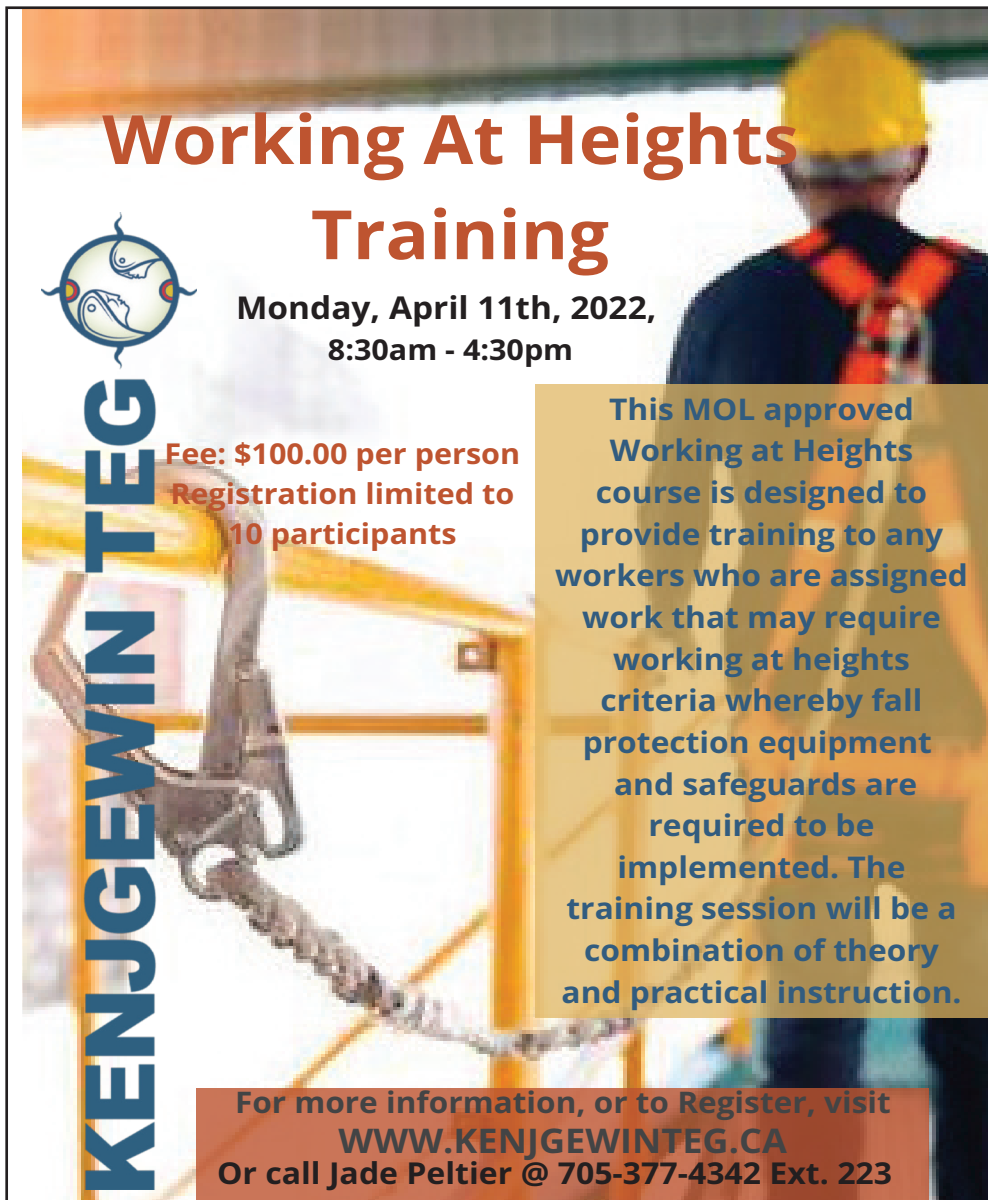
Mr. Sneddon went on to explain that HelpAge Canada convened a group of elders from Manitoulin

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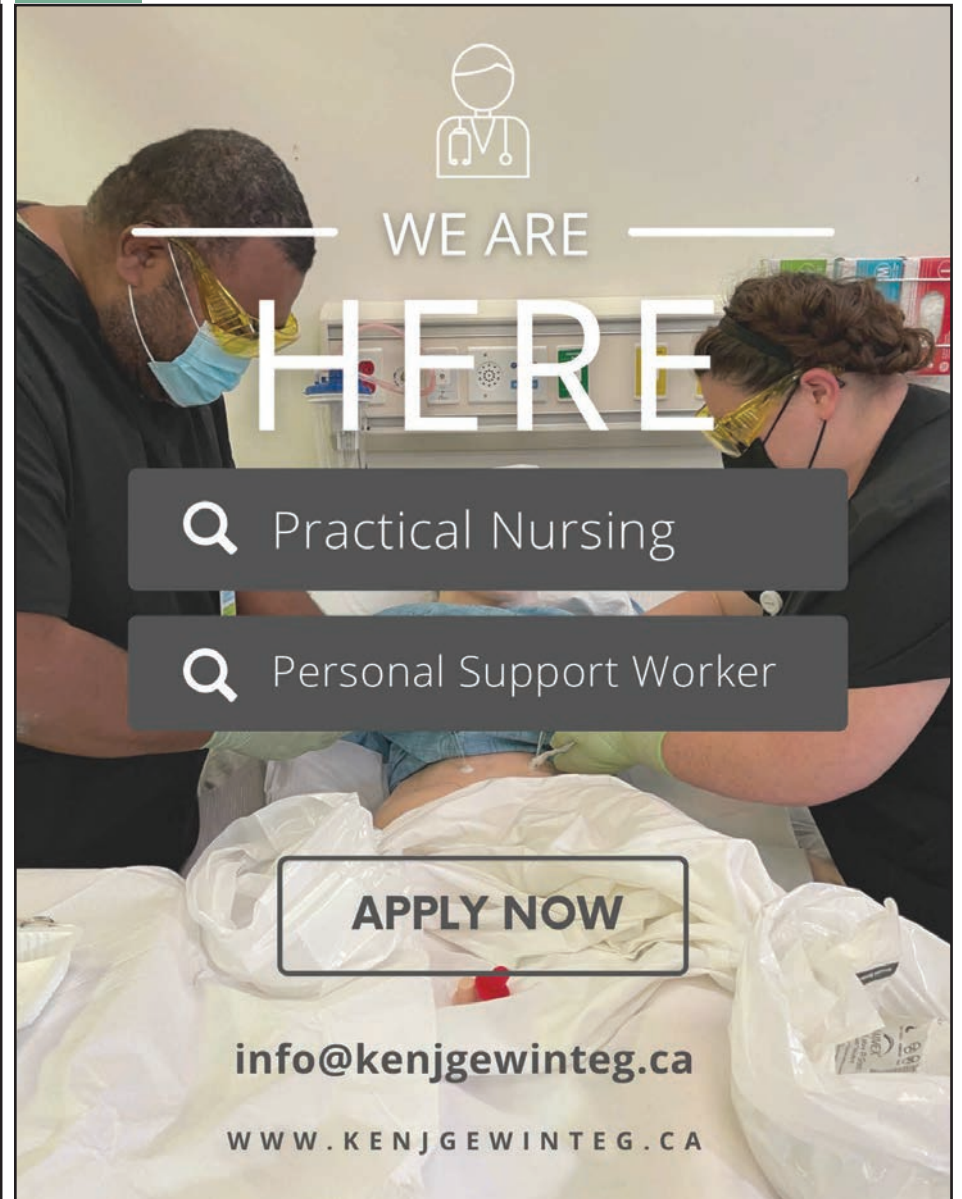
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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

## Dewar family annual maple syrup auction benefits cancer foundation

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY—It is an annual Manitoulin Island tradition, one that not only provides the winning bidder some of Manitoulin's finest maple syrup, but it also helps to raise funds for the Northern Cancer Foundation.

The Dewar family's eighth annual maple syrup auction, held on Facebook, runs from Monday April 4 starting at 1 pm and continuing until this Friday, April 8 at 6 pm.

"As most syrup producers might tell you, the 2022 year has started off pretty slow but with some patience and calling in a few favours from mother nature, the Dewar family has had steam rolling and has produced the first, the best, the most delicious, absolutely incredible litre of

Manitoulin's finest maple syrup."

"And we would like you (bidders) to have it!" stated Travis Dewar. "It's super easy to make it yours! Just bid, then bid again and bid some more! When others outbid you, bid even higher!"

Proceeds raised through bids on the maple syrup, as well as donations from the auction, will be donated as usual to the Northern Cancer Foundation. All donors receive a tax receipt for their charitable donations. "To date, the Dewar Family Syrup Shack has raised \$9,621 in bids and donations for the Northern Cancer Foundation," said Mr. Dewar. "What a huge number!"

Mr. Dewar explained, "the highest bidder not only gets the



The Dewar family of Providence Bay, at their maple syrup shack, are preparing for the annual auction of the first litre. The Dewar family is holding its eighth annual maple syrup auction, which began on Monday and will continue until Friday, April 8 until 6 pm. Proceeds raised through the winning bid on the maple syrup, as well as donations from the auction, will go to the Northern Cancer Foundation.

first precious litre of deliciousness, they get the satisfaction of knowing that they have helped

those affected by cancer here in Northern Ontario."

As usual, the Dewar family

will have milestone prizes, which are smaller, but still very sweet, for bidders who push the auction over these pre-determined milestones, explained Mr. Dewar.

Bids must be placed on the original auction post, which will be found on the Dewar Family Maple Syrup Facebook page. "Let's make this a record setting year! Last year, our auction went to new heights with the winning bid of \$1,100."

"If anyone has any questions about the auction or would like to make a donation, please feel free to contact us through our Facebook page, (Dewar Family Maple Syrup Shack) or via phone at 705-929-3137," added Mr. Dewar.

You can also check out the Dewar Family Maple Syrup Shack in the Northern Cancer Foundation commercial: [www.facebook.com/1106275736181990/posts/2063777657098455/?fnsn=mo](https://www.facebook.com/1106275736181990/posts/2063777657098455/?fnsn=mo)

## Gore Bay Airport receives \$187,131 in federal funding

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport is one of seven airports in Northeastern Ontario that are sharing more than \$5.7 million in funding from the federal government.

The Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport Commission received funding in the amount of \$187,131.

"Regional air transportation ecosystems are critical for the thousands of workers employed by this sector and for the businesses and communities that depend on it," said the Honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of Indigenous services and minister responsible for FedNor, in making the announcement March 30.

Along with the Gore Bay Manitoulin Airport Commission, other airports to receive funding include the City of Timmins, Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority, Kirkland Lake, Wawa, Hearst and Moosonee.

Robby Colwell, manager of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport told The Expositor, "the funds we obtained through the Regional Air Transportation Initiative (RATI) last year offered necessary financial assistance to help us navigate the beast of COVID. These funds enabled us to continue operating as an important community transportation infrastructure, (certified aerodrome) offering critical essential services, without compromising our service deliverables and safety culture."

"The RATI funds helped cover operating deficits caused by loss of revenue, mostly experienced by decline in the corporate and charter aircraft sector," said Mr. Colwell. He added, "our thanks for the exceptional cooperation from FedNor personnel in facilitating the application process."

## Ontario supporting Indian residential school survivors, families and UOI communities

NIPISSING FIRST NATION—Ontario is providing \$412,500 to support the Anishinabek Nation with a range of initiatives to educate and inform the public about the history and legacy of the Indian Residential School (IRS) System in its territory, and to help survivors living in the 39 Anishinabek Nation member First Nations (which includes all Manitoulin Island First Nations) share their stories.

"Our government is committed to providing a full range of financial supports for communities and regional organizations, like the Anishinabek Nation," said Greg Rickford, minister of Indigenous affairs. "We continue to work with Indigenous partners to explore opportunities to deepen Ontarians' collective awareness and understanding of the terrible legacy of the Indian residential school system as we advance meaningful reconciliation."

This funding will support commemoration, research and information sharing as well as education, outreach, and support and advocacy for survivors, their families and communities. The funding is in addition to the IRS funding for communities that are leading burial investigations at former IRS sites across Ontario.

In addition, funding will support the implementation of a multimedia campaign that will create programming to combat the negative intergenerational affects caused by Indian residential schools while promoting healing and reconciliation. This funding will also help identify the current resources available within the Anishinabek Nation, in order to respond to the mental health and trauma-related impact of ongoing and future IRS investigations and will help address the gaps survivors continue to face.

"We commend the Ontario government's efforts to support (IRS) initiatives for Anishinabek communities," said Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe, Anishinabek Nation. "This investment will support important public education components of the history, legacy, and impacts that residential schools have had on our Nation. Most importantly, it will help encourage survivors and families to come together to share their stories of healing, strength, and survival."

Ontario continues to seek direction from Indigenous partners on their funding needs for IRS burial investigations and related work and is committed to ensuring that communities and organizations can access funding and provincial supports to undertake this critical work.

## Mindemoya resident dies in Highway 17 collision

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—A Manitoulin Island man has been identified as the victim of a fatal collision that took place on Highway 17 in Algoma Mills on Tuesday, March 29.

The East Algoma detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reported that 62-year-old Dennis Zarvie of Mindemoya died as a result of the accident.

An OPP release explains, "on March 29, shortly after 3 pm, members of the East Algoma detachment of the OPP and local first responders responded to a fatal motor vehicle collision on Highway 17 in Algo-

ma Mills. A pickup truck was travelling westbound when it left the highway and rolled onto its roof in the south side ditch. The driver was pronounced deceased at the scene."

"On March 31, 2022, a post-mortem examination took place in Sault Ste. Marie at the Centre of Forensic Sciences (CFS), and the deceased driver has been identified as Dennis Zarvie, 62 years of age, from Mindemoya."

The investigation is ongoing with the OPP's Northeast region traffic incident management and enforcement team (TIME) and the technical collision investigators (TCI).

## Five new modular homes to be constructed to support people seeking affordable housing

ZHIIBAHAASING FIRST NATION—Five new modular houses are expected to be constructed in Zhiibaahaasing First Nation by December of this year to support on and off-reserve members of the community who are having trouble finding housing.

Kevin Mossip, Zhiibaahaasing First Nation band councillor, told The Expositor last week, "under the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), we applied for, and have been approved for funding to build five new housing units." Three of the new houses will include two bedrooms, and two housing units will include three bedrooms.

Funding of \$1.446 million was provided by CMHC in funding to Zhiibaahaasing. "The total cost of the project from clearing brush, construction of the buildings and turn-key is approximately \$1.9 million. Our First

Nation is contributing half a million dollars to the project," said Councillor Mossip.

Councillor Mossip explained, "with the rapid housing project, one of the prerequisites of us receiving funding was that pre-fabricated housing would be constructed. The new housing target group is homeless people, single parents with families and those living on fixed incomes having trouble finding affordable housing. The housing units are for Zhiibaahaasing residents, currently living on or off-reserve."

"The housing unit rents are geared to income," said Councillor Mossip. "So tenants will not be paying 30 percent or more of their gross earnings for rent." He explained that the band council will own the new houses.

"It was about a year-long process before we were approved for this funding," said Councillor Mossip. He noted the First Nation

was turned down for funding in the first round of funding applications, but received funding confirmation in the second round."

The five new housing units will be provided by Guildcrest Homes based out of Morewood, Ontario. "They already have constructed two prefab buildings in Zhiibaahaasing that have stood up well over the past few years," continued Councillor Mossip. "The actual construction company is Barne Construction of Sudbury. They will put the building together, including basements for each." Each unit will be wheelchair accessible, be heated by propane and have high insulation value.

Mr. Mossip said it is hoped construction of the five new houses will commence in June, and "they are scheduled to be completed by December of this year."

## Ontario long-term care insurance policies skyrocket

by Lori Thompson

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

LITTLE CURRENT—Insurance premiums have increased by 35 percent for Manitoulin Centennial Manor, due to COVID-19. The entire long-term care sector in Ontario has seen across-the-board increases, said Manor Administrator Don Cook.

"Premiums have gone up substantially," agreed Mr. Cook. "It was an industry-wide decision that insurance companies have made. We renewed our insurance policy and that's what the premiums are this year."

The Manor does have an insurance broker that shops around to find the best rates but there's not a lot of insurance companies that insure long-term care, he said. "With the pandemic situation, the ones that are there decided that's where insurance risk is for the industry," Mr. Cook continued. "They set the pricing and, unfortunately, we have to just go with it."

The Manor receives financial support from Island

municipalities, as a municipally-funded facility, but the increase does not mean it will be asking those municipalities for additional funds. "Nothing like that," said Mr. Cook. "We work with our budget and it's an increase in the budget this year but it's not undoable or anything like that. We notice it on the budget but it's not going to make a major difference to our operations."

Donna Duncan, chief executive officer for the Ontario Long-Term Care Association (OLTCA), which represents nearly 70 percent of Ontario's 630 long-term care homes, said homes across the province are seeing increases between 30 and 50 percent among members, as well as a marked increase in deductibles and a reduction in coverage.

"I would say the majority of long-term care homes in Ontario today have no infectious disease coverage or limited coverage," she said. "No homes have coverage for a pandemic and COVID-19 in particular, and a majority of homes have lost coverage for infec-

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## editorial

### The curious case of the disappearing worker bees

As the Ontario economy pulls out of the traces of pandemic restrictions, roaring on all cylinders, and surpassing pre-pandemic levels of employment and production by leaps and bounds, those economic challenges left over and neglected for decades have once again lifted their hoary heads.

Canada is sitting at below six percent unemployment, nearby Sudbury's latest survey shows 5.7 percent, well up from the previous month's 5.4 percent, but still well below the rate economists consider full employment in Canada in the modern era.

Long and loud are the lamentations of employers facing lost revenue due to the lack of employees and those of one particular political bent are quick to blame the federal government's CERB payments for nearly all of the ills facing industry. "Nobody want to work," is a familiar refrain in the coffee shops across the land—and again the CERB is fingered as the culprit. "It's all Trudeau's fault." Well, if income supports provided by the federal government were really the culprit, that might well be true, as assistance from the provincial government (whose actual job it is, by the way) were negligible to nil.

Forgotten among the coffee table klatch is the simple fact that those same labour shortages were making themselves evident well before the current economic boom put its strains on the reins. In point of fact, the looming labour crisis has been heralded at just about every major gathering of political and decision makers at every level for more than the past two decades. Who among them was blind to that threatening Baby Boom bulge making its way up the aging ladder or deaf to those dire warnings that our economy would have to depend on an ever-smaller labour pool as the Boomers retired? Seems pretty much all of them, of every stripe and partisan flavour.

So now, here we are, nearing the end of that rainbow and there is little in the way of a pot of gold, unless one counts the belated realization by the current occupant of the premier's office that higher minimum wages are actually a good thing for the economy—throw

that in with the eleventh-hour conversion of Doug Ford to all things Green (except carbon taxes). Not that his predecessors get any leeway on this sorry mountain of missed chances, but the labour supply issue far predates his regime.

So now we are left playing catch-up, and if history serves to memory, the Conservative mindset is poorly prepared for the challenges ahead. Luckily, Premier Ford has shown some conversion away from populism and toward pragmatism (likely as a result of the realities of the pandemic) so we shall see how events policies progress going forward.

The plain truth is that Ontario needs bodies, lots and lots of bodies. Not necessarily able-bodied bodies, either. There are plenty of bodies to mine for workers out there. Some are developmentally challenged and only need a few, until now largely absent, supports to enable them to lead productive lives; others have been disadvantaged by historical isolation and neglect—among the most obvious being Indigenous youth. The Ontario North Plan released almost 20 years ago pointed out that more than 25 percent of Northern Ontario's labour pool by now would come from First Nation communities and highlighted the need to provide better educational and social resources to better prepare those workers for the jobs of what was then tomorrow, but is now today.

Government inaction on these fronts has created a veritable tsunami of missed opportunities and any further dithering in the current labour drought will hobble our economy far beyond the present challenges and the resulting drop in productivity will add long-term fuel to inflationary pressures that will far outstrip those short term sparks coming from temporary income supports.

