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M'CHIGEENG OGIMAA-KWE DEBASSIGE LAYS DOWN A CHALLENGE—M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige, left, and Enaagdenjged Art Jacko, right, present a \$5,000 cheque to Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) CEO Paula Fields while laying down a challenge to other First Nations and Island municipalities to step up and contribute to the 'Let's Emerg Together' fundraising campaign. The M'Chigeeng leadership representatives and The Expositor took in a tour of the work in progress at the MHC Mindemoya site.

photo by Michael Erskine

M'Chigeeng ogimaa-kwe challenges Island to complete Mindemoya Hospital fundraising

by Michael Erskine
MINDEMOYA—The excitement in the air is palpable as Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) CEO Paula Fields, Emergency Department manager Julia Fedec and Facilities Maintenance and Operations Manager Duane Deschamps conducted a tour of

the ongoing expansion of the emergency department at the MHC Mindemoya site.

On hand for the tour were M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige and Enaagdenjged (band manager) Art Jacko who brought with them a donation cheque of \$5,000 for the hospital's

Let's Emerg Together fundraising campaign and a challenge to other Island First Nations and municipalities to step up to help take the fundraising tally over the top.

Mr. Deschamps began the tour by taking The Expositor through the downstairs portion of the expansion, which included a spacious and secure health records room. "Everything will be in one location," said Mr. Deschamps. "This area will include a double desk for the records staff. It will provide better space utilization—things are cramped on the other side."

"This will provide roughly 2,200 square feet of additional space," he said of the downstairs section which will include the heating system, ductwork and controls. A section of the wall has been opened to provide an access for the large equipment to be moved into the building.

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South Baymouth, Little Current, Kagawong recreation projects each get federal funding boost

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—Three municipalities on Manitoulin Island will be receiving funding through Fed-Nor to fuel various infrastructure projects in their community.

The honourable Patty Hajdu, minister of Indigenous services and minister responsible for Fed-Nor and member of parliament for Thunder Bay-Superior North, announced Government of Canada investments totalling \$10,901,275 through the Canada community revitalization fund (CCRF) for 29 projects in support of municipalities, organizations and First Nation communities across Northern Ontario.

Billings township, the Township of Tehkummah and the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) have received funding.

Billings has received funding in the amount of \$209,538 that will be used, "to increase tourism and

economic opportunities. The funding will help transform the downtown ice rink and surrounding greenspace into a multi-use, all-season recreational area. This priority project includes installing a roof, upgraded lighting, rink boards, player benches

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MP Carol Hughes reluctantly supports Emergencies Act in Parliamentary vote

by Tom Sasvari

CANADA—The decision of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the federal Liberal government to invoke the Emergencies Act for the first time ever has drawn both support and criticism from local and provincial representatives. The action, announced by Prime Minister Trudeau on February 14, grants cabinet the ability to take "special temporary measures that may not be appropriate in normal times."

In a February 14 news conference, the prime minister said, "It is now clear there are serious challenges to law enforcement's ability to effectively enforce the law. It is no longer a lawful protest at a disagreement over govern-

ment policy. It is now an illegal occupation. It's time for people to go home."

He said the measures would be geographically targeted and proportionate to the threats they are meant to address. The Act gives police more tools to restore order in place where public assemblies constitute illegal and dangerous activities, such as blockades and occupations. The Act also allows the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to enforce municipal bylaws and provincial offences where required.

"This is about keeping Canadians safe, protecting people's jobs and restoring confidence in our institutions," said Prime Minister

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Manitoulin East flying club poised to purchase aircraft

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin East Flying Club is taking flight and will be securing its first airplane by February 25. With seven confirmed co-owners lined up and folks expressing interest in the rest of the 10 spaces the wind is definitely under the club's wings.

Club interim chair Wayne MacDougall confirmed that incorporation papers are in the process of being filed as a not-for-profit, with interim vice-chair and secretary Bruce McCulligh and interim treasurer Betty Anne MacDougall listed.

"We are all interim until we get voted in," laughed Mr. MacDougall.

Secretary McCulligh thanked

all those who have confirmed their intent to become part owner and a member of the club, but cautioned that those still interested should signal their intent with concrete action if they want in on the ground floor. "I understand this may be a difficult decision for you and it certainly needs to be something you have a desire to do and can make the financial and time commitment to learn to fly," he said. "The owner of the aircraft we are wanting to purchase has made a commitment on another aircraft for himself and has given us a deadline of Wednesday (February 23) of this week to firm up our offer. We have only three spots remaining, and I would appreciate a yes or no from you as to your preparedness to commit as a co-owner and future pilot."

The club now has a vision and mission statement. The vision being, "To encourage and promote an interest in aviation, to advance knowledge in aeronautical subjects, and to bring more people the social benefits and pleasures of recreational flying in a club environment," and the mission "to provide members access to an affordable and versatile aircraft that will allow them to further their flying skills in a safe and fun manner."

The plane the club is buying is a
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Fundraising, anyone?

Manor board on hunt for new fundraising chair

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Centennial Manor has enjoyed several years of outstanding fundraising efforts under the steady hand of volunteer coordinator Wendy Gauthier, but with the recent retirement of Ms. Gauthier a vacuum now exists at the helm.

Board chair Pat MacDonald noted during the February 17 board meeting there had been hope that Ms. Gauthier would be able to recruit someone to fill her shoes, but that fell through. "Wendy indicated in a

recent email that the people she had in mind didn't want to take it on," said Ms. MacDonald.

It was suggested that the Manor had placed an advertisement seeking someone to step forward to take on the volunteer position but there was some uncertainty around whether an advertisement had been placed, but in any event, administrator Don Cook noted that so far no one had come forward to take up the gauntlet.

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Four members of the Manitoulin Secondary School Metal Robotics team work on their robot for competition.

Island high school teams prepare for First Robotics events

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Two Manitoulin Island high school teams are gearing up for next month's First Robotics Canada Ontario regional events.

"Manitoulin Island was quite a powerhouse in robotics prior to the pandemic and are still going despite the ongoing challenges over the past few years," stated Chris Mara, coach of the Wikwemikong High School Robotics First Nations Stem (science, technology, engineering and math) team which will be taking part in next month's First Robotics Canada (FRC) competition in North Bay.

Joining the Wikwemikong team will be the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal Robotics team. "The first event we will be going to is the North York regional competition, taking place on Saturday March 25th at the York University robotics meet," said Al Davy, the lead mentor for the MSS squad. "The following week we will also be taking part in the North Bay FRC regional competition."

Both teams will take part in the "rapid react" game in the competitions. "Basically, it is a transportation-focused event. Each robot controlled by a team has two tennis balls, and the robot travels to a large funnel in the middle of a field. They "throw" the tennis balls into an upper and lower funnel or net and gain points. There is a part of the game where the robot is autonomous (operates on its own) to do the same function.

"And this year, one of the neat things is when robot is operating autonomously, one of the members of the team can take a shot with the tennis balls