No matter what it does now, the province will be coming far too late to the game, but better late than never, so Premier Ford and company, get yourself onto the field and into the game.

## letters

### Current global crisis throwing shadows over humanity's peril

#### The only answer is drastic reduction in our fossil fuel use

#### To the Expositor:

The world is now facing multiple crises, one piled upon the other. With Putin's invasion of Ukraine causing oil shortages and rising energy prices, it's easy to forget other perils which still demand urgent action. Many of these are related to the climate crisis, which is caused by our greenhouse gas emissions.

So far, the planet is only 1.1 °C warmer than it was 150 years ago when fossil fuels transformed civilization. 1.1 °C seems like a such a small number it's hard to grasp the disastrous consequences that are occurring and will occur for both wildlife and humanity. Records are being broken. Hurricanes are stronger, a wobbling Arctic jet stream gives us extreme temperatures, sea levels are rising about an inch every eight years contributing to coastal flooding, glaciers are melting, Arctic sea ice is disappearing, and the list goes on.

Fires and drought alone have been devastating in recent years. In British Columbia, no one can forget the fires that burned 8,700 square kilometres including the town of Lytton last summer. That is three-and-a-half times the land mass of Manitoulin. Meanwhile, in Siberia unprecedented wildfires burned across 150,000 square kilometres. Fires destroyed 6,000 square kilometres in Argentina this winter. In Australia massive bushfires have destroyed 180,000 square kilometres since 2019, killing or severely harming three billion animals by July 2020. In Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya, three consecutive failed rainy seasons are causing a humanitarian crisis.

On Manitoulin we are fortunate to be surrounded by Lake Huron, which moderates our temperatures. Unlike people living in many cities along sea coasts, we are not impacted by the double whammy of rising oceans and sinking land. Warmer water temperatures do affect our cold-water fish by squeezing them into smaller areas at the bottom of

lakes where oxygen levels are poor, especially in late summer. Less ice cover also affects deep water oxygen levels by lengthening the time between spring and fall overturns. But we've been largely spared.

Our good fortune locally is no reason to ignore the perils of climate change already impacting other parts of the world. The United Nations' Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change (IPCC), Hoesung Lee, issued this warning after their latest report, "This report is a dire warning about the consequences of inaction. It shows that climate change is a grave and mounting threat to our well-being and a healthy planet."

The answer is clear: drastically reduce our use of fossil fuels now! We all know what is required: reduce energy use and switch to clean alternatives, like solar panels, and hybrid and electric vehicles. Check out subsidy programs for home retrofits. Renovate instead of building new. Reuse. Waste less. Buy local.

Demands for more government subsidies for oil and gas, and GST holidays on fossil fuel products are, in the end, destructive because they encourage people to burn more oil and gas, producing more greenhouse gas emissions. One litre of gasoline produces 2.3 kilograms of greenhouse gases. One return trip to Sudbury from Mindemoya in a car that consumes 10 litres per 100 km produces about 77 kilograms of greenhouse gases. That's just one trip!

When our government representatives introduce and stick to policies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, they are showing courage by putting the longer term interests of humanity first, even at risk of a backlash from a few of their constituents who don't take the climate crisis seriously.

Jan McQuay  
Mindemoya

### Tough times ahead for citizens

#### Anything mankind touches he either ruins or destroys

#### To the Expositor:

I think citizens will be facing tougher times now because the inflation rate just keeps going up, then the carbon tax is supposed to increase again too. That is going to drive up the cost of living more; our grocery stores are already so expensive.

Even with green energy we still see hydro rates increasing. What ever happened to cheaper hydro rates that the government had promised to citizens while they were promoting green energy? It was just a damn lie what they did now they are promoting electric cars; how much is it going to cost for the citizens now? Eventually these electric cars will be using a lot of hydro. Who is going to cover that cost? Well, it should be the people who are buying these cars. When somebody buys an electric car, it would be provided an identification number for the owner to use every time they charge the car. Then it would be included on their residential hydro bill because these morons who are coming up with this technology can never think of all the contingencies of what may happen. These electric cars could cost everybody, residential hydro bills will increase, that is already bad enough too.

I'm always fighting off mankind's influences. That's why I still have some sense in me because with this technology, it's just messing up people's minds, turning them into morons, sorry to say that but there is some truth to that. Anything that mankind touches he either ruins or destroys it.

Ronald Osawabine  
Wiikwemkoong

### Heated over oil

#### And a reminder on gun registry votes

#### To the Expositor:

I'm sure there are a few seniors who would like to have a word with Carol Hughes about her decision to vote against removing the GST/HST on heating oil. Another

lie. And don't forget the gun registration vote that cost the taxpayers billions.

Charlie Pratt  
Honora



# Reducing single use plastics in agriculture not a simple venture

by Lori Thompson  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
MANITOULIN—Lines of round hay bales wrapped in white plastic are a common sight on Manitoulin farms. A 2011 study found that Ontario farmers use nearly 7,000 tonnes of plastic as part of their annual operations, with plastic film such as silage film and bale wrap accounting for nearly half of that. As the world reduces, and ultimately eliminates, its use of single-use plastic, farmers are also looking for ways to reduce their dependence on plastic.

“Prior to the pandemic, there was a lot of talk among the general public in a push to reduce and eliminate single-use plastic waste,” Christine O’Reilly, forage and grazer specialist with Ontario’s Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) told attendees at Manitoulin Beef and Crop Info Day last Wednesday, March 24. “Things like straws at restaurants. Things like plastic bags at the grocery store. Some of that got sidetracked when the pandemic hit because of infection management, trying to reduce the spread of disease. But as things start opening up, as restrictions are relaxing, I fully expect the public to pick that up again.”

“In my own opinion, when the general public gets a good handle on their single-use plastic waste, they’re going to point the finger at us,” she said. “It’s good to hear that cattle producers on Manitoulin Island are already thinking about that.”

There are few viable options at this time, however. When properly baled and stored, hay can last a long time without degrading in quality. Net wrap is one way to do this; plastic bale wrap is another. Net wrap is a woven plastic material that sheds water well when used on round bales, but net wrap balers may also be cost prohibitive, according to one farmer. Hay driers and indoor storage are other options but are more costly.

“How do we deal with this plastic problem? I wish I had solid answers for you, but I’ve just got more questions,” Ms. O’Reilly said.

Back in 2016, there were two separate groups of students that both invented promising alternatives. One group, high



A 2011 study found Ontario farmers use nearly 7,000 tonnes of plastic as part of their annual operations. Farmers are searching for answers to on how to deal with the single-use plastic waste that is created. It is anticipated that, with the pandemic winding down, the issue will once again be in the public eye.

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school students from Russell, Ontario invented an eco-friendly alternative to bale wrap called YAY Bale. YAY Bale was an all-natural wrap that is biodegradable, even edible. It could be shredded and left on the field or mixed with livestock feed. One of its main ingredients was corn fibres, to make it stronger and more durable.

The product was the result of an international student challenge to design and market a product that addresses a real world problem. The wrap looked promising: at the time, it was presented to members of their local agricultural community, business people and even a chemistry professor. None said it wouldn’t work. YAY Bale even made it to the world finals of the Innovation Challenge, one of 20 teams chosen from over 600 teams from 23 countries.

Although YAY Bale has a social media presence, it hasn’t been active since 2016.

Around the same time, three Ph.D. students at Imperial College London (United Kingdom) invented their own edible bale wrap. The biopolymer wrap, called BioNet,

was developed specifically for wrapping hay and silage. A patent was applied for while the team looked to conduct official testing.

One of the group, who call themselves BioNet Agriculture, had grown up on a farm and noticed his parents’ beef herd created a lot of wrapping waste. One cow had died after eating the waste. The trio not only fed it to the cattle in a test, but also ate it themselves with no ill effects.

A website dated 2016 notes the venture is in early stages “but the vision is far reaching.” BioNet Agriculture were winners of the Venture Catalyst Challenge at Imperial College, winning a £10,000 and were also awarded the most promising start-up award which included an additional £2,000 prize.

“Everything is quiet,” said Ms. O’Reilly. “Since those initial news releases, I can’t find any information. I don’t know if either or both of them succeeded in getting a patent and proceeding with commercialization.”

Another promising option comes from a corn-based bioplastic film developed by an engineering professor at the University of Guelph. “The formula she’s had success with didn’t specifically work on anything that would be useable for silage or baleage,” Ms. O’Reilly said. “That particular formula doesn’t solve our particular problem but I have talked to her. I know she’s very interested in doing more silage and changing the formula to work for silage.”

Many farmers are aware that Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance (NOFIA) had a pilot project underway, compacting baleage plastic on farm so that it could be recycled. Emily Potter, executive director for NOFIA, told The Expositor, “Obviously COVID created some challenges and we couldn’t be on the ground as much as we would have liked to for this project, to get compactors in use and to get farmers using them. This was one that definitely needed to be hands-on,” she explained. It’s meant that the scope of the project has become smaller than initially planned.

There was a problem with the original end-user. “Again, because of COVID, he had a lot of delays and ultimately was not able to get up and running. We pivoted to find some alternate end-users, so as we come to the end of this pilot, and we are focusing on collective plastic off farms for people who have gotten involved, participating in the pilot over the last couple of years. We will be collecting all of that plastic and shipping it to a couple end-users in southern Ontario throughout the spring and summer,” Ms. Potter said.

“The thing about the compactors is, at the very least, the plastic will be compacted, allowing it to be stored away in a lot smaller sized space. That’s one good thing, even if we had to scale down the project.”

“It was essentially a pilot project to pull together data and see if this was a framework that would work,” said Ms. Potter. If the project were to proceed long-term, NOFIA won’t be driving it. Someone else may be interested in moving it forward, but that’s another unknown.

## Kina Gbezhgomi and Sudbury’s N’Swamakok Native Friendship Centre sign agreement

SUDBURY—Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services, serving Manitoulin Island and area and the N’Swamakok Native Friendship Centre (NNFC) in Sudbury are Indigenous culture-based organizations with mandates that are similar and complementary, yet distinct in responsibilities, governance, and community accountability structures. Both agencies believe that Indigenous children should be happy, healthy, resilient, grounded in their cultures and languages and thriving as individuals and as members of their families, communities and nations.

The two Indigenous social service agencies have signed a protocol to help children and families better know and connect with their culture. The goal is to help Indigenous families living off-reserve in Sudbury and surrounding areas, with child welfare services.

“This agreement sets out protocols for our two agencies to work together better to service off-Island Indigenous families in Sudbury and surrounding areas,” Kevin Mossip, board chair of Kina, told The Expositor. The two agencies work with children and families in Sudbury and surrounding areas. “We (Kina) also provide services here on Manitoulin. We want to protect, provide prevention and support families and children.”

Mr. Mossip explained Kina has been mandated since 2015 and prior to that, N’Swamakok had to deal with the Sudbury Area Child and Family Services, “the Sudbury office of the Children’s Aid Society.

The two agencies have always worked together, said Mr. Mossip. “That has always been the case,



Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCFCS) and the N’Swamakok Native Friendship Centre (NNFC) signed a new protocol agreement, last week. From left are Sandra Martin, president of the NNFC board, Marie Meawasige, NNFC executive director, Denise Morrow, executive director of KGCFCS and Kevin Mossip, president of the KGCFCS board of directors.

but this agreement sets out everything on paper.”

Denise Morrow, executive director of Kina said at the signing agreement last week that from April to December 2021, Kina supported about 3,200 family members living on and off-reserve and that more than half of its service volume includes people living off-reserve.

“We have a cultural team that delivers traditional supports, teaching and ceremonies,” Ms. Morrow said. “And we have collaborated with N’Swamakok in terms of those events.” She emphasized providing for and keeping those cultural connections is imperative.

“It is so central to identity in

terms of promoting positive First Nation identity and the importance of that holistic well-being,” Ms. Morrow said.

Marie Meawasige, executive director of N’Swamakok said at the signing, “the role of the friendship centre is to work in cooperation and to form a good working partnership with Kina.” The two agencies work with children and families in Sudbury and surrounding areas. They also provide court services on Manitoulin Island.

“Our organizations provide uniquely distinct and overlapping services that are preventative in nature, ensure that the needs of children who require protection are met and work to support and

preserve the holistic needs of children, youth and families. We believe that children need to be supported in ways that nurture and promote their cultures, heritages, traditions, Indigenous languages, concept of the extended family and connection to community,” a joint press release states.

“In the spirit of partnership, we believe that bringing our services together by providing coordinated, collaborative, and accountable services will enhance the social, physical, spiritual and emotional well-being for Indigenous children, youth and families. It is with this understanding that our organizations have embarked on a journey together which is detailed within our protocol agreement.”

“In the spirit of fostering positive relationships and partnerships, the NNFC and KGCFCS agree that the paramount purpose of this protocol is to build and maintain a strong partnership that supports and promotes the safety and well-being of Indigenous children, youth and families who access our cultural-based services,” the release continues. “This protocol agreement provides guidelines that both NNFC and KGCFCS agree to follow with the objectives of enhancing communication, increasing collaboration, strengthening coordination, and supporting accountability.”

“We strive to have a strong, open, trusting, and transparent relationship where we respect and acknowledge each other’s mandates, support mutual capacity building, share resources, overcome challenges, celebrate successes, and maintain growth in our ongoing relationship.”

“The NNFC is a culture-based community hub organization that

assists all Indigenous people migrating to or already living in the City of Greater Sudbury. The NNFC has developed and implemented programs and activities that serve the social, education, cultural and recreational needs of the Indigenous community. The NNFC is “committed to preserving language and culture, enhancing quality of life and empowering family and community by providing supports, services and partnerships for the Indigenous community in the urban setting.” The vision of the NNFC is “a holistic, healthy Indigenous community centre which promotes culture, language and well-being in a balanced way.”

“Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services will honour and support our family’s and community’s inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs. Our services ensure children are protected and stay connected with their culture, language and community while strengthening family and community relationships.”

“Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services translates into “all of us, we are one,” and is driven by our commitment to delivering positive support to children and families through client-focused service delivery processes. KGCFCS is committed to fostering strong families through its delivery by inclusion of First Nations cultural practices. KGCFCS has three office locations (Wiikwemkoong, M’Chigeeng and Sudbury) to service seven member First Nations and other families identifying as First Nation within the Districts of Sudbury/Manitoulin.”



# Interest shown in purchase of former OPP detachment buildings

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Both the former Little Current and Manitowaning Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) building locations have received interest for purchase by both government agencies and the public sector at market value.

Alanna Myles, advisor, communications with Infrastructure Ontario (IO) told The Expositor last week, “you will notice on the IO sales portal that the referenced properties are listed as ‘in negotiations for direct sale.’ This means that as a result of the circulation process, we have received an expression of interest for the properties from a government or broader public sector entity interested in acquiring at market value. Therefore, the properties are not currently available for public



The former Little Current detachment is currently listed as ‘in negotiations for direct sale’ on the Infrastructure Ontario website.

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sale, nor have they been to date.”

“If the negotiations (to purchase the buildings) are successful, the status on our website will change to sold,” said Ms. Myles. “If these negotiations do not result in a direct sale, (each) property would be listed for

public sale through a real estate broker in a fair, open and competitive manner and the property would appear as ‘listed on the open market’ on our website.”

As was reported in The Expositor on February 17, 2021 in part, “IO, which

manages buildings owned by the provincial government, has begun the process of disposing of the former Little Current detachment office and is evaluating what to do with the former Manitowaning (OPP) detachment building.”

“IO continually reviews the portfolio it manages, which includes selling properties that are surplus to government needs in order to generate revenue for taxpayers,” Ms. Myles

pointed out. The former Little Current detachment is located in an old house at 12 Campbell Street East.

IO estimated operations and maintenance costs for 2020-2021 at the Little Current building at roughly \$41,000, a figure it said is lower than the OPP costs when it occupied the building.

Ontario engaged in an OPP modernization project, a \$182 million project to replace old police facilities with nine new detach-

ments. The Manitoulin detachment was part of the campaign and received its new detachment in Little Current, which resulted in the closure of the old detachments in Little Current, Manitowaning and Mindemoya that were then obsolete.

The old Mindemoya detachment office is now the headquarters of the Island’s Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry personnel.

## MHC welcomes new vice-president of clinical service and chief nursing officer

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) president and chief executive officer, Paula Fields, has announced that Paula Ferguson has accepted the position of vice-president of clinical services and chief nursing officer. This had been Ms. Fields’ own position prior to her taking on the CEO’s role.

Ms. Fields said she was thrilled to welcome Ms. Ferguson to the senior team of MHC. “Paula has proven her commitment as a progressive clinical leader, leading with respect, passion and truth with her dedication to the success of MHC, her community and our patients. I look forward to leading alongside Paula as we transition into pandemic recovery and to embrace future opportunities for MHC, our partners, employees and community.” Ms. Ferguson brings more than 25 years of health care experience to the position, the majority within the Northeast region. Since 2018, Ms. Ferguson, in her previous role as nurse manager, has successfully developed effective relationships with physicians, staff and community partners. She has helped guide MHC during the pandemic and the board and management will be looking to her for guidance as the MHC



Paula Ferguson is MHC’s new chief nursing officer and vice-president of clinical services.

navigates from pandemic response to recovery. Ms. Ferguson is a member of Nipissing First Nation, located near North Bay.

“Manitoulin Health Centre and the Manitoulin community have been very welcoming since I arrived a few years back,” said Ms. Ferguson. “I look forward to continuing work with all MHC staff, local health care partners and the community. I am very grateful for the opportunity to live on the Island and to work with and for the people of Manitoulin and area.”

## Manitoulin OPP investigates double fatality collision on Highway 17

MASSEY—On April 2, at approximately 10:17 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), the Anishinabek Police Service (APS), Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services and the Sables-Spanish River Fire Department responded to a double fatal motor vehicle collision on Highway 17, involving two tractor trailers and a passenger vehicle.

Investigation determined the passenger vehicle was travelling westbound and crossed the centre line, sideswiping the first tractor trailer. The passenger vehicle continued travelling westbound in the eastbound lane hitting another tractor trailer

head on. The two occupants of the passenger vehicle were pronounced deceased at the scene.

The deceased passenger of the vehicle has been identified as Patrick Heeley, 51, of Massey. The identity of the driver will be released pending a post-mortem examination that is scheduled to take place at the Centre of Forensic Sciences at a later date.

The investigation is ongoing at this time with the assistance of the OPP’s traffic incident management enforcement team, traffic collision investigator and a reconstructionist.



## Law & Order

### Reward offered for public’s assistance in apprehending suspect in attempted murder

MANITOULIN—Crime Stoppers and the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service are seeking the public’s help in regard to an attempted murder this past February on the M’Chigeeng First Nation. A guaranteed minimum reward of \$1,000 is being offered by Crime Stoppers for tips received before midnight on Friday, April 8, if the information leads to apprehension of the accused. The reward may be divided if multiple successful tips are received.

On February 26, at about 10 pm, the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service was dispatched to a home on Bebonang Street in M’Chigeeng First Nation. A 30-year-old male had suffered a gunshot wound and was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The accused, Prince Almando Graham, also known as P, had fled the area prior to police arrival.

Police are seeking information about Prince Graham’s whereabouts.

James Killeen, chief of police for UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services, told The



Prince Almando Graham is a suspect in an attempted murder event that took place this past February on M’Chigeeng First Nation.

Expositor, “We are actively looking for the suspect, and we appreciate the public coming forward with any information. We are also checking with police agencies off-Island to apprehend the suspect. Members of the public should not approach the suspect as he is considered armed and dangerous.”

Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers is convinced that someone has information on the whereabouts of this suspect and is providing the reward for tips that lead to his apprehension.

For tips received after the deadline, the standard process for determining reward amounts will apply through Crime Stoppers.

If you want to provide information on the location of this suspect or if you have any information about the criminal activity, and you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 705-222-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit an online tip on the secure website [www.sudburycrimestoppers.com](http://www.sudburycrimestoppers.com).

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Easter is on the horizon, so we thought it would be hare-larious to include some rabbit puns. Are you all ears? We have so many rabbit jokes it’s not even bunny! Though perhaps you don’t carrot all about our puns. If that’s the case, warren you indulge us at least a little?

Billings’ annual Sandhill crane coo-ing competition was held Friday, April 1st. Entrants from across the Island and beyond lined up on the steps of the township office to showcase their best imitation coos. As always, it was a transcendent experience for everyone involved. Congratulations to the winners, and we hope everyone enjoys the swag bags this year. Who knew that many Swarovski crystals could fit on the face of a watch?!

Happy birthday to Sharon A who turns 29 this week. Remember, age is just a relative thing. All your relatives will keep reminding you of it.

With COVID restrictions easing, we’ve heard a rumour that the Easter Bunny will be paying Kagawong a visit! Young collectors of Easter eggs can come by the Park Centre at 11 am on April 15 for an Easter Egg Hunt. Bring your baskets and dress accordingly for this outdoor event! Brought to you by the Billings Parks, Recreation, and Wellness Committee.

The Climate Action Committee has been busy planning the first Billings Earth Day event since pre-pandemic times! Join them at the Park Centre on April 23 from 1 to 4 pm for “Small Steps to Making a Difference.” There will be speakers on key climate action related topics - stay tuned for more details.

What’s the difference between a healthy rabbit and an odd rabbit? One’s a fit bunny, and the other’s a bit funny! On that note, don’t forget that the Kagawong Fitness Centre is once again open. Contact the township office for a membership.

The Billings landfill is now open extended hours on Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm. This is in addition to also still being open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 pm to 6 pm and Sundays 10 am to 4 pm.

A reminder that Billings has spring load restrictions in effect until the end of May. Check the township website for full details.

Can’t wait until July for the market to be up and running? Then we’ve got great news! The first Kagawong Market Day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1st, and will run every Wednesday from June through August.

Did you know that, in order to test in-flight wifi, Boeing fills their planes with potatoes. Potatoes interfere with signals the same way as the human body. The project was called Synthetic Personnel Using Dielectric Substitution (or SPUDS). Have a great week!

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Jake’s Home Centre has been busy in our driveway. A new couch and stove have arrived.

Ossie Hinds has been at his cottage for a few weeks. Rick and Cindy Nicks have been at their cottage for a while.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson spent Sunday night with their son, Blake, in Espanola.

Eric Thiessen was boiling down sap on Sunday. Brenda, Gladys and I are extending our walks every day, one hydro pole distance at a time.

Albert has been cutting trees behind our house working on stove wood for next winter.

John Jagt has adopted a six-month-old dog named Bert. Kit McEvoy had his sister here for a visit.

There will be a Silver Water Recreation Centre meeting on Wednesday, April 13 at 7 pm at the Community Hall. All residents are welcome. All current PHSD restrictions will be followed.

The next date for the recycle bins to be open is April 11 from 1 to 2 pm.

Condolences to the family of Margaret Anne Robertson. Condolences to the family of Marget Tomisch.



# Manitoulin Sporting Life

## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc

**Central Manitoulin Children's Baseball Club is back!**  
 Kids and coaches are so excited to be able to play ball again this year. The CMCBC is a six week program that will start on May 18 and run until the week of June 23. Registration will be happening on April 19 at the Mindemoya Ball Field from 6 to 8pm. Players ages 4-6 will play T-ball (a parent is on the field with them), 7-10 will play junior 3-pitch and 11-13 will play senior 3-pitch. The cost is just \$25.  
 The executive is looking for new members to join their team. If you would like to be a part of this exciting adventure, the next executive meeting will be on April 13 at the Mindemoya Ball Field at 6 pm. If you need any more information, please email **Ellen Ferguson** at skippee1@hotmail.com. Youth Softball Mindemoya Youth Softball

**Tourney excitement!**  
 With the CMCBC league just finishing up, players will get to put their skills to the test at the tourney! Registrations are now being taken for the youth softball tournament in Mindemoya that is coming up this June 24 - 26. The tourney will include youth from ages 4 to 18 and will max-out at 32 teams which includes approximately 70 games! Main organizer, **Greg Lockyer** is looking at a daunting task, "The 'pre' registration had 33 teams penciled in! It will be disappointing if we have to turn teams away but there are only so many games we can accommodate."

So, if you haven't already, get your team entered! For individuals who don't have a team but are looking to play, there are teams in all divisions still looking for both female and male players. Some 350 youth will be showing their skills all weekend long and making Mindemoya will be buzzing! For more information, please contact Greg at 249-377-6049.

**Off his Rock, hockey!**  
**Jaden Shawana**, a member of Wiikwemkoong First Nation played his U16 season for the AAA Nickel Capitals in the U18 Great North Midget League. The U16 Nickel Capitals attended the GNML playoffs in Kapuskasing in March where they placed first in the standings however, fell short to the U18 Sudbury Nickel Capitals which ended their regular season.

Jaden had the unique opportunity to be on the team with four other Indigenous players: **Maverick Fletcher**, Missanabie Cree FN; **Lucas Antonioni**, Atikameksheng FN; **Nate Lazarus**, Moose Cree FN; and his head coach, (former NHL star) **Jordan Cheechoo**, also from Moose Cree FN.

While the season may have ended, the training continues for Shawana. In preparation for next season, Shawana will be attending two invitational camps; U16 & U18 Development, Combine and Prospects Camp in April and the Future Cubs Development Camp in May and June. Shawana remains optimistic that he can secure a spot on Team Ontario at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships that will take place in May in Membertou, Nova Scotia. Great season and good luck, Jaden!

**A good sport is good for sports.**  
**chipstoquips@gmail.com**

## DSB board names new CAO

ESPANOLA—On behalf of the board of directors of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB), chair Bruce Killah is pleased to announce that with the retirement of the current chief administrative officer (CAO), Fern Dominelli, Donna Stewart has been appointed to the role of CAO effective September 1, 2022.

Ms. Stewart has worked for the DSB for 22 years, starting her career as front-line staff and working her way up the organization. She brings a wealth of knowledge and management experience. "Her proven ability to foster relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders will help continue the DSB's legacy of engagement and will ensure that we can continue the movement on upcoming projects and initiatives," Mr. Killah said in a press release.

Ms. Stewart holds a degree in sociology from Laurentian University and has recently pursued



**Donna Stewart**

the achievement of the Public Sector Executive Leadership Institute Program.

"Donna Stewart has over 25 years of work and volunteer experience in the social services sector and we are grateful to have her leadership experience as our new organizational leader," Mr. Killah continued.

"Donna will fit right in and the transition will be a smooth one," added Richard Malette, vice chair of the board.

**Shayla Manitowabi-Huebner**  
 Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory  
 Marquette, MI

“With a focus on working with Native youth, we address the results from years of genocide, ethnic cleansing and poverty. We need a connection to our land, culture, language, tradition, community members and each other. Not only will these factors be influential in impacting wellbeing of youth, but at all stages of life.”

Shayla Manitowabi-Huebner's profile for the race.

# Wiikwemkoong runner to take part in Boston Marathon

by Tom Sasvari

UTAH—While she has done some middle distance and cross-country running in the past, Shayla Manitowabi-Huebner will now be running a marathon, the prestigious Boston Marathon, in a couple of weeks as part of the United States Native Women's Running Team.

"No, I've never run a marathon," Ms. Manitowabi-Huebner (who was born and raised in Michigan, and is a member of the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory) told The Expositor last week. "I used to run in middle distance events when I was in school and did cross-country. I also ran in college."

"When I started distance running, I would train to run a distance of 10-12 kilometres," Ms. Manitowabi-Huebner told The Expositor.

"Then, on a whim, I applied to the Native Womens Running team, and I was selected for the team to run in the Boston Marathon," said Ms. Manitowabi-Huebner. "This is going to be a new experience, running in a marathon."

"For the past 5-8 weeks I've been training to run the 26 miles of a marathon," said Ms. Manitowabi-Huebner, who was born in Michigan and spent most of her life there. She pointed out she has relatives who live in Wiikwemkoong.

Ms. Manitowabi-Huebner, who just recently turned 25, explained, "the Native Women Running Team is a non-profit organization whose founder, Verna Volker, launched her own team of Indigenous runners to increase visibility and for representation, including Indigenous women in running."

Trail Runners magazine reported that Ms. Volker "built her following as a working-mother-runner who is deeply committed to her Native community. Along with Verna, the team at the Boston Marathon will include Shayla Manitowabi-Huebner of Wiikwemkoong (Odawa), Samantha Noyce (Navajo), Angel Tadytin (Navajo)."

The magazine's story continues, "one thing is certain, Verna and her team are just getting started. Beyond Boston, they use running as a platform for representation and real tangible change."

"My goal is to create teams around races and not have to wait to be invited or worry about being tokenized when we are invited. White supremacy is still very much a problem, so we have to take the lead," Ms. Volker told the magazine.

"Last May I graduated university with my masters

degree in exercise science," Ms. Manitowabi-Huebner told The Expositor. "I received a \$10,000 grant through the Running Strong for American Indian Dreamstarter program, which I am now working on. With a focus on working with Native youth, we address the results from years of genocide, ethnic cleansing and poverty. We need a connection to our land, culture, language, tradition, community members and each other. Not only will these factors be influential in impacting the wellbeing of youth, but all stages of life."

Ms. Manitowabi-Huebner's dream is "Running into Culture," a culturally-tailored Native youth running program that incorporates a holistic and community approach to promote healthy behaviour. She will be hosting workshops and running sessions open to all levels of ability including teachings on the history of running, culture, traditional food, physical exercise, nutrition, mental and spiritual health and basic language. Each runner will be provided with running shoes, t-shirts, socks and traditional foods as post-session snacks and the end of the program will include a five-kilometre run/walk.

"Running into Culture" will provide an opportunity for youth to experience personal and cultural growth," said Ms. Manitowabi-Huebner. Her goal is to reduce Native youth obesity, pre-diabetes, and suicide rates as well as increase mental well being, self-identity and cultural connection. During her graduate studies, she developed culturally sensitive obesity interventions for Native youth in the US midwest with traditional dancing YouTube videos called, 'Powwow Sweat.'

"I wanted to tie my passions for exercise, health and helping others into my education," Ms. Manitowabi-Huebner told Running Strong. "Then, I thought of applying what I wrote in my research to a running aspect. "As my cultural journey and relationship with running continues to grow, I've learned how essential running is for the Indigenous way of life." She added, "with a focus on working with Native youth, we address the results from years of genocide, ethnic cleansing and poverty. For our Native youth, we need a connection to land, culture, language, tradition, community members and each other. Not only will these factors be influential in impacting wellbeing of youth, but at all stages of life."

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# ...Ontario long-term care insurance policies skyrocket

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tious diseases.”

Insurance is necessary for any financing needed, including construction insurance, and making sure non-profit homes have appropriate coverage is significant, she noted. “If you don’t have coverage for infectious diseases or pandemics, then that does have a bearing in terms of exposure of your boards.”

The reinsurance market is a global one and there are only five insurance companies in Canada that insure long-term care, Ms. Duncan noted. “It’s a very limited market so we’ve been working with the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC), with insurance companies as well as with the insurance brokers. We’re all very committed. We’ve been working with our partners in other associations across Canada on this issue and trying to get support both federally and provincially to make sure that our long-term care homes have insurance.”

Facility operators should talk to elected officials so they’re aware this is an issue, Ms. Duncan encouraged. “We need to make sure we have long-term care homes in our small communities and insurance is a big issue. We know that our smaller homes in small Northern and rural communities across Ontario already face significantly higher costs for inflation, for staffing and energy and other costs, and this is one more cost lay-

ered on them as well when they can least afford it.”

You can’t drive a car without insurance, she pointed out. “We want to make sure we’re protecting our residents, we’re protecting our staff and that we’ve put the mechanisms in place that we can restore and rebuild the sector. Insurance is not that sexy but it is still important.”

A spokesperson for the IBC told The Expositor, “The pandemic has exposed significant underlying problems within the long-term care sector. A number of long-term care facilities are well-managed and have the appropriate strategies in place to protect their residents. But there are many others

which struggle to operate safely within existing government regulations to reduce the spread of contagious viruses.”

“Canada’s insurance industry wants to ensure that long-term care homes can continue to provide their vital services. IBC and its members are working with stakeholders to help address the risk management challenges that the pandemic has presented within the long-term care sector. Insurers want to be part of the solution to these challenges,” the IBC stated.

The Manor itself has not experienced any issues. To date they’ve had no residents with COVID-19. “So we’ve had no internal

COVID issues,” Mr. Cook added. “We’ve had some staff that have been off with some positives but we haven’t had anything with residents and we haven’t had any staffing issues out of the ordinary.”

Manor board chair Pat MacDonald said staff at the home has been excellent throughout the pandemic. “I do want to give kudos to our direct care and administrative staff,” she said. “They have all gone above and beyond to make sure our residents did not suffer in any way because of the pandemic.”

Pandemic precautions remain in effect at the nursing home at this time.



### Runng for the Y of it

Wiikwemkoong’s Aurel Fox-Recollet finished in second place out of 21 runners in the 21km trail half marathon in Kivi Park in Sudbury, a race to the finish in support of the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario presented by NSS Canada and designed by Apex. Funds raised will directly support YMCA’s ‘My Y is Resilient’ campaign to help reach their goal of raising \$2 million dollars. Aurel’s time was 1 hour, 52 minutes, 0.44 seconds.

photo by Michael Erskine

### MNR issues annual watershed statement for Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts

SUDBURY—A watershed conditions statement-water safety has been issued by the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNR-F) for the entire Sudbury district, including Manitoulin Island effective until Friday, April 8.

“Residents in the Sudbury district, including the communities of Sudbury, Espanola, the municipalities of Markstay-Warren, French River and St. Charles, Townships of Sables-Spanish Rivers and Baldwin, town of Spanish and Manitoulin Island should exercise caution along local waterways,” a ministry release dated March 31 indicates. “Although no flooding is anticipated based on current forecasts, special caution should be exercised around rivers and streams. Please alert and monitor any children under your care to these dangers and supervise their activities.”

Derrick Luetchford, of the MNDMNR Sudbury district office told The Expositor that “the bulletin released includes Manitoulin Island and the entire district. The spring freshette didn’t start until Thursday. The general message we are putting out there is for people to be aware, and to exercise caution. This is just a heads-up message, a reminder to keep a look out just in case flooding does occur.”

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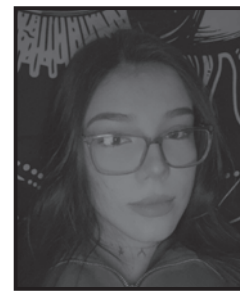
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## PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige



**HARMONY PANAMICK-SHAWANA**

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Harmony Panamick is sure to leave her mark as an MSS Stang. She continues to show her skills in all that she does whether it be in athletics or academics. She has been playing sports for many years, elementary school is where her interest started. She grew up living in M’Chigeeng and attended Lakeview where she played a variety of sports; volleyball, basketball, 3-pitch and soccer. Playing on these teams created a lot of memories that she will cherish as she moves on in her secondary school athletic journey.

Harmony likes to play sports because with every team you join you get the chance to meet new people and make new friends. For Harmony, comradery between teammates is a big attraction to playing on teams. If she had to choose only one sport, she says that her favourite is hockey. It provides the team aspect but she also likes to skate as it is a new challenge and a different fun activity from the everyday use of your legs! One award that Harmony remembers receiving is a MVP (Most Valuable Player) award at one of her LNHL (Little Native Hockey League) games the last time they were able to play in that tournament. This year M’Chigeeng did not have a hockey team due to lingering Covid precautions, so she played on the Mindemoya Thunder bantam team and they won the “A” division championship!

As Harmony is almost half way through her second semester as a Grade 9 student she has already participated in various sports. These include the junior girl volleyball team, the girls’ hockey team and the basketball team. She explains that as this is her first year playing and at the beginning of the year she only planned on trying out for volleyball and hockey. One day, one of her close friends convinced her to stay after school for the girls’ basketball tryouts. It took a lot more pushing to keep coming to practices. In the end both of them played on the senior team who were a measly three points away from winning NOSSA! She is glad that she stuck it out, it improved her conditioning, and she learned a great deal.

When Harmony isn’t playing competitive sports she enjoys many other activities especially being outdoors. These include going on bike rides, swimming either at the M’Chigeeng dock or her beach with friends. She also enjoys fishing with her dad during the summer. Last summer Harmony began to earn her required hours to graduate by volunteering at the youth summer program. She watched and helped look after kids from 7 am - 5 pm. They did a variety of activities with the kids during the day like taking them swimming, arts and crafts, sports games and going on walks.

When it comes to school Harmony keeps up her grades and so far is keeping up with her work load as a Grade 9 student. She has found that her favourite subject is math. She says that when she understands the concept being taught and asks for help when necessary, it is one of the easier subjects. She explains that when she is doing math it is almost automatic as there is always a solution that you just have to work to figure it out. When considering post secondary she hasn’t thought that far into the future but she says that she wants to end up in some sort of management position, her math skills might come in handy and she thinks her leadership characteristics would make her good at developing work plans and carrying them out.

As any good athlete knows, your mood affects your playing abilities and can greatly influence the energy of the team. Harmony knows this and likes to think of her favourite quote to remind her that “Being positive isn’t pretending everything is good - it’s seeing the good in everything”. It is a good reminder that she can always be positive even when she’s in a bad mood, she just has to find the good and use it to her advantage.

If you happen to see this Manitoulin Mustang, please wish her the best in all her future endeavors! Let’s go Mustangs!

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# ...Pope's apology only valid if made in Canada

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God's forgiveness for the deplorable conduct of members of the Catholic Church.

"I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry," Pope Francis said during a final meeting with First Nations, Inuit and Metis delegates at the Vatican. "And I join my brothers, the Canadian bishops, in asking your pardon."

Each of the groups had expressed hope that the Pope would apologize for the Roman Catholic Church's role in residential schools. A date has not been set for the Pope's trip to Canada, but delegates said it could be as soon as this summer.



Following Pope Francis' apology to the delegation of First Nation, Inuit and Metis people at the Vatican last week, Regional Chief Glen Hare said the apology should not be taken seriously until it happens on Indigenous lands.

An estimated 150,000 Indigenous children were forced to attend residential schools, and more than 60 percent of the schools were run by the Catholic Church.

Phil Fontaine, a former Assembly of First Nations

ery of unmarked graves at former sites of residential schools across Canada.

Regional Chief Hare relayed a story about abuse that took place in one of the residential schools. "We held a ceremony in Garden

every morning at school the priest would ask the class or pick someone to read aloud the Lord's Prayer."

"One day, the priest's finger stopped at this man who was young at the time, and told him, 'you will read the

prayer today'," said Chief Hare. "Well, he was nervous and sweating when he was asked to read the prayer. So, he started to read the prayer saying, 'Our Father, who is not in heaven yet and his name is Charlie'....the priest slapped him and told him to sit down. This is just one example of the type of thing that took place."



photo of Pope Francis by Shutterstock

national chief said it was the right time for an apology. He said last week that the pressure on the Roman Catholic Church is immense after the discov-

River last Monday with chiefs and people from 18 residential school sites. One gentleman told us that when he was young, maybe six and a half years old,

# ...Highways seriously deteriorated and MPP files concerns

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"Right now, these roads are a hazard to everyone," he said. "In some cases, they are in deplorable condition because of neglect over the years. The minister assured me she would be looking into it."

Maja Mielonen, a resident of Mindemoya told The Expositor that because of the conditions of Highway 542 and 551 (Gore Bay to Highway 6 through Mindemoya and Sandfield), and Providence Bay to Mindemoya she had sent a letter to the Minister of Transportation in March. She wrote that, "in January of 2021, we urged you to take a good look at the conditions of the two highways mentioned above, found on Manitoulin Island, and plan to resurface these roads as soon as possible. As well plan to include paved shoulders for the safety of all road users as found on the other three provincial highways (Highway 6, 540 and 551) on Manitoulin. Now, in the spring 2022, we find these two highways in completely unsafe condition in many parts and completely impassible with oncoming traffic. Vehicular traffic finds itself having to position itself in the middle of the road in many places just to be able to navigate the very badly broken up road."

Ms. Mielonen, who is also president of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates wrote, "these roads are posing a severe hazard and are literally impassible, not to

speak of outright dangerous for any cyclist having to choose traveling on them to achieve connectivity. The current conditions will completely ruin our current well-known status as one of the best cycle tourism destinations in Canada. These current conditions are having a very negative effect on our destination's reputation and severely impacting the safety of all road users."

"I have never seen them as bad as they are now. These highways were in really bad shape a couple of years ago. They are outright dangerous right now," said Ms. Mielonen.

"It's pretty well a gravel road now in some spots," said Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne of the stretch of Highway 540 from Gore Bay to the Gordon/Barrie Island township office turnoff at the Noble Road. "It's terrible."

Richard Stephens, mayor of the municipality of Central Manitoulin noted his council have raised concerns with highway conditions, noting that the municipality has raised concerns the past couple of years in particular with highway conditions.

Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island said, "the ministry is obviously aware of all the concerns. I think the highway conditions need to be addressed. I think some of the work on highways on the Island has gotten behind. We are not southern Ontario, so our highways are not top of the list for the province, but they

are a vital link for our residents, services and in an emergency."

MPP Mantha told The Expositor last Friday, "I did talk to Minister Mulroney (late last week), and she indicated she would be providing me information (this week). I anticipate it will be good news."

Last Friday, Jaclyn Lytle, stakeholder relations advisor for MTO northeast operations told The Expositor, "The safety of the people travelling on Ontario's highways is a responsibility that the ministry takes very seriously. Ensuring that highway maintenance is carried out in accordance with our standard and operational requirements will continue to be a priority."

"The ministry is proceeding with the planned double surface treatment work along various highways on Manitoulin Island, investing over \$5 million into the highway network. The work is currently in the award stages with a current estimated start date of June, 2022," said Ms. Lytle.

"Work under this con-

tract will occur at the following locations: Highway 540 (various intersections), Highway 542 from the intersection of Highways 542/551 easterly 2.0 kilometres to Monument Road; Highway 542 from Mindemoya town limits easterly for 3.0 kilometres towards Big Lake; Highway 542 from the junction of Highway 540/542 (at the Gore Bay OPP station), southerly for 2.82 kilometres; Highway 542 at Four O Two Road, southerly for 4.1 kilometres; Highway 542 at Silver Bay Road, westerly for 2.65 kilometres; and Highway 551 from the intersection of highways 542/551, northerly for 3.1 kilometres."

Ms. Lytle added, "this work will be completed in early fall of 2022 and will improve the ride quality and correct distresses in the pavement surface. The ministry will continue to monitor the highways on Manitoulin Island and ensure that they remain in a safe and reliable condition for all users."

# ...\$4.5M to train PSWs, RPNs

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ports the coordination and delivery of health programs at Kenjgewin Teg part-time and works full time at a local Manitoulin long-term care facility, highlighting this critical need for more healthcare workers.

A student currently enrolled in the RPN program, in a small cohort already underway, which started May 2021, said, "Having attended college twice before with classes of over 70 students, I felt like just another number on the list. My experience was very impersonal. You receive more individual feedback at Kenjgewin Teg, so you know which areas you excel at and which areas you need to enhance. As a result of the support offered by Kenjgewin Teg, I am very confident about my education."

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## ...Little Current Legion faces shutdown

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wrote in part, "Branch 177 is now holding monthly general meetings, and after two years, is able to hold an election. The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21 at 7 pm in the Legion hall. This will be a nomination meeting for a new executive of the branch for the 2022-24 term."

"General meetings are open to all members in good standing with the branch," wrote Ms. Eadie. "The present executive has continued to hold their positions during the pandemic, even though their term of office was up in June of 2020. Some members are willing to stand again but the president and secretary-treasurer have indicated they will not be running again. All positions must be filled in order for the branch to remain open. Failing to fill these

positions, the branch could be looking at being closed. Please plan to attend this meeting."

"If all positions are filled, then installation of the executive will take place on Thursday, May 19 at the Legion hall," wrote Ms. Eadie.

"We want to make sure the Legion stays open, and for this we need members' support," said Ms. Miller. "We know there is members support, but yes, this is serious. The Legion could close if all the executive positions are not filled. Even if we could get members that would split and rotate roles, this would work."

To become a member or apply to fill one of the executive positions, those interested can contact Ms. Miller by phone 705-968-0091 or by email at [jmiller@nemfht.ca](mailto:jmiller@nemfht.ca).

## ...war threatens Canada's food supply chain

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"I don't think everyone really grasps where fertilizer comes from that we use in Eastern Canada," he told The Expositor. In Eastern Canada, there is essentially no local production of the fertilizers (nitrogen, phosphorus and potash) used in the production of crops and as a result, farmers in Eastern Canada, and the agriculture industry that supports them, rely heavily on imports from overseas producers. Approximately 55 percent of nitrogen imports into Eastern Canada annually have come from Russian suppliers. In recent years, there has also been a greater reliance on Russia and Morocco to meet phosphate needs as well.

"That nitrogen is always applied in the spring," continued Mr. Sharpe. "There's always a little bit in the summer and fall but the lion's share is done in the spring. All this fertilizer is set to arrive in April and May, and that is booked months in advance because you have to book ships and everything else. We bought ours last year in November to make sure we would have product to sell to farmers, and a lot of this we've already paid for. Wholesalers, the people who deal with people like us and farmers, they go to Russia and book these vessels with urea (granular nitrogen) or liquid nitrogen to put on corn fields or barley or wheat. The government is penalizing them by throwing a 35 percent tariff on it."

He's referring to Canada's

Special Economic Measures Act that came into force on March 2. The Act imposes a 35 percent tariff on goods imported from Russia. "Everyone agrees the invasion of Ukraine is a bad thing and we 100 percent stand behind tariffs on Russian products," Mr. Sharpe said, but adds that imposing tariffs on goods already purchased does not punish Russia.

"There are ships readily coming up the St. Lawrence Seaway as we speak," he noted. "The Coast Guard wouldn't let in two of the ships unless they paid this tariff. The product is worth over \$1,000 a tonne so when you add 35 percent to it, it's almost \$1,400 a tonne. The rub is, Russia is not penalized. They have already been paid in full for these shipments."

The importer will ask the purchasers to pay the additional cost and that

will be passed on to farmers, he pointed out. "We didn't penalize anybody but ourselves."

Tariffs aren't the whole problem. The market works itself out, he said. Other international suppliers have raised prices since sanctions against Russia began. "For example, your next choice is Egypt, which is now \$1,400 a tonne. It magically went up the amount of the tariff."

The prices of potash and phosphates have also gone up due to increased demand for product that doesn't come from Russia. That has resulted in an availability problem as well. "Russia has essentially told us, if you want to sanction us, go ahead. We don't need to sell this to you. We will spurn you."

Another issue is dock workers who refuse to unload Russian ships. There's also tariff by asso-

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# ...Ukraine war threatens Canada's food supply chain

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 ciation: products made with Russian gas will face additional tariffs.

"This is a large chunk of the world's fertilizer capacity and food inflation is in the news. That's the unforeseen consequence," he said.

Sharpe's is a member of the Ontario Agriculture Business Association (OABA). The OABA has been encouraging its members and other stakeholders to write their MPs. Mr. Sharpe wrote to Michael Chong, Member of Parliament for the Guelph-Wellington area: "We fully support the 35 percent tariff and further measures, as necessary, on purchase contracts created after March 2, 2022. However, the 35 percent tariff on existing orders of Russian origin does not penalize Russian producers, nor influence purchase decisions that have already been made by Canadian importers, since purchase contracts were placed months ago. The additional cost of the tariff places a burden on the Canadian farmer at a time when input costs are at record levels. The lack of clarity regarding the application of the tariff has imposed a high level of uncertainty as to whether imports will be permitted for pre-existing purchase contracts."

Any business going forward should be tariffed, acknowledged Mr. Sharpe. "All we're asking is that prior to March 3 when they

introduced the tariff, don't tax us on this. All you're doing is taxing your own farmers and if we pass that on, it'll direct inflation higher and I think that's really the story I'm trying to get out: there are unforeseen consequences coming on this."

Ron Campbell, operations and member services manager for OABA told The Expositor, "We understand the significance of what's happening in Ukraine and that the government's taking steps. The concern with the tariffs is they don't really punish the Russians, they just add costs right through the supply chain from importers through to the retailers that are passed on to the producers."

The OABA is working with other industry stakeholders, Grain Farmers of Ontario and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and is meeting government officials to address the issue but there's still no resolution at this time, Mr. Campbell said.

The organizations released a joint statement on March 18, following a briefing for provincial and federal officials, to outline the risks and challenges facing farmers for the coming planting season and the impact the Ukraine war could have on Ontario's food supply.

"Farmers in Ukraine and Russia produce about a quarter of the world's calories, with key regions in

North Africa and the Middle East dependent on their production. But this supply chain has been significantly jeopardized by the tragic geopolitical events unfolding in Ukraine. This is forecast to result in a spike in food prices between eight and 22 percent over the coming months, and many agriculture economists are predicting famine in several African countries within the next 18 months," they stated.

How policymakers, farmers and other stakeholders in the agriculture value chain respond to this crisis over the next few weeks is critical, and will determine how much food will be available in Ontario, Canada or around the world.

Farmers are asking Mr. Sharpe if they should change their rotation and grow crops that don't require as much fertilizer. "That's a fair point," he said. "Take a crop like soybeans. Soybeans do not take nitrogen, they create their own. They also don't take as much phosphorus as a corn plant. So that's fine, but if everyone starts to shift away from the fertilizer problem, we'll have a shortage of corn and wheat."

You can't blame farmers for looking at soybeans, he said, but "come fall, if we don't have as much wheat or corn, we're up the river without a paddle. You only get one shot a year to grow this stuff."


The tariff policy has missed its mark, Mr. Sharpe said. "They came out with the policy way too quickly because they needed to be seen as doing something. I've been told there's a line as long as here to the end of the road of people asking for exemptions. They didn't think it through."



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# ...United Nations video features Manitoulin Island elders

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Island, who addressed the issues facing them in a film they made themselves. "They came up with 37 recommendations on ageing that cover issues such as safe, adequate housing to the preservation of the earth and tradition and how live in peace and forgiveness," he said. "The world premiere of all three films was on Tuesday, March 29. The films and the recording from Tuesday's event are available on the Decade's YouTube channel: 'Films made by older people for the UN Decade of Healthy Ageing.'" More information about the project is available at [www.decadeofhealthyageing.org/find-knowledge/voices](http://www.decadeofhealthyageing.org/find-knowledge/voices). "Noojmowin Teg has donated a set of equipment for the elders to continue their journey as participatory filmmakers," said Mr. Sneddon, "stay tuned!"

"A huge thank you for participating in the premiere screening of the PVs made by older people in Canada, Jordan and Togo and making it such a success," said Dr. Etienne Krug, director of social determinants of health with the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, Switzerland in his response to the launch. "We are so proud that finally these videos are now publicly available. We are also delighted that the older peo-

ple involved were welcomed by the World Health Organization's Director-General Dr. Tedros, could see their films on a global stage, and hear so many positive reflections on the importance of their voices, rights and contributions. We need to continue to highlight how similar participatory

guage of choice from an icon on the screen.

"Getting older comes with many benefits and some challenges," said WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Chebreyesus in his introduction to the videos. "The films you are about to see show the many ways in which older

He pointed to the importance of making those decisions, so those programs are in place when the decision-makers themselves become older. "What sort of world do you want to live in as you get older?" he asked. "Let's work for that world now."

Several guests were invit-

ed to give their impressions of the videos following the screening, two by pre-taped segments and two live.

Dr. Vappu Taipale, a former government minister in Finland and now board member of HelpAge International, 81, said that the videos were exciting and very different. "Still there were topics familiar to people across the world," she said. She noted that voice is the key element in battling agism. "This is the core," she said. "How beautiful

voice was expressed in the films."

She noted that the films highlight the need for age-related data to inform decision-makers, the need for activism and the value of intergenerational bridging. "We need the help of younger generations, municipalities and governments," she said in bridging the digital divide, going on to point out that the films emphasize the need for global universal programs.

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Elders from across Manitoulin who were part of the UN Decade of Healthy Aging participatory video project gather at Noojmowin Teg for the premiere launch of their video. The elders' video was one of three featured in the launch, the others being from Togo and Jordan.

photo by Michael Erskine

processes can ensure that older people are meaningfully engaged across all the Decade's action areas."

Dr. Krug and the other presenters at the pre-screening event spoke live through Zoom, welcoming the participants across the globe. "This event is being interpreted in Arabic, Chinese, French, Spanish and Russian," said Dr. Krug, who indicated that participants could select their lan-

people engage in their communities on issues that concern them. They also highlight the gaps in systems and services that prevent older people from living the way they could or want to." He noted that the films, created by older people themselves, are being used to engage decision-makers in creating the policies and services that allow older people to live in their communities.

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Manitoulin Minor Hockey U18 B Division champs are: back row: Ryan Stewart, Lena Trudeau, Becky Stewart, Joshua McComb, Lily Stewart, Maddy Mende, Janet McComb, Blair Hagman, middle row: Hudson Roque, Chloe Moggy, Walker Hagman, Jack Hagman, William McKeown and Ayden Hartley.

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# Over \$5,000 in proceeds from church rummage sale going to war-torn Ukraine

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Thanks to tremendous support from the community, the Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay was able to raise over \$5,000 for the people of war-torn Ukraine this past weekend.

“This was an all-round community event,” stated Kathy Mutch of the rummage sale the church hosted this past Saturday and Sunday. “We never dreamed we would do so well in one sale.”

The rummage sale was put on by the church’s outreach committee with a lot of extra volunteer help from people in the community.

“We would like to thank everyone for their support of the rummage sale,” said Ms. Mutch. “We raised over \$5,000 which is all going to help out the people of Ukraine.” She explained that it is normal for the church rummage sales not to, “put prices on the items being sold. We just tell people to take as many items as they want and to please make a donation to the church.”

“We had a couple of people who picked up a couple of bags of items, and then donated \$150,” said Ms. Mutch.



LEFT: Just some of the many items that were displayed at the Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay hall this past weekend for a rummage sale held at the church. Thanks to the tremendous support of the community, over \$5,000 was raised over the two days of the sale that will go to the people of Ukraine. The event was organized by the church’s outreach committee members.

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Split Rail Brewing Company in Gore Bay held a very successful fundraiser for the people of Ukraine last Saturday. A barbecue was held with proceeds from the food sales and \$1 from every draft beer or soda sold at the event going to the Canadian Red Cross relief fund for Ukraine. Barb Erskine, acting manager of Split Rail, told The Expositor, “we raised just over \$2,000, which is a testament to the tremendous generosity of our Island communities.” In photo are Barb Erskine (holding the donation jar), Jim and Charlene Chambers, who ran the barbecue, along with April Folz, economic development officer for the Sheshegwaning First Nation and some of the students, one from as far away as Walpole Island. **INSET PHOTO:** Julia McCutcheon-Case was no doubt the youngest person (five months old) to attend the fundraiser last Saturday. Check out baby Julia’s socks, which were made by her grandmother and in the colours of the Ukrainian flag. Julia attended the event with her parents, Alicia and Aaron.

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# Two Island dairy farms awarded gold certificate at annual meeting

**by Michael Erskine**  
**LITTLE CURRENT**—The annual Manitoulin-West Sudbury Dairy Producers meeting was held at the Anchor Inn this year, due to pandemic restrictions still in effect at the usual Little Current United Church venue, with four operations in attendance.

This year the Bud and Brad Wilkin operation secured a coveted Gold Quality Certificate in what has become a perennial event for the family operation, this year joined by Emiry Farms Ltd., represented by Alan Emiry.

“Milk quality, first and foremost, is something we need to be proud of,” said Jean-Guy Seguin, field service representative with Dairy Farmers of Ontario (DFO). “We have some of the best quality milk in the world.”

Mr. Seguin noted that the DFO farm inspection program plays a great part in insuring that quality level is maintained and constantly improved upon. “One of the great things to see in Northern Ontario is the number of young farmers who are now taking over their family farms,” said Mr. Seguin, who was particularly pleased to be handing over a gold certificate to

Alan Emiry, a younger Massey farmer who falls in that category as an engaged and proactive operator.

“In Northern Ontario we are also seeing an influx of Mennonite farmers moving North,” said Mr. Seguin. “The urban sprawl taking

and D Dairy Farm Inc. of Richard’s Landing and Morrell Dairy Farm Limited of Massey.

During the meeting, dairy producers were updated on challenges facing their industry, including the encroachment of

tuations.

Another very promising trend for the North is the major increase in producers throughout the region, with an increase of five new operations. In 2018 there were a total of 47 producers in the region and by 2021

that number has risen to 52. In the Manitoulin Sudbury West region there has been an increase of one producer to a total of seven, although Algoma saw one producer leave the market to bring their numbers down to six.

“Overall, the industry is

very healthy in Northern Ontario,” noted Mr. Seguin, but both he and Mr. Runnalls stressed the importance of continuing to highlight the value and impact of milk and dairy products to the public.



Jean-Guy Seguin of Dairy Farmers of Ontario, left, gives Alex Anstice of Oshadenah Holsteins a congratulatory handshake on his Gold Quality Certificate.

place in southern Ontario is making it harder for them and they can go on the road with their horses safely with all the traffic down there. This is a very good trend for our industry here in the North.”

Along with the gold certificate presentations, Oshadenah Holsteins of Tehkummah was awarded general certificates of quality, along with Lamming Farms Inc. of Echo Bay, J

international trade agreements on the domestic market. “No more trade deals,” was the strong refrain presented by Region 12 Northern Ontario representative Steve Runnalls, who gave his presentation virtually.

Other challenges facing the industry include the limitations of processing facilities for milk and the cyclical demands presented by normal market fluctu-

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India’s Lysa Brown John, secretary general of CIVICUS (a global alliance of civil society organizations), said the films upend the world-wide stereotype of older people not being able to cope with the digital divide. She pointed to the need for older voices to be heard in the decisions being made about them.

Ecuadoran ambassador to the US, Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, spoke live from Harvard University. He reflected that, although each of the three videos came from different places and lenses, they showed similar needs for a decent present and futures. “If we are lucky enough, sooner or later, we will all experience aging firsthand,” he said. “Thinking globally and acting locally is the key.”

Mr. Chiriboga referenced the Canadian film for the intergenerational engagement with accessibility and infrastructures, “offering physical and emotional support to take care of their culture and nature.” Jordan’s films showed the importance of covering the basic needs of older people, he noted. In the case of Togo, economic opportunities are highlighted as key.

Claudia Mahler of Austria is the UN independent expert on the rights of older persons. “What struck me is that the messages of older men and women are very powerful,” she said. “Speaking on their own behalf.”

Ms. Mahler referenced the elders’ council as an example of how older people were represented by their own powerful voices, outside the familiar trope of being frail and powerless.

Elder Cecilia Pitawanakwat of Wiikwemkoong noted the reference by the speakers of the

impact of the residential school system and what was said about elders’ councils.

Elder Leona Nahwegahbow of Whitefish River First Nation noted how elders can provide guidance in their own communities and referenced the upcoming Anishinaabemowin (language) Conference.

“I feel very fortunate to be living in Canada,” said Henry Mandamin of Wiikwemkoong. “I didn’t realize how bad things are in Togo or for displaced persons in Jordan.” He pointed to the Canadian health care system and provincial drug plans that other countries can only dream of.

Elder Urban Mejaki lamented that their own video was presented in English, rather than Anishinaabemowin, noting that the other two videos were presented in their own languages.

Following the video launch, facilitator Gregor Sneddon presented the elders’ group with a video creation kit they can utilize to create more participatory videos in their communities, perhaps even becoming mentors and technical support for others in their communities.

Dr. Krug urged people to “Please share the videos widely to showcase the Decade of Healthy Ageing 2021-203 and inspire more stakeholders to become involved.” He also asked people to consider sharing the videos during local events, as programmatic resources, in advocacy meetings or peer-sharing workshops with other older people.

“We also encourage you to replicate this approach of using PV and explore ways of finding appropriate funding and facilitatory expertise,” said Dr. Krug. “We are developing a

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practical ‘PV Toolkit for the Decade’ which will help you do that.” Dr. Krug said the toolkit would be published soon and encouraged folks to keep visiting the Voices section of the Decade Platform to look for future resources, including: stories from the field (detailed case studies of each film), the VOICES Blog (starting with key extracts and reflections from the event) and a summary of recommendations from the three films.”

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# Promises finally flow, but tourist operators await funds

by Michael Erskine

QUEEN'S PARK—Funding confirmation letters from the provincial government have finally begun arriving for the embattled Ontario tourism industry. Operators have been in the media over the last few weeks, concerned over the lack of information coming from the Ministry of Tourism. That information flow, in the words of one operator, resembled "crickets in the hallway." As of this week, letters have begun arriving in mailboxes confirming whether the operator's application had been approved or denied.

The Ontario government announced \$100 million through a new Tourism Recovery Program on September 27, 2021 aimed at helping to stabilize the province's tourism industry as it emerges from pandemic restrictions.

"The last 18-months of the pandemic have been the most challenging Ontario's tourism industry has ever faced," said Ontario Tourism Minister Lisa MacLeod in announcing the funds. Minister MacLeod noted at the time that the tourism industry had previously been "an economic powerhouse for the province," but that industry had been hit by the triple threat of COVID-19 "a health, economic and social crisis."

The application period for the program opened on October 13, 2021.

The critical funding would help support regionally significant businesses, while protecting jobs in communities that rely on the tourism industry, continued the minister.

While confirmation letters have begun arriving, critical information remains outstanding. One tourism operator speaking on background confirmed they had received a confirmation letter, but no firm pledge on what funds would be forthcoming from their application.

According to the government release announcing the program, to be eligible for funding, businesses must have experienced a loss of at least 50 percent of eligible revenue compared to 2019. The funding, said Minister MacLeod, will help successful applicants "prepare to reopen safely, develop innovative tourism products, retain and create tourism jobs and support tourism recovery in their region and throughout Ontario."

Despite the arrival of the confirmation letters, concerns in the industry remain strong. "We don't really know what the province will consider as a related loss," said the operator, or what the actual level of funding will be. Considering tourism is a multi-billion industry across Ontario and a key economic driver in the North, \$100 million may not be spread very thick—and operators are well into the planning for the upcoming season.

In the provincial program announcement it was



Minister Lisa MacLeod is flanked by Chief Patsy Corbiere, chair of United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising, and Corey Stacinski, manager of Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre when Minister MacLeod visited Manitoulin Island last summer.

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indicated that successful recipients will "have the flexibility to apply funds to any eligible expenses and do what makes the most sense for their businesses. Expenses could include reopening and operating costs such as staff salaries and maintenance, health and safety measures for visitors and workers, tourism product and experience development, or marketing."

Still, there is some optimism in the industry. David MacLachlan, executive director of the provincially funded regional tourism organization operating in Region 13, Destination Northern Ontario (DNO), and himself the operator of a Northern Ontario remote fishing resort, was upbeat when contacted by The Expositor. Mr. MacLachlan confirmed that several tourism operators throughout the DNO area have begun receiving confirmation letters.

Mr. MacLachlan has tourism in his blood, quite literally, having grown up in the industry and is the third generation to work in his family's tourism business started over 60 years ago by his grandfather. Mr. MacLachlan is a past chair of the Algoma Kinniwabi Travel Association, the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation (OTMPC) Northern Tourism Marketing Committee and has sat on the board of directors for OTMPC.

"Our sector has been hit harder than a lot of other industries with the lockdown," confirmed Mr. MacLachlan, but he noted that impact has been somewhat unevenly distributed. After a rocky start at the beginning of the pandemic when everything was completely shut down, many resorts that could be reached by road saw a rebound. "Anyone with a cottage you could drive in to, from Thunder Bay east, was seeing business," he said. "In 2021, again, a lot of businesses were able to catch up to 2019, especially if they were within easy reach of urban markets."

Not so lucky were businesses in those urban markets, particularly hotels. Still, many managed to hold their own, compared to southern jurisdictions. "Northern Ontario led the country in terms of occu-

pancy rates, although they still were not all that great," said Mr. MacLachlan. "The occupancy rate in hotels was around 30 percent, but in the cities, it was in the single digits."

In 2021, the occupancy rate in Northern Ontario urban areas hit 45.5 percent on average, while the provincial average overall was slightly lower at 45.4 percent "So the rest of the province has caught up with us," he said.

But when it comes to the cruise industry on the Great Lakes and both eastern and western seaboards, the losses have been almost without respite. Bus lines, a critical backbone for

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# Manitoulin's ebike charging stations featured in Cycling in Ontario

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—The 2022 edition of Cycling in Ontario is out and Manitoulin Island gets great mentions for both Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates' (MICA) charging station initiative and the great cycling routes the Island has to offer.

"If there is a positive spin coming out of the pandemic, it's the fact that cycling is on the upswing and its popularity is reaching a new high, as more people than ever are realizing the benefits of outdoor recreation," said Louisa Mursell, executive director of Ontario By Bike, who adds "so too is travel in Ontario, exploring our province and

closer to home, which has certainly helped many tourism operators and destinations in what was a most challenging period for the tourism industry."

With the days getting longer and warmer, cyclists in Ontario will soon be out in full force, notes Ms. Mursell, and those cyclists are already making plans that include cycling trips and outings in Ontario.

That is what makes the mention of Manitoulin Island in Ontario's premier recreational cycling magazine so exciting. Ontario By Bike shared the insight contained in its new report that is based on survey results gathered from over 1,200 cyclists.

That data indicated that cycling activity increased during COVID by 82 percent in 2021 and 61 percent of cyclists did three or more day trips that included cycling in 2021. Some 48 percent did one or more overnight trips that included cycling in 2021.

Ms. Mursell also shared that 75 percent of cyclists are considering making non-local regional travel plans that include cycling in 2022; 46 percent of those trips that include cycling in 2022 are anticipated to be overnight trips; 30 percent are considering day trips; and 31 percent are considering participating in some type of organized cycling activity, including returning to events and tours in 2022.

Things are shaping up nicely for cycling tourism on Manitoulin in 2022.

The article in Cycling in Ontario notes that MICA's new e-bike network will include seven charging stations around the Island, including the ferry terminal in South Baymouth, where riders can rent an ebike and then drop it off at any station at the end of their ride. Even better, those ebikes can be reserved in advance, providing folks with another green way to explore the Island.

The article suggests taking in the Alvar Cycle Tour Adventure, a five-day guided tour showcasing the Manitoulin's "sparkling inland lakes and quiet rural roads, while learning about the fascinating marine, geological and cultural history of the region."

It generally extolls Manitoulin's long stretches of quiet roads with paved shoulders, pastoral scenery and epic views of the La Cloche foothills as you make your way along the North Channel. Manitoulin Island abounds with cycling routes for day or multi-day tours, the article goes on to note, with two main routes across the Island.

Another suggestion is a more indirect but scenic trip around Lake Manitou through Mindemoya on Highways 542, 551, and 540 and advises combining that jaunt with a return back south on Highway 6 from Little Current. That "makes for a great two-day loop at 126 kilometres."

Unfortunately, the article is a bit out of date, advising cyclists in need of repair to drop into Lightfoot Bike, which is no longer in business. Instead, we at The Expositor advise dropping into the full-service cycling shop Breakaway Sports and Cycle in Little Current.



## ...Promises finally flow, but tourist operators await funds

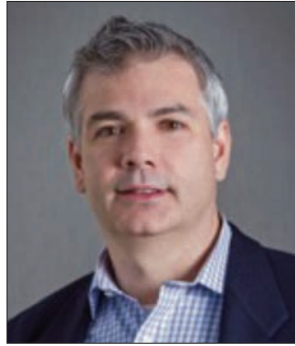
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many tourism and accommodation operators that depend heavily on the sports industry, have also been heavily impacted by the pandemic restrictions on gatherings and travel. Without those critical pieces of infrastructure to provide underpinning, a lot of tourism products could come tumbling down like a house of cards and require years to rebuild.

Optimism in the industry overall has been robust, however, Mr. MacLachlan noted. "We have seen a lot of investment taking place in the industry," he said. "I think we are going to see that in some markets there is lots of opportunity right now. People want to go back to their lives."

In fact, one of the only things really holding the industry back from taking full advantage of the rebound in tourism is a lack of accommodation in many markets.

The trend toward staycations that fueled stability in accessible resorts' bottom



**David MacLachlan,**  
executive director of  
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lines may provide another silver lining when it comes to long term impact, as more Ontario residents, especially new arrivals, have discovered what the province's tourism has to offer.

With the restrictions on borders continuing to lift, Mr. MacLachlan said he expects to see a "pretty good return of US residents," which would provide a welcome respite for businesses such as his own that rely strongly on American custom.

The market has changed in recent years as well, with the Baby Boom cohort starting to take a back seat to Generation X and Millennials, said Mr. MacLachlan. "Our industry needs to adapt to those changes," he said. To that end, his organization has created Tourism Excellence North (TEN). Under TEN, TNO will go to a property and assess its pros and cons, the level of accommodation, services, signage and provide input on how a tourism operator can improve their operation to meet market expectations.

Mr. MacLachlan explained that TEN "strategically guides investment into tourism development holistically over the long term. TEN is aligned to support priorities for tourism development in Northern Ontario."

Under the program, operators will find "provincial and federal tourism advisors, municipal staff, economic development officers, destination marketing organization staff, sector

organizations and others who are on the ground and in the field supporting tourism operators, destinations and communities as a regular part of their everyday job."

Once assessed through TEN, there are co-op marketing opportunities available to operators.

In addition, DNO provides self-assessment workshops and is currently conducting an on-the-ground tour with operators discovering best practices in Nova Scotia, currently the gold standard when it comes to tourism marketing in Canada.

Mr. MacLachlan expressed confidence in Minister MacLeod. "She gets the industry and has been going above and beyond to support our industry," he said. "She recognizes the important role our industry plays in the Ontario economy."

So, the message is currently, "hang in there, tourism operators," apparently the cheques are, well almost, in the mail.

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**Classification:** Manager M3 Program Head/Salary Grade Band L

**Position Objective:** The Dean of Post-Secondary Education (PSE) and Training will report directly to the Vice-President of Lifelong Learning and will be responsible to provide strategic leadership and supervision of post-secondary programs in collaboration with employees and external partners, ensuring all students and community are provided with education and support services in a welcoming, learning environment. The Dean of PSE and Training will also contribute to an organizational-wide marketing and communications strategy that ensures the organization is represented in a consistent, professional manner through policies and guidelines.

The Dean of PSE and Training will be primarily responsible to provide leadership to the Post-Secondary Education and Training team, effectively monitor and manage post-secondary and training programs, collaboration and network with external partners and lead and monitor a recruitment strategy for all post-secondary education programs and supported activities.

**Qualifications:**

- Must possess an undergraduate degree in education or business
- Must have a minimum of four (4) years of management experience in an adult learning environment, preferably in the Indigenous education sector

**Job Knowledge and Skills:**

- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, letters, proposals, and reports
- Experience in writing proposals and reports
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures involving procurement, travel arrangements, and budget management
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision
- Intermediate – Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office/Office 365 (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Teams, SharePoint)
- Facilitation experience is an asset
- Ability to maintain filing systems and databases
- Must possess a valid driver's licence, have access to a vehicle, and be willing to travel as required
- Must have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs; and be supportive of Anishinabek practices, language revitalization and protocols

**Application Deadline: Friday, April 22, 2022 at 12 noon**

For a detailed job description please contact the Director of Human Resources at 705-377-4342, ext. 206 or by email at [humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca](mailto:humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca)

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of: Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential through email at: [humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca](mailto:humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca), or by mail to: Kenjgewin Teg "HR – Dean of PSE and Training" c/o Director of Human Resources 374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0 Tel: 705-377-4342

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

*Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.*





**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk**

The Municipality is seeking an experienced and ambitious leader to fill the position of CAO/Clerk. The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is located in the "heart" of Manitoulin Island with an abundance of lakes, rivers, and beaches.

The Municipality includes the villages and hamlets of Mindemoya, Providence Bay, Spring Bay, Sandfield and Big Lake. We offer diverse attractions and unique landmarks such as our sandy beach in Providence Bay or access to Lake Manitou, the largest lake on the island. It has a population of 2,084 and is fast growing and progressive.

Reporting to the Mayor and Council, the CAO/Clerk is responsible for providing effective advice to Council on corporate activities and the business affairs of the Municipality, in compliance with by-laws, policies and statutory requirements. Strong leadership skills in human resources, stakeholder engagement and management are necessary for this position.

The ideal candidate will possess a combination of experience and relevant education in municipal government. Strong communication skills, combined with a solid understanding of municipal operations are a necessity.

A detailed job description is available on the Municipal website.

The salary range of \$80,455-\$112,637 is complemented by an excellent benefit package. The successful candidate will have a start date of December 5, 2022.

Please reply with a cover letter and detailed resume to: [centralm@amtelecom.net](mailto:centralm@amtelecom.net)

**CLOSING DATE: APRIL 22, 2022**

We thank all who apply. Only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted.



**COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Community Living Manitoulin is looking for dedicated staff with a passion for working with adult individuals with developmental disabilities.

Do you want to play a vital role in inspiring possibilities and creating an environment that fosters meaningful living for all supported individuals?

There are casual and part-time employment opportunities available within one of our many programs.

These unionized part-time positions are scheduled at a minimum of 30 hours bi-weekly and a maximum of 32.5 hours weekly with a starting wage of \$22.26.

You are qualified if you have:

- Post-secondary diploma for Developmental Service Worker or equivalent in the Human Resources Field (preferred)
- Personal Support Worker certificate or equivalent
- First Year Developmental Service Worker students may also qualify
- A valid Ontario driver's licence (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Mrs. Megan Wickett, Operations Manager by regular mail to:

Community Living Manitoulin  
PO Box 152  
Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0  
or by email to [mwickett@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:mwickett@clmanitoulin.com)  
or by fax to 705-377-7175

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit our website at: [www.clmanitoulin.com](http://www.clmanitoulin.com).

MANITOULIN ISLAND

**SPLIT RAIL  
BREWING CO**

Established 2015

**POSITION REQUIRED:** Brewery assistant

Located in Gore Bay on beautiful Manitoulin Island, Split Rail Brewing Co began brewing locally-crafted beer in 2015. As a destination brewery with a great reputation (July 13, 2021 — "Ten Best Breweries Worth the Road Trip" in Toronto Life), we pride ourselves in producing quality craft beer and in being downright friendly and welcoming to all.

Split Rail is growing its team to meet the demands of the upcoming spring and summer production seasons. If you thrive in a busy work environment and like to spend your spare time in the great outdoors, Split Rail is the place for you.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

- Assist with canning, bottling, and labelling operations
- Assembly of palletized goods for storage and shipment
- Maintenance of brewery and warehouse cleanliness standards
- Operation of keg-washer, pump assemblies, and Clean In Place (CIP) systems

**Skills and Experience**

- Experience operating machinery and/or experience in beverage production facility
- Adherence to Health and Safety measures and procedures
- Ability to lift cases and (up to 25 kg)
- Punctual, reliable and respectful
- Diploma in beer making or production an asset

**Schedule**

- Day shift
- Weekend availability (occasional)
- Full-time from April 25 to October 17 with the possibility of an extension

Split Rail is committed to diversity and inclusion.  
Apply to: [generalmanager@splitrailmanitoulin.com](mailto:generalmanager@splitrailmanitoulin.com)  
by April 8, 2022



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
Nookomisnaang Cook - Casual**

**Summary**

The Nookomisnaang - Shelter Program offers services to clients of Nookomisnaang-Shelter. You will plan and prepare well balanced diet meals.

**Responsibilities**

1. Set up of meal preparation.
2. Plan meal menus according to diet specifications, and make meal adjustments as client needs change.
3. Assist in maintaining the client list for meals.
4. Ensure the meals are prepared in a timely manner.
5. Clean and oversee cleaning of kitchen and dining area and equipment.
6. Serve congregate meals.

**Qualifications**

- Certification in food preparation and food handling
- One year of experience in food service
- Experience working with seniors and individuals with disabilities or cognitive impairments
- Self-motivated, creative and energetic
- Standard CPR/First Aid Certificates
- Knowledge of First Nation tradition and culture/language or willing to learn
- Ontario Drivers' Licence

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Nookomisnaang Cook - Casual**

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: April 8, 2022 @ 4:00pm**

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations, and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.

**ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
OFFICER**

The Community Economic Development Officer is responsible for leading development and implementation of economic development strategy, programs and projects.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Lead the development and implementation of the long-term economic development strategy in accordance with the Economic Development Strategic Action Plan.
- Support the development and maintenance of land zoned for commercial areas.
- Manage the Economic Development programs including: new initiatives, innovation.
- Meet with representatives of business, industry, commerce and government to facilitate the establishment and growth of business.
- Responsible for attracting industrial, commercial, retail, and professional investment to Birch Island.
- Conduct economic research and analyze business surveys, socio-economic data, labour statistics, population and existing business/residential assessment base.
- Prepare briefing notes, discussion papers and reports on Economic Development matters.
- Assist with presentation of reports to Council, as necessary.
- Coordinate presentations to Council/stakeholders.
- Manage the Whitefish River Development Corporation objectives.
- Develop and administer the department's annual operating and capital budgets, tracks variances and makes recommendations for adjustments to the budgets as required.
- Performs report writing requirements for any projects and/or solicits Requests for Proposals and Tenders via proper format.
- Responsible for WRDC Leasing Operations – prepare annual invoices, rent collection, lease administration, corporate filing, AGM, Board of Directors, taxes, etc.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Post secondary education in economic development, business, commerce, land-use planning, marketing, public administration or a related field
- Preferred one (1) year in economic development, business development, investment attraction, land use planning, development, or related field, including management experience in economic development in a First Nation or municipal government or broader public sector environment, or equivalent
- Understanding and appreciation of Whitefish River's economic development sectors and how they relate to the First Nations goals
- Possess a demonstrated knowledge of business development
- Good business and management skills to interact professionally and effectively with Band management, Council and external members of the community, business, customers and other levels of government
- Excellent ability in writing strategic plans as it relates to economic development, Requests for Proposals, Special Reports, and possess financial and budget skills
- Excellent computer skills, including Microsoft Office, contact management, zoom and social media knowledge
- Ability to prepare, create, and deliver presentations

Applications will be accepted via email, fax, and mail or in person to the attention of: CONFIDENTIAL:

Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager  
Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP1A0  
Email: [applications@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:applications@whitefishriver.ca); Fax: (705)285-4532  
Applications must be submitted by Apr 15, 2022 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:  
Cover letter, current resume, and 3 work-related reference names (with contact information).  
We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.





**3 COWS IS HIRING!**  
**Full-time Cooks & Counter Staff**  
**P/T Counter Staff & Students**

Looking for year-round, full-time employment?  
 Perhaps looking for something different or part-time?  
**3 Cows is offering full-time, year-round positions for Cooks and Counter Persons.**  
 No experience is necessary, we are willing to train you.  
 All you need is ambition and willingness to learn.  
 These positions are 40 hrs/week.

Can't work full-time or are a student? We have positions for you. Students can get the jump on summer jobs by starting now working the odd evening and weekends. If you think you would like to find out more or give it a try, drop in and see us, ask to speak to a manager.  
 We would be happy to tell you more.

**COME JOIN OUR TEAM!**

If you wish, you could send your resume to [staff3cows@hotmail.com](mailto:staff3cows@hotmail.com)  
 64 Meredith Street E,  
 Little Current, ON  
 POP 1K0  
 705-368-3524




**We are looking for motivated & reliable individuals to join our team!**

Must have the ability to lift 60+ pounds and be willing to do manual labour. Milling experience is a plus, but training will be provided. Mechanical experience is helpful. Forklift or loader experience is also a benefit. Job duties include assisting in the manufacturing and production of pallet stock. Helping with various saws, stacking, moving logs, and production pieces. Cleaning & general maintenance are also involved.

The position is full-time, 44 hours per week.  
 Monday - Thursday 7-5  
 Friday 7-4  
 March-December yearly.

A significant bonus structure is in place, as well as benefits. Hourly wage is negotiable based on experience, starting at \$18/hr.

Please submit your resume to:  
[applications@cooperenterprises.ca](mailto:applications@cooperenterprises.ca) and our team will contact you!

**Sawmill is located at:**  
**20 Mill Rd., Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0**



**COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN**  
**IN SEARCH OF NEW BOARD DIRECTORS**

Community Living Manitoulin (CLM) would like to invite you to support our mission by joining the CLM Board of Directors. The Agency is looking to fill multiple positions on the Board.

“At Community Living Manitoulin we advocate, promote and facilitate the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of individuals who have developmental challenges. We believe all people with developmental disabilities can lead meaningful lives in our community,” states chair of board Pam Lambert

Board members are vital to the success of an organization. CLM Board members provide governance oversight and possess an understanding of the Manitoulin community and a passion for inclusion and advocacy. Experience in Disability awareness/knowledge, finances and fund development is most welcome but not necessary.

Never sat on a board? CLM will provide third-party governance training to all new board members!

For more information about CLM or to discuss becoming a board member please contact our Executive Director, Adrienne:  
[afarquhar@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:afarquhar@clmanitoulin.com) or 705-665-8262  
 Board Chair, Pam:  
[plambert@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:plambert@clmanitoulin.com) or 705-210-0515

**SUMMER STUDENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**Central Manitoulin Public Library**

Summer student needed for 30 hours per week.

Please send your resume to:  
[bookworm@amtelecom.net](mailto:bookworm@amtelecom.net) or  
 P.O. Box 210, Mindemoya, ON

**Deadline for applications:**  
 April 30, 2022



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**Nookomisnaang Counsellor**

**Summary**  
 Responsible for planning and facilitating safe therapeutic counselling; ensuring care management duties are completed according to minimal standards; preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

**Responsibilities**

- Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
  - Accurate and complete intake packages
  - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
- In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
  - Submitting documentation for feedback, revision and approval
  - Updating client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
- Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
  - Adhering to and abiding by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
  - Completing and submitting weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
- Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
  - Working cooperatively and in coordination with all staff members
  - Communicating concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution

**Qualifications**

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline
- Minimum of 2 years of work and/or volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding family violence
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community


**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Nookomisnaang Counsellor**  
 Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: April 8, 2022 @ 4:00pm**

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**Mental Wellness Support Worker**

**Summary**  
 To assist in providing mental wellness to those requiring the assistance of the Mniidoo Mnisig Crisis Response Team. Assist in the development of a Community Crisis Response Plan for all seven First Nations of Mniidoo Mnisig. Initiate a process to assess the capacity and resources of communities. Ensure effective crisis response is provided in a timely manner. Provide referral services to individuals, groups and families and to promote the crisis response team.

**Responsibilities**

- Provide immediate care to individuals experiencing crisis and trauma; through mobile crisis outreach.
- Implement capacity building opportunities, facilitate circles as well as coordinating knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach.
- Aid in the development of continued treatment and safety plans.
- Act as a resource for community and continued support programs, providing accurate information as required.
- Direct individuals and families to available social services and resources within the community as required.
- Provide counselling to clients, including one-on-one counselling and group therapy as required.
- Maintain sustainable working relationships with community agencies, schools, law enforcement and courts.
- Maintain accurate and detailed case notes and records of each visit, conversation and any other form of communication.
- Attend scheduled department staff meetings and in-service programs.

**Qualifications**

- Post-Secondary Education in one of the helping disciplines from an accredited college or university
- Three years' experience in working with First Nations populations
- Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues
- Strong advocate in community development
- Excellent facilitation and time management skills
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communications skills
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body
- Excellent assessment, interviewing, and counselling skills
- Knowledge of service delivery systems, specialized services, First Nation community dynamics as well as all applicable legislation
- Travel is a requirement of this position – applicants must possess a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and own a reliable vehicle

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Mental Wellness Support Worker – Mniidoo Mnisig Crisis Response**  
 Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
 NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
 P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
 Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: April 8, 2022 @ 4:00pm**

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# Avian flu in Ontario concerns Manitoulin chicken farmers

by Michael Erskine  
 MANITOULIN—News that a red-tailed hawk in the Waterloo region had tested positive for avian influenza (high pathogenic H5-N1 or HPAI) on March 22, compounded by confirmation of a case in a southern Ontario flock, has led to a ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) advisory to all small flock owners warning that all Ontario poultry flocks that spend time outdoors are at risk of contracting the disease. Avian flu has been decimating poultry flocks across Atlantic Canada and the US in recent months.

With the growing popularity of home-grown poultry and eat local movements, the number of small flocks across the region has skyrocketed in recent years, even though larger producers fall under supply management systems whose quota pricings has locked Island producers out, the virus remains a concern for small flock operators of under 100 birds (the maximum number of birds allowed outside of the quota system).

OMAFRA held a webinar for small flock producers on March 30 which included an update on the status of the virus, information about the concerns posed by the virus and how to protect flocks.

"I've diversified my

operation to provide my own little bit of insurance," said Max Burt of Ice Lake's Burt Farm Country Meats, a small flock operator who produces both chickens and turkeys for local consumption. "There does seem to be quite a bit of drought and pestilence out there these days."

Mr. Burt noted that Manitoulin is particularly vulnerable to avian flu given that it lies in the flight path of many migratory birds. "You really need to be cognizant of the risks posed by the wild bird population," he said. "People seem to



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want to keep them around so you do what you can to protect your flock." Mr. Burt noted that in addition to migratory flocks posing a

risk, there are those who are working on introducing wild turkeys and pheasants onto the Island.

Burt Farm chicken pro-

duction is limited to 100 birds a year, noted Mr. Burt, but as part of his risk management strategy, he divides that production up into two cohorts.

The farmer laments one strategy that has been forced upon him by necessity—that of restricting access to the farm. He has two restriction zones and the farm is well-isolated from the retail operation located on the edge of his property.

"I would love to conduct more tours to let people see and learn about how their food is produced," he said,

"but you have to manage the risk."

"It's a tough call," admitted Mr. Burt, "but you must be realistic. I face restrictions all the time, mostly set in place for the large operators, and you do what you can. Maintain social distancing. I don't have multiple barns in multiple locations, so the risk of bringing in contamination isn't so much an issue for me, but it can be an issue for larger operations."

Mr. Burt said that he does maintain insurance to limit the impact of any cata-

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## Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEMI Public Library is seeking a creative and empowering individual with advanced computer skills and technical acuity to facilitate a one-year community technical skills development program.

- 30 hours/week
- \$20/hour

This exciting employment opportunity offers training and technical skills development in several diverse areas of interest.

**Submit resume and letter of interest by 5 pm on April 20th to:**  
 Kathy Berry  
 NEMI Public Library  
 50 Meredith St. West  
 Little Current, ON POP1K0  
 nemilibceo@vianet.ca



## 3 COWS & A CONE MANAGER WANTED

3 Cows & A Cone, located on MANITOULIN ISLAND, is a fast-paced restaurant/dairy-bar that has an opening for a full-time HANDS-ON Manager.

Hours are 40 hours per week (including weekends & late nights during summer months). We are a restaurant that has been servicing the public with ice-cream, burgers, fries, pizza and other fast foods for the past 25 years.

We are looking for a forward-thinking person with experience in the business or recent graduate of a restaurant and hospitality program. The right person would be able to work with the General Manager to supervise staff of up to 30 young individuals. This position is available immediately. The right candidate should be able to work independently and make basic business decisions while following company policies. Salary is based on experience.

There are additional compensation and benefits working for 3 Cows, so if you're interested in joining our Little Current team, send resume to the email address below to be considered for an interview. For more details please call 705-282-7753.

**Please send resume to:**  
 pantry3cow@hotmail.com



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ASSISTANT STORE MANAGER

Salary: Based on qualifications and experience  
 Position Status: Full-Time Regular (40 hrs. per week)  
 Benefits: Benefit Package and Pension Plan

### Position Summary:

This position's objective is to assist the Grocery Store Manager in all aspects of the daily Grocery Store operations; managing and supervising employees to ensure optimal customer service; implement policy and procedures with an end goal of grocery store patrons receiving prompt, courteous, knowledgeable, and friendly service while attaining profitable results.

**Reports to:** Grocery Store Manager

### Qualifications and Requirements

#### Preferred

- Degree/Diploma in Business Management or related field of study
- At least 2 years' retail purchasing or merchandise experience in a grocery store
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with Anishnabek culture, history, and customs

#### Minimum

- Must have OSSD or equivalent
- At least 2 years' retail supervisor/assistant supervisor experience

#### Essential Functions:

- Assist the Store Manager with all aspects of running the grocery store
- Ensure, through proper supervision, that each department is ready daily
- Ensure that all merchandise and shelf tags have the correct price
- Supervise the grocery store floor, departments, and employees

#### Other:

- Provide leadership in emergency situations
- Maintain a clean and orderly condition of the store floor and storage areas to meet the health and safety standards
- Commitment to providing superior customer service and ability to work closely and cooperatively with others
- Develop and implement marketing strategies for the grocery store
- Must have access to a reliable vehicle
- Must have Valid G licence

### The successful candidate will be required to submit the following upon hire:

- Current thirty (30) day Police Criminal Reference Check (CRC)
- Confirmation of their COVID-19 Vaccinations

**Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:**

c/o Sean Gray, MFN Grocery Store Manager  
 404 HWY 551, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0

OR email resumes to [gsmmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca](mailto:gsmmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca)

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered and only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

For a complete job description, please contact Sean Gray at [gsmmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca](mailto:gsmmanager@mchigeengfreshmart.ca)  
**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 AT 3 P.M.**



**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC)** is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a wholistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Traditional Healing and Primary Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services, Health Promotion and Cultural Services. Services are offered on-site and community-based through the Manitoulin Island District First Nations Health Centres.

*Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage, and cedar, may occur within the work setting. NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.*

### Available Positions:

\*\*\*NEW Mobile Health Unit Positions (Full-time):

- Mobile Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- Mobile Mental Health Social Worker
- Mobile Cultural Support & Peer Outreach Worker

### We are also hiring for:

- Physician (Full-time)
- Registered Practical Nurse (Full-time)
- Traditional Care Coordinator (Full-time)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (Full-time)
- Cultural Support Worker (Full-time)
- Medical Administrative Assistant (Full-time)
- Anishinaabek Services Coordinator (Full-time)
- Sexual & Domestic Violence Services Registered Practical Nurse (0.7)
- Receptionist on Call (Casual)

**For job details please visit:** [www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca/about-us/employment)

### Submission Pre-Requisites:

- Please submit a cover letter, resume, registration, and list three (3) work-related references.
- Proof of full COVID-19 Vaccination Status required.

**Applications:** Can be received marked 'Confidential', by email at [info@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto:info@noojmowin-teg.ca), by facsimile at (705) 368-3922, or by mail:

**Attn: Human Resources**  
 Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
 Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540  
 Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
 Little Current, ON POP 1K0

To learn more about employment opportunities, call (705) 368-2182 ext. 235.  
 Chi-miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. "A place of healing"



# Central Manitoulin launches FoodCycler pilot program

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The municipality of Central Manitoulin is excited to launch an innovative pilot program that will offer residents the opportunity to test out FoodCycler composting machines in their own home.

“FoodCycler machines are a counter-top, on-site composting solution that helps divert organic waste from the landfill. Similar in size and shape to a breadmaker, the units produce a no-odour product and can be used year-round. They provide an alternative for those reluctant to use traditional backyard composters for fear of attracting pests, bears or because of the maintenance involved,” a release explains.

“On average, 50 percent of household waste is composed of food waste. Methane is produced when organic materials decompose in ‘no-air’ environments, which is a major contributor to green house gas emissions. The machines dry and grind food waste into an odourless nutrient-dense by-product that can be used as fertilizer, added to a garden,

lawn, or existing composting system. Because the FoodCycler pulverizes and aerates the organic matter as it breaks down, those harmful methane gases are not released at all.”

The FoodCycler has built-in sensor technology that monitors the dryness and humidity of the waste. Once complete, the unit will stop the cycle automatically. A typical cycle takes between 4-8 hours for the food waste to become completely dehydrated and processed. This time depends on the amount of food waste being processed, the density of the food wastes and the moisture levels contained in each.

“We all need to find solutions to reduce our environmental impact, which includes reducing the volume of compostable waste presently being added to our landfill,” said Councillor Dale Scott. “Across Northern Ontario small, rural municipalities are having to pivot and adopt innovative waste management strategies as the capacity of local sites dwindles. The FoodCycler pilot project is an excellent program to help address this challenge and I would encourage residents to take advantage of this positive municipal initiative.”

“Through engagement activities as part of the municipality’s community energy and emissions planning process, residents made it clear that composting is important to them,” a press release from the municipality to households there continues. “The FoodCycler pilot program is just one of several waste diversion methods that the municipality will be exploring in the future. Participating in the project will help the municipality to gather data that will support funding applications and help them inform the overall waste management planning process.”

The municipality is partnering with Ottawa based company Food Cycle Science Corporation and Impact Canada to make 50 units available at a discounted rate to residents of Central Manitoulin during a 12-week pilot project. Residents who sign up to participate will receive a subsidized unit and will track their usage over the 12-week pilot. Each unit typically sells for approximately \$500, but through this pilot program, residents will only need to pay \$150 plus HST to obtain their unit.

“Registration opens Monday, April 4, 2022 at 10 am and closes April 20, at 2 pm, or while supplies last. Registration can be completed online at [www.centralmanitoulin.ca](http://www.centralmanitoulin.ca) or by calling the municipal office at 705-377-5726. Priority will be given to residents of Central Manitoulin. However, if any units remain after the registration period, residents across the Island may sign up to participate.”

Between May 3-5, participants will be able to pick up

and pay for their units at the municipal office in Minde-moya. Shortly after successfully registering, participants will receive an email with confirmation and all relevant details regarding pick-up and participation.

Participants can track their usage from May 9 to August 1 (12 weeks). Participants will track the number of cycles during a 12-week period and record any feedback they have on the machines. Technical support is available from the Food Cycle Science. The municipal coordinator, Patricia Mader, is also available to answer questions during this time. Upon conclusion of the 12-week pilot, participants will be asked to fill out a brief exit survey and submit their usage.

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strophic loss, but those programs have major limitations. “You have to have a loss of 80 or 75 percent before they even trigger,” he said. “So it does assist, somewhat, but if you have a loss two years in a row the trigger moves to where there is no longer any point.”

Burt Farm also limits the amount of outside equipment that comes on the property, being able to do their own barn cleaning and other maintenance chores that many farms use outside contractors or equipment rentals to accomplish.

“I also grow my own grain, so I have my own source of bedding,” he said. “You take all the precautions you can, keeping cost-benefit-analysis in mind, and then you cross your fingers.”

Costs are a big concern, because although Mr. Burt said he can stand behind his product as “the best there is,” he also must compete in a challenging market. “We sell to Manitoulin, an area that has an average income 60 percent of that of the rest of Ontario,” he said. “So even though we have the very best product, we have to keep the price where people can afford to buy it.”

At the end of the day, Mr. Burt says his best strategy might just boil down to diversification. “You might just say I don’t keep all my eggs in one basket.”

More information on how to protect your flock can be accessed at the poultry industry website: [poultryindustry.council.ca/resources/biosecurity-and-disease](http://poultryindustry.council.ca/resources/biosecurity-and-disease).



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Town of Gore Bay is seeking applications for the position of HARBOUR MASTER ASSISTANT

Please submit your application to the undersigned no later than 4:00 p.m., April 14, 2022.

Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk  
Town of Gore Bay  
PO Box 590, 15 Water Street  
Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0  
705-282-2420 ext. 1  
[scarr@gorebay.ca](mailto:scarr@gorebay.ca)

All applicants are thanked for their interest. Only the candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of candidate selection.

*The Town of Gore Bay is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Town of Gore Bay if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process.*



### Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.

#### Employment Opportunity Personal Support Worker Casual

The Personal Support Worker is responsible for providing care that contributes to the quality of life of individuals who live at home by promoting their independence; dignity; social; emotional and physical well-being; mobility; personal appearance; comfort and safety so that they may remain and participate within their community.

**The successful applicant must be willing to work flexible hours (possible evenings and/or weekends) and may provide services to all five First Nation communities. (Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing)**

#### OBJECTIVES

1. Provide personal support services based on the client personal care or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the Long-Term Care Program with the provision of regular Diners' Club and Meals On Wheels program, Adult Day programming and may assist/provide generic transportation services for own client caseload; friendly visits and social safety.
3. Provide respite services working flexible hours.
4. Works collaboratively with healthcare providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Submission of timely required documentation based on scheduled basis to immediate supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
2. A Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of two years' community work-experience.
3. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
4. Current and Clear CPIC.
5. Valid 'G' driver's licence and a vehicle.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

Submit a cover letter, resume and three work-related references marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

**Human Resources**  
Mnaamodzawin Health Services  
Postal Bag 2002, 48 Hillside Road  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
705-368-2182 ext.271  
[hr@mnaamodzawin.com](mailto:hr@mnaamodzawin.com)  
Fax: 705-368-2229

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 15, 2022 @ 12:00 pm.**  
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinician

#### Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager, the Clinician provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong.

#### Responsibilities

1. To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective clinical services are provided to the community of Wikwemikong.
2. To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health services to the community of Wikwemikong.
3. To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
4. To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Mental Health staff.
5. To assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff.
6. To maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis.
7. To promote culturally appropriate mental health services in the community of Wikwemikong.
8. To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.

#### Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body is an asset.
- Minimum 3 years of social work experience in a health care setting or social service agency.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing, and counselling skills.
- Expertise in mental health and substance abuse areas preferred.
- Knowledge of therapeutic interventions.
- Must possess the ability to make independent decisions when circumstances require and must know when to refer a patient for further medical assessment.
- Able to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Able to work efficiently as part of a team as well as independently.
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills.
- Strong morals and ethics, along with a commitment to staff privacy.

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

**Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinician**  
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: April 8, 2022 @ 4:00pm**

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I hope everyone made it through April Fools' Day last Friday without many cheesy or terrible jokes being played on them. Did you hear about Kraft Peanut Butter's joke? On March 30, the company announced that after 60+ years on the job, Smoothie and Crunchy the bears would be retiring. This caused some tears to be shed by many. Then on Friday, April 1, the company announced that it was all an April Fools' joke. They had me fooled! An April Fools' joke for you:

For April Fools' Day, my friend replaced my Alpha-Bits with Cheerios. I have no words to say how angry I am.

Last week was another short week with two snow days, or should I say ice days, on Wednesday, March 30 and Thursday, March 31. March went out like a lion, that's for sure.

On Tuesday, March 29, the awards ceremony for the York University Robotics competition was held. MSS's Manitoulin Metal FRC 6865 won the judge's award! And to top off the amazing news, co-captain Jocelyn Kuntsi is a provincial finalist for the prestigious Dean's List Award! Great job team! They competed this past weekend (Sunday, April 3) in North Bay and are heading to provincials next week from Thursday, April 13 to Saturday, April 16.

On Friday, April 1, the MSS junior girls' volleyball team hosted the NSSSA 'A' championships. The girls won their game on Friday, and they went undefeated in league play during the season. Wonderful job, girls!

After a long journey through all the challenges of the pandemic, the MSS 2022 10-minute musical, Book Lovers, is now ready for outside viewing! The cast includes Natalia Bell as



Charlotte, Xavier Mara as Dewey, Jordan Goddard as Cyrano De Bergerac, Jocelyn Kuntsi as Helen of Troy, Alexis McVey as Juliet Capulet, Lydia Pennings as Hester Prynne, and Zack Hill as Sir Lancelot. The production crew includes Lauren Talbot and Mark Otosquaiob as sound and light crew; Willow Fogal, Ezra Diebolt, and Daphne Carr as stage crew. The Producer is Ms. Bauer, the Artistic Director is Mr. Zegil, the Musical Director is Mr. Theijsmeijer, the Technical Director and Stage Manager is Ms. Theijsmeijer, and the Head of Costumes is Ms. Ferguson. The full production of Book Lovers can be viewed and shared freely online by going to [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONYVVFHZAaZSY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONYVVFHZAaZSY).


Donations to support the MSS Musical Theatre program can be made through the GoFundMe page <https://gofund.me/2909466cCheque>.

Students planning to graduate in the 2021-2022 school year must have 20 community service hours by June in order to fulfill the graduation requirement. Volunteer opportunities are becoming available across the island. The Little Current Fish and Game Club is looking for volunteers to help at the hatchery. If you are interested, please contact Lou Short at 705-368-2446.

Joke of the week: What do you call a well-dressed king of the jungle? A dandy lion.

Upcoming events include a senior girls volleyball tournament on Thursday, April 7 and Easter.

Until the next time, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Finance Clerk

**Location:** United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising  
Head Office - M'Chigeeng, ON

**Duration:** Contract - Term: May 2022 to March 31, 2023  
(possible extension pending funding)

The Finance Clerk will assist the Finance Manager in accounts payable and maintaining appropriate financial documentation through an organized system of filing. Other responsibilities will include processing payable cheques, providing assistance with annual audit working papers, ensuring timely and accurate invoicing, and completing administrative duties related to the Finance Department and Administration.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Assist with accounts receivable and payable
- Assist in the preparation for auditors
- Prepare bank reconciliations and conduct banking
- Assist with invoicing clients and answer inquiries
- Assess fixed assets and depreciation
- Store, update and retrieve financial data
- Process claims and vouchers for payment, enter invoices, match invoices with purchase orders, and check all claims for accuracy
- Verify account codes for proper assignment of budgetary expenditures
- Act as first line contact with vendors regarding billing problems
- Perform clerical duties, such as maintaining filing and record systems
- Order supplies, receive incoming supplies, check against bills of lading for finance office
- Receive incoming mail, date stamp, record, sort and distribute mail
- Perform other duties, as assigned and overtime may be required

**Skills/Knowledge**

- Strong working knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
- Effective attention to detail and a high degree of accuracy
- Able to build and maintain lasting relationships with other departments, key business partners, and government agencies
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Strong organization skills and proven ability to work in a multi-tasking environment
- High standards of ethics and confidentiality to handle sensitive information
- Strong knowledge of office procedures and practices
- Able to work well under pressure and meet set deadlines
- Sound analytical thinking, planning, prioritization, and execution skills

**Qualifications:**

- General Finance and bookkeeping course
- 2-3 years' office experience
- Experience with budget, accounting, and reporting systems
- Experience with SAGE 300 accounting software and spreadsheet programs and applications is an asset

Salary Range: \$48,000.00 salary with pension and benefits  
Deadline for Applications: April 14, 2022 at 12 noon

Please submit a letter of application and resume with three written employment references, one from current/most recent employer and current Criminal Reference Check. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted. Please forward and mark "Confidential" mail to:

Finance Clerk Application  
P.O. Box 275  
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0  
Attn: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer

Complete applications may also be emailed to [hrecollet@uccmm.ca](mailto:hrecollet@uccmm.ca)  
Please reference email: Finance Clerk Application

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Level 2 Jr. Field Water & Wastewater Operator

**Location:** United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising  
Head Office - M'Chigeeng, ON

**Duration:** Contract-Term: May 2022 to March 31, 2025  
(possible extension pending funding)

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising Tribal Council (UCCMM) was established in 1979 to support the First Nation communities of Mnídoo Mnising. The UCCMM First Nation member communities are Aundeck Omni Kaning, M'Chigeeng, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing. Located in M'Chigeeng First Nation, UCCMM provides support and services ranging from Administrative, Finance, Justice, Technical, to Lands and Resources.

The prime responsibility of this position is to evaluate, perform, assist with O&M and Asset Management Program activities for the processes and facilities under the supervision of the HUB Lead and Overall Responsible Operator (ORO) of UCCMM's Water and Wastewater Hub System and its First Nation Treatment Facilities.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Adhere to policies, procedures, and instructions as related to all of First Nations Water Treatment Quality Management Policies, Protocol for Decentralized Water & Wastewater Systems in all communities and Personnel Policies.
- Record and maintain records of operations and maintenance of processes, equipment and department facilities, purchases, treatment effectiveness, and monitoring.
- Under the direction of the Hub Lead, the Level 2 Jr. Operator will provide oversight, assistance, emergency relief coverage to existing First Nation Operators, as well as administering the Asset Management Program with each community.
- Ensure that all process control decisions with the facility are made with accordance with regulatory requirements, operational manuals or standard operating procedures with the aim to protect human health and the natural environment.

**Qualifications:**

- Water Treatment Qualification – Level 2
- Water Distribution Qualification – Level 2
- Wastewater Treatment Qualification – Level 1
- Wastewater Collection Qualification – Level 1
- Confined Space Entry, WHMIS
- Valid "G" or other Driver's Licence Designation
- Three (3) years' experience with a Membrane Treatment Facility
- Three (3) years' experience with a Slow Sand Conventional Facility
- Three (3) years' experience with a Facultative Lagoon Facility
- Knowledge and experience with SCADA computer system
- Knowledge of the Ojibwe culture, traditions, and language
- Ability to work non-standard work hours
- Proficient in MS Office, data entry and reporting

**Salary Range:** Salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

**Deadline for Applications:** April 14, 2022 at 12 noon

Please submit: (1) cover letter addressing qualifications and skills, (2) a resume, (3) a copy of diploma(s), certificates, and current operator's licence, and (4) three current work-related reference letters. All interview candidates must provide a current criminal reference check at time of the interview. The successful candidate must provide proof of vehicle, insurance and drivers abstract. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted. Please forward and mark "Confidential" mail to:

Level 2 Jr. Field Water & Wastewater Operator Application  
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising  
P.O. Box 275  
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0  
Attn: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Governance Coordinator

**Location:** United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnising  
Head Office - M'Chigeeng, ON

**Duration:** Contract -Term: May 2022 to March 31, 2023  
(possible extension pending funding)

UCCMM is seeking an energetic, self-motivated person to join the UCCMM Governance Team to assist with the activities and deliverables from the Recognition of Rights and Self-Determination Exploratory Table. This will involve working as part of a team on a variety of engagement activities with UCCMM leadership and communities, including the youth and elders.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Works closely with Lands & Resources team members on objectives and outcomes consistent with the UCCMM Approved work plan
- Scheduling, coordinating, and attending meetings, and maintaining a record of meetings as required
- Developing and preparing reports for submission
- Carrying out engagements with community, administration, and leadership on the development of the UCCMM First Nations Recognition of Rights and Self-Determination Exploratory Table
- Assist in preparation of work-plans, briefing notes, Band Council Resolutions and other materials as required
- Ability to speak or committed to learn Anishnaabe language
- Other duties as required

**Skills/Knowledge**

- Proven ability to work successfully with: community groups, individuals, youth, researchers and community leadership
- Ability to facilitate groups is an asset and the ability to work well with minimal supervision
- Good interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Good organization skills and proven ability to work in a multi-tasking environment
- Proven ability to work independently and detail oriented
- Strong computer skills including Word, Excel, Power Point, Google/Gmail, MS Outlook and other software
- Demonstrated knowledge of Anishnaabek history and in particular history and treaties of Mnídoo Mnising
- Knowledge and understanding of provincial and federal agencies/ministries impacting First Nations
- High standards of ethics and confidentiality to handle sensitive information

**Qualifications:**

- Post-secondary degree or diploma in related field or equivalent work experience (e.g. Aboriginal Studies, Public Administration, Lands Management, Community Planning, Communications, Social Development)
- Other Training/Certificates
- Must possess a valid driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle

**Salary Range:** \$55,000.00 salary with pension and benefits

**Deadline for Applications:** April 14, 2022 at 12 noon

Please submit a letter of application and resume with three written employment references, one from current/most recent employer and current Criminal Reference Check. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted. Please forward and mark "Confidential" mail to:

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Screener April 4, 2022 - August 31, 2022

### Summary

The Screener is responsible for implementing the screening assessment to all Clients attending the Health Centre.

### Responsibilities

1. Screen all Clients attending the Health Centre.
2. Maintain accurate and concise records of all communications.
3. Communicate effectively with Clients.
4. Ensure that the proper resources are utilized for a Client.
5. Handle confidential information.
6. Performs other duties as required

### Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED required
- Ability to understand logical processes and be detail-oriented
- Able to deal with people sensitively, tactfully, diplomatically, and professionally at all times
- Ability to adhere to confidentiality when working with sensitive information
- Able to work well under pressure
- Flexible, able to deal with change
- Very organized, with excellent multi-tasking and problem-solving skills
- Excellent customer service/communication skills
- Strong work ethic and positive team attitude

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

#### Screener

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline: March 28, 2022 @ 4:00pm**  
**Start Date: April 4, 2022**

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations, and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.**

**ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

*We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.*



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Communicative Disorder Assistant (CDA)

### Summary

The CDA will report to Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinhiik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat Manager and work under the direction and clinical supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist (SLP). The CDA will provide direct one on one therapy sessions to individuals and small groups of children ranging from 2 to 21 years old in schools on Manitoulin Island, the Northshore and surrounding areas, under the supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist. The qualifying CDA will need to drive between schools and home base office.

### Responsibilities

1. Plan and carry out treatment sessions based on specific therapy goals established by the supervising SLP;
2. Collecting and recording client data;
3. Reporting on client progress and any related issues to the supervising SLP and Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinhiik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat Manager;
4. Provide Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) support for students; create low-tech communication aids; set up and program high tech voice output devices; assist with the training of students, teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants in the use of the devices;
5. Implement individual and group communication, speech and language programs for eligible students; prepare lesson plans, activities and materials; document student performance, comfortable with play-based individual and group therapy.

### Qualifications

- Graduate from an accredited CDA Program; Member of the CDAAC or equivalent.
- Excellent written communication skills.
- Good computer skills and knowledge of MS Office applications.
- Training and experience related to: child development and childhood exceptionality, specific articulation and language development, speech and language disorders, treatments and interventions used.
- Set up and use of augmentative communication systems and technology, i.e. Proloquo2go, PECS.
- Assistive listening equipment, i.e. FM systems.
- Evidence of effective customer service, organizational, interpersonal, communication, judgment and decision-making skills.
- Able to work independently in carrying out communication screens and given therapy programs.
- Flexible, self-directed and able to work effectively with minimal supervision.
- This position requires travel to schools with the contracted First Nations Reserves, and therefore the successful candidate must have a reliable vehicle and a valid driver's licence.

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

#### CDA

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Deadline: April 8, 2022 @ 4:00pm**

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker

### Summary

Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinhiik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat will have staffed based in following communities, M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Whitefish River and Wiikwemkoong, therefore travel will be required or base office flexible. The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will work with students who are identified as having needs for behaviour intervention or school-based mental health intervention. Comprehensive assessments of behaviour and mental health issues will be expected and treatment plans that include individual intervention, group intervention, classroom intervention, family intervention will be written and implemented. Support to teachers and school staff will be given to develop classroom behaviour management strategies and to increase competency of educational systems in this area. Individual therapy/behaviour intervention will be done. Clinical meetings with family members and other involved adults will be done. All aspects of this position will be expected to follow best practices models. The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will be under the supervision of the Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinhiik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat Manager.

### Responsibilities

1. Provide services in different partner communities, travelling independently
2. Establish positive relationships with school staff in all partner communities
3. Meet with care coordinators to review cases and develop understanding of referrals
4. Meet with children at their school
5. Meet with parents and teachers as needed to ensure adequate assessment for each child
6. Write comprehensive assessment and treatment plans that include clear recommendations for teachers, school staff and parents, and also recommendations for individual clinical interventions following best practices standards
7. Assist families in understanding reports and in implementing the strategies at home
8. Provide information and support to school staff to assist them in developing competencies in behaviour intervention and children's mental health
9. Be responsive to school staff when they identify training needs and report these to Program Manager
10. Participate in school staff training events

### Qualifications

- Masters level degree in Social Work or equivalent preferred, but all interested applicants encouraged to apply
- Must be registered or be eligible to register with the College of Social Workers, or as a Psychotherapist
- Social work experience; Experience in children's mental health or child and family therapy preferred
- 2 years' recent post-masters experience in an educational setting preferred
- Experience working with children/youth experiencing social/emotional difficulties
- Demonstrated ability to work with a multi-disciplinary team

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 2 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

#### School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Cultural Practitioner

### Summary

Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre is looking for a well-balanced, energetic professional experienced and knowledgeable in delivering wholistic opportunities to meet the needs of the community. Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Program Manager, the Cultural Practitioner will provide a blend of land-based initiatives and clinical methods in the provision of culturally appropriate mental health services.

### Responsibilities

1. To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective mental health services are provided to the community
2. To provide healing opportunities which includes but is not limited to, ceremony, healing circles and land-based activities
3. To coordinate the provision of seasonal cultural activities that address all aspects of Anishinaabe Way of Life
4. To ensure culturally appropriate and efficient mental health promotion is provided to the community
5. To maintain working relationship/partnership with other agencies/organizations, stakeholders and members
6. To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in the community and work towards addressing them
7. To assist and ensure professional development which includes but is not limited to selfcare for staff
8. To maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis
9. To facilitate team approach and work with health services and programs within Wiikwemkoong
10. To recruit and compile a database of traditional resources

### Qualifications

- Post-secondary education in one of the helping disciplines
- Mature individual with lived experience
- Ability to demonstrate positive role model and living in balance with Anishinaabe Aadziwin
- Experience in and ability to participate in traditional medicine harvesting, protocols, and land-based cultural approaches to wellness
- Willing to obtain: CPR/first aid Training, ASIST Training, MHFA, CISM, Advanced Wilderness First Aid
- Experience in working with mental health and addictions
- Excellent interpersonal and written communication skills within an electronic environment
- Anishinaabemowin speaker or learner highly preferred
- Must be able to work effectively as part of a team and as a leader when required to foster quality service to clients and to promote a good working environment
- Valid Driver's Licence and access to reliable vehicle

As per WUT policy, first posting is open to band members of Wiikwemkoong.

**All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and 3 work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:**

#### Cultural Practitioner

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

**Posted: March 24, 2022**

**Deadline: April 7, 2022 @ 12:00 pm**

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations, and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.**

*We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. No return of submissions.*



# Manitoulin food convention and market to be held in Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A Manitoulin food convention and market, to be held in Gore Bay, is being planned for this May.

“This is a great idea, anything that helps to bring people to Gore Bay is a good thing,” said Ron Lane, a member of the Gore Bay general government committee, after a presentation by Barb Erskine, acting manager of Split Rail Brewing Company. Ms. Erskine outlined a proposal for the event, being hosted by Split Rail and Genevieve Sartor of New Grain Kitchen. “And you are proposing to use our community hall, which we are very proud of.”

“I also think this is a great idea,” stated Gore Bay Councillor Leanne Woestenenk.

“I want to thank the committee members, councillors and town staff for your time to hear this presentation tonight,” Ms. Erskine told the committee at a meeting last week. She outlined the grass roots effort is being scheduled for May 28-29, “and its purpose is to provide people the opportunity to network and develop food group connections and partnerships.”

Mr. Erskine explained, “on May 28, we would hold the educational convention piece of the event in the Gore Bay (commu-

nity) hall, with speakers, farmers, producers, and agency representatives, mostly local, (although some from other areas) discussing food product development and farming. And it is definitely open to members of the public. A fee would be at a minimal cost of \$5 and those who attend can stay for as many sessions as they would like, or stay for the entire day.”

The event would take place in the town’s community hall, “which is a lovely venue, stage, and auditorium. It is an ideal space to hold an event like this,” said Ms. Erskine.

“On May 29, a market would take place at Split Rail, with food producers having food products on

hand (and for sale),” said Ms. Erskine. “This is what we are proposing. How would it benefit Gore Bay? All the events would take place in Gore Bay. It would be getting people out in the community to take part and provide another attraction for people to visit Gore Bay and we would advertise this generously.”

The organizers of the event are requesting an in-kind contribution of the use of the community hall on May 28 and use of the stage, auditorium, and projector screen for the event. “This would be a non-alcoholic event,” Ms. Erskine told the committee.

“We feel this would be a really good event for the town and a lot of fun,” stated Ms. Erskine.

Gore Bay Councillor Jack Clark inquired as to what the projected number of vendors and presenters would be at the event.

“There could be a dozen presenters, say 10-12, and in terms of the vendors’ market, about 12-15 spaces,” said Ms. Erskine.

“Have you been to or seen something like this type of food convention and market in other locations?” asked Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne.

“Not for quite some time, but I’ve seen this type of event in big centres. And I

went specifically to a similar event in Prince Edward County, which was just rocking for the food fair, there were a lot of people and it was fun,” said Ms. Erskine.

“You have 100 percent backing of the event from this committee,” stated committee chair and councillor Kevin Woestenenk. The committee passed a motion recommending town council support the proposal for the event and to donate the community hall and necessary equipment needed by the group

to put on the educational component of the convention.

## notice

**Food Cupboard**—The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the COVID-19 outbreak with some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side door (facing McQuarrie Motors) and knock. Food will be packed and passed outside to you. If you have questions, call 705-282-2011. Messages are checked daily.

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## thank you

A big thank you to Elaine, Barb and Lexi, (from a distance), for planning my 80th birthday party. Lots of delicious food, and to top it all off, a beautiful and delicious cake, made by Brenda Maurice. The week before was a birthday dinner as well, for both Garry and I. Many relatives and friends attended, but it still remained a surprise until the last minute. Also, many beautiful gifts and equally beautiful cards. Thanks so much to everyone involved to make the day so special!  
Laura

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I would like to say a huge, heartfelt thank you to the snow removal crews who have kept the highways in excellent shape this winter. We’ve never been “stuck”, thanks to you! You are appreciated!  
Charlie Pratt  
Honora

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## in memoriam


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by Marjorie Pickthall  
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But I love the daisies’ dance  
All the meadow over.  
Blow, O blow, you happy winds,  
Singing summer’s praises,  
Up the field and down the field  
A-dancing with the daisies.  
You are always in our thoughts,  
With much love,  
David, Alan and Joe

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**HARASYM**—In loving memory of our precious baby boy, William James Morris Harasym, who left us on April 10, 2004.  
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As the happy children play,  
Gentle Jesus watches o’er them  
Caring for them day by day.  
We may find comfort knowing  
In our Father’s home above,  
Our William is happy  
In the sweetness of His love.  
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Aunt Mallory and Uncle Mitchell

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**OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT**  
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- Respond to telephone and in-person inquiries related to services and treatment program
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- Support counselling through intake process with individuals and family members
- Prepare written reports, appropriate case documentation, and participate in case conference reviews and participate team meetings as required
- Other duties as required

**Qualifications:**

- Degree in Human Services or Diploma in Addictions or related field
- Knowledge of Anishnaabe culture, language, and issues an asset
- Knowledge of the services and programs at Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.
- Education and experience working in the addictions field
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**Submit your Cover Letter, Resume, and three recent references to:**  
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Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (Rainbow Lodge)  
56 Pitawanakwat St., PO Box 81  
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

Or via email at rwright@ngwaaganamig.ca | subject line to read: Counsellor Application  
Closing Date & Time: Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 12:00 Noon.



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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 20, 2022, at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands Municipal Office, 14 Water St. E., Little Current, Ontario.

**Description of Lands:**

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2. Roll No. 51 19 040 002 10800 0000; Howland Con 3; PIN 47120-0168 (LT); File No. 20-05; Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,470.73

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A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available on line at [www.townofnemi.on.ca](http://www.townofnemi.on.ca) or you may contact:

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**Tenders for Town of Gore Bay Storage Garage and Arena Repairs**

The Town of Gore Bay invites contractors to submit a tender for the Town of Gore Bay Storage Garage & Arena Repairs

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To book a site visit contact Roger Chenard at (705) 282-2708 or cell (705) 677-9136.

Submissions are to be sealed in an envelope marked: **TOWN OF GORE BAY STORAGE GARAGE AND ARENA REPAIRS**

Submissions will be received by the undersigned at the Municipal Office, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, until 4:00 p.m., local time, April 22, 2022.

Submissions received after 4:00 p.m. April 22, 2022 will not be considered.

**For further information contact the undersigned.**

Michael Lalonde, Treasurer  
Town of Gore Bay  
P.O. Box 590, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, ON POP 1H0  
Tel: 705-282-2420 Email: [mlalonde@gorebay.ca](mailto:mlalonde@gorebay.ca)



# District Services Board won't grant Espanola reapportionment

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—A proposal by the Town of Espanola seeking to change the way revenue from hydro dams impacts its share of the cost of running the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) failed to gain traction at the February 23 board meeting. The proposal would see the Town of Espanola's share of the costs reduced significantly, while raising the costs of most of the other municipalities by 1.5 percent.

The Town of Espanola launched a concurrent court challenge to the way municipal costs are currently calculated. The town maintains that revenues from power dams should be treated the same way that property taxes are when the ability to pay is factored in, with only a portion of the power dam revenue proportional to that of the percentage of property taxes being taken into consideration in the calculation.

CAO Fern Dominelli noted that a straw poll of DSB municipal councils and townships without municipal organization (TWMO) within the board's catchment area received responses from 18 municipalities and

unorganized townships with only four municipalities outstanding. "Of those, 15 were opposed to the proposed new formula," shared Mr. Dominelli. "Those townships represent 27,700 citizens." He noted that the remaining four townships and their population would not take the proposal over the double majority required to change the apportionment formula.

Although the poll itself did not require a double majority, any motion to change the formula would require the vote to include both a majority of the member municipalities and those municipalities containing a majority of the DSB population.

"Therefore, we will wait to see what happens in the court case," said Mr. Dominelli.

The Town of Espanola has made proposals to the apportionment formula a number of times in the past with no success, but this would be the first time they have upped the ante with an application to the court.

The power dam in Billings was not part of the equation for the new formula.

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## Death Notices

### HOWARD A. NEVINGER

September 07, 1942 - April 02, 2022



Howard A. Nevinger passed away peacefully after his final duel with cancer. He is survived by his loving, supportive and devoted wife Susan (nee Laidley) and her children and spouses, Robert Allan (Ashley Moison) and Maggie Allan (Josh Bears). Forever and always loved by his four children and spouses, Kim Vandervoot (Mike), Lynn Rose (Keith) and Dean Nevinger, their mother, Evelyn Patterson (nee Lamb) (predeceased) (Wes), Carrie Martin (Will), mother, Judy Aubrey (nee Morris) (Ed). Son to Dean and Helen Nevinger (nee Shisler) of Fort Erie Ontario, (both predeceased). Brother to Bob (Maryann, nee Driver) (predeceased), Deanna (Bob Biller) (predeceased), Doug (Lois, nee Jackson) (predeceased). Brother-in-law to Ed Laidley (Mary), Karen Linley (Don), Shane Laidley (Beryl), and Earl Laidley (Rae). Howard was Grandpa Nevi, Grandpa Bite, Grandpa Darlin' and Grandpa OhOh to 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Plus more including those through his step-children Marc Claveau (Monica Bobiak), Kim Long (Rob.) mother, Gloria Prentice (nee Tucker) (Jim). Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Howard was a kind, happy, positive, live in the moment, get 'er done type of man who lived with quiet faith. He was recognized and well known for his infectious laugh. Self taught and motivated he was very proud of the time he spent in the Congo as a peacekeeper with the armed forces. In Fort Erie, Ontario he worked in his father's lumber yard, became a roofer then started his own roofing company. That led to becoming a builder/contractor and businessman. Howard had numerous other businesses including some wholesale gift and import companies. He experienced lifelong friendships through his work. He was very proud to become the keeper of "Nevinger's Pond" in Fort Erie and enjoyed his geese and ducks. Howard had a gift of making people feel special. At the core though he was an outdoorsman, nature lover, woodcutter and fisherman. He excelled at sharing his knowledge and teaching others. These last 20 years on Manitoulin Island have provided deep love, joy and contentment. He enjoyed travelling from coast to coast in our country and visited almost every continent. He savoured simple pleasures such as music, watching sunsets, being in his boat, fishing, making kindling and above all else, sharing these joys with his wife, kids, family, friends and neighbours. There will be two Celebrations of his Life. One in Southern Ontario and one on Manitoulin Island. Dates to be determined. In lieu of flowers, and if you desire to make a donation, he requests it for the March of Dimes. This organization helped his family when he had polio as a young child and he has never forgotten their support. But in his own words "to honour me... go fishing!"

### MARY "AGNES" OSAWAMICK

October 31, 1934 - March 30, 2022



In loving memory of Mary "Agnes" Osawamick who passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North at the age of 87 on March 30, 2022. She will be missed by her loving sister Mary Jane (Chris) and brothers Peter and Edward. Agnes will be lovingly remembered by John (Francine), Susan (Greg), Dylan, Nancy, Jesse (Kyla), Tim, Alvin, Roxanne, Samantha, Darrell (Shelly), and Mark. Agnes was predeceased by her parents Sam and Clara, her sisters Margaret and Theresa, and her brothers Ivan, Vincent, John M, and James. As per Agnes' request there will be no visitation, wake, or funeral service. Cremation only. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

### CHRISTOPHER SPANISH

"Red Eagle"



In loving memory of Christopher Spanish, "Red Eagle", 73 years, who passed away at the Toronto East General Hospital on March 25, 2022. Cherished husband of Betty Spanish. Beloved father of Jason (predeceased), Wilfred (predeceased), Amanda and Keri Ann (Austin). Loving grandfather of Jason Jr., Rachael, Justice, Memphis, Joslynn and great-grandfather of Ariel. Godfather of Sheri Assiniwe and Memphis. Special dad to Sheri (Mooshe). Dear son of George and Julia (nee Ominikamigo) (both predeceased). Treasured brother of Gordon, Terry, Reggie, Godfrey, Vera Laporta, Clifford, Ernest (predeceased), Agillius (predeceased), Kevin (predeceased) and Gloria (predeceased). Will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Chris was the traditional elder in his community. He was always a family-oriented man. Always involved with his grandchildren and children. After working hard for 20 plus years at Davlin Cleaners, he started his path at an aboriginal healing program. He loved his bike rides, which he called his bike "his horse". He loved his bingo. Chris loved to joke around. He was the one to give you your special nickname. He was always smiling when greeting you while shaking your hand continuously. He took pride in all his nieces and nephews. He was always a friendly, loving, gentle man whom everyone loved. He will be dearly missed by all. Funeral visitation was at St. Ignatius Church on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 after 1 pm. Funeral Mass was at St. Ignatius Church on Friday, April 1, 2022 at 11 am. Burial in the Upper Wikwemikong Cemetery.

### YVONNE MARJORIE SMITH

(nee Peltier)

Emiwaangowezid Kwe,  
Waawaashkesh dodem

Sunrise: November 19, 1940 - Sunset: March 23, 2022



In loving memory of Yvonne Marjorie Smith (nee Peltier) Emiwaangowezid Kwe, Waawaashkesh dodem. Yvonne passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre with her family by her side, at the age of 81 on March 23, 2022. Reunited with her parents, Sophie and Leonard Peltier and husband Jerry Smith. Beloved mother of the late Roland (Rachelle), Janice and Jerry (Julia) (predeceased). Nookimis to Sophie, Mercedes, Mark, Bradley, Jessica, Lindsay, Autumn, Sean, Derian, Julian and Ashton. Loving sister to Joseph (Roselinda), Gilbert (Lavina) (both predeceased), Norman (Annie) (both predeceased), Shawn (predeceased) (Isabelle); Loretta and Violet (both predeceased). Fondly remembered by many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and family. As per Yvonne's wishes a Celebration of her Life will be held in Wikwemkoong at a later date. Donations in memory of Yvonne can be made to the Wikwemikong Nursing Home Building Fund, 2281 Wikwemikong Way, Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

Memorial donations are gratefully appreciated and can be made at the admitting office to the auxiliaries of the Manitoulin Health Centre and the Renovation Fund in both Mindemoya and Little Current and the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary Incorporated, 3 Main Street, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, P0P 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0.

### MARY ELIZABETH TOULOUSE

(nee Owl)



Mary Elizabeth Toulouse (Owl), of Sagamok Anishnawbek, passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on March 26, 2022 at the age of 80. Beloved wife to the late D'Arcy Toulouse (2013). Dear daughter to the late Jack and Sarah (Sissenah) Owl. Loving mother to Donna, Kevin (Julie), Gary (Crystal), Connie of Ottawa, Marcel (Nora) and June (Damain) of London. Predeceased by Rhonda, Cynthia and Valentine. Cherished grandmother to Darcy, Curtis, Dylan, Christian, Sarah, Hannah, Phoenix, Alexandra, Ariel, Kathy, Donovan, Joseph, Grace and Lily. Great-grandmother to Sasha, Natalie, Darcy, Christopher, Emily, Shae-Lynn, Izabella, Zannah, Keenan and Sonny. Great-great-grandmother to Kamea. Dear sister to the predeceased: William (Rosina), Fredrick (Nancy), Christopher, Georgina (Wilson), Beatrice, Joseph (Valerie), Leida (Wilfred), Wilfred (Christine), Elsie (Henry), Martha (Agnus) and Archie. Also will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, friends and relatives.

*"Losing a mother is a pain that cannot be described in words. It is virtually impossible to move on from the memory of losing the women who sacrificed happiness in her own life so that you could have a better one. A mother's love is truly irreplaceable."*

Visitation started March 29, 2022 at 11 am in the Multi Ed Centre, Sagamok. Funeral Service was in the Multi Ed Centre on March 31, 2022 at 11 am. Cremation followed. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

### MARGARET ANNE ROBERTSON

October 13, 1964 - March 30, 2022



It is with deep sadness to announce the peaceful passing of Margaret Anne Robertson, after her short stay at the Mindemoya Hospital, on March 30, 2022 in her 57th year. She was a daughter of Roy and the late Mary Anne (White) Robertson. A "Sister" to Andy (Wanda) Robertson and Suzanne (Mike) Duguay. A special aunt to Zane (Erin) Robertson and Kirsten (Chad) Harvey, and a great-aunt to Oliver Harvey. She will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and many, many friends. Margaret Anne AKA "Twiggy" (among many other nick names) persevered through many challenges in her life with her strength, determination and love. She was a proud member of the Gore Bay Legion Branch #514. Margaret Anne was very generous with her time when others needed a hand. She enjoyed crocheting, baking, playing games and music. Most importantly, she treasured her time with family and friends. Margaret Anne's smile, laugh and sense of humour will be treasured memories for all that know and love her.

"Rest In Peace"

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will take place and Celebration of Life will be conducted at the Legion Branch #514 at a later date. In honour of Margaret Anne, donations may be made to the Gore Bay Legion Branch #514 or to a donation of your choice.



# Organizers looking forward to 2023 Little Native Hockey League tournament

GARDEN VILLAGE, ONTARIO—Nipissing First Nation (NFN) has announced it will serve as the host community for the 2023 Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) tournament in Mississauga next March.

“As much as NFN and the LNHL executive wanted to stage the event this year, the continued uncertainty around the COVID-19 pandemic and the arrival of the Omicron variant in December made it impossible to safely proceed,” a NFN release said. “We all know that it has been an incredibly difficult two years living with the pandemic but we hope that this good news will boost spirits and give us all something to look forward to next year. Hockey has been a huge part of our community for so long and we look forward to celebrating the return of the LNHL tournament with our families and friends from First Nations across Ontario.

“Our team is energized by this news and looks forward to hosting an incredible tournament in 2023,” said Nipissing First Nation Chief Scott MacLeod. “The cancellations were extremely disappointing for everyone, but this pandemic taught us that we cannot predict what will come next. We were not willing to take the risk of hosting a huge

hockey tournament that could have jeopardized the health and safety of first nation communities across the province. It was a tough decision to make, but ultimately the right one.”

“The LNHL executive is very excited about this announcement,” said LNHL president Marian Jacko. “Hosting this tournament for the first time after three consecutive cancellations is something we are all looking forward to. We know how important this event is for first nations across the province and we look forward to working with

Nipissing’s team to host an incredible experience in 2023.”

“Usually, at this time of year, many of us would be preparing to travel home

from Mississauga after enjoying fun-filled days of hockey and friendship,” said Ms. Jacko. “Like everyone else, we look forward to COVID-19 being in

our rear-view mirror by this time next year. We can’t wait to reunite with everyone to celebrate the spirit of hockey, community and the four pillars of

the LNHL that distinguish this tournament from any other: citizenship, education, respect and sportsmanship.”

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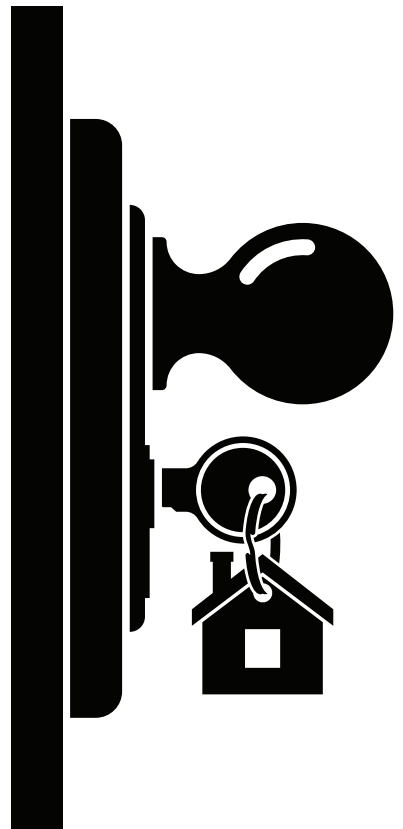

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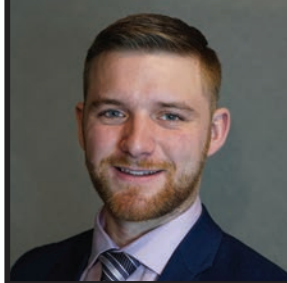
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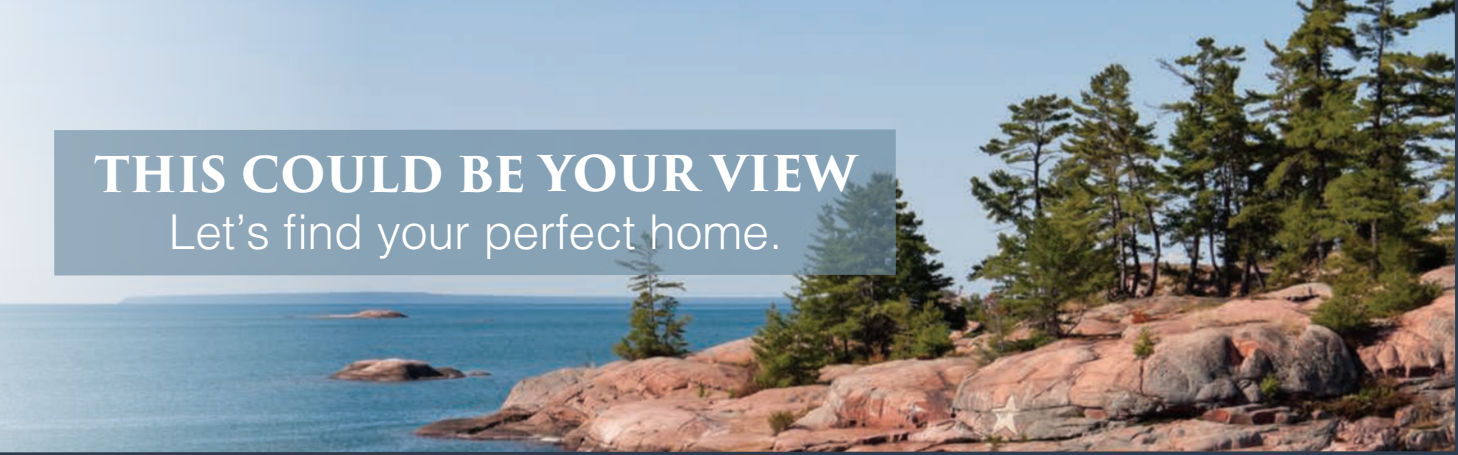
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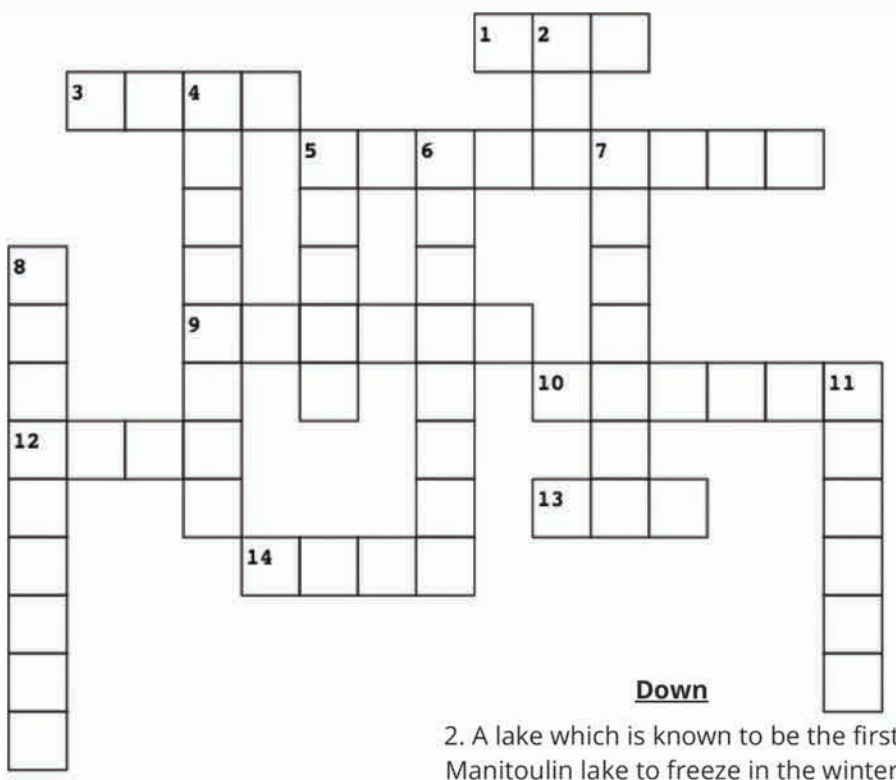


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- Across**
1. A lake with the name the opposite of small
  3. A lake named after a popular fish that rhymes with bike
  5. A lake named after this centrally located town
  9. A lake which you take a stunning causeway over to get into Evansville
  10. A lake with a 'rocking' name
  12. A lake named after a similar pair
  13. A lake with a dirty name
  14. A lake named after a popular fish, found in Sheguiandah

- Down**
2. A lake which is known to be the first Manitoulin lake to freeze in the winter and the first to de-ice in the spring
  4. A lake named after this west-end town with a famous waterfall
  5. A lake named after a famous Canadian tree that produces delicious syrup
  6. A lake whose name suggest it has no name
  7. The largest inland lake on Manitoulin
  8. A lake which shares the name of a fish, a town and includes a colour
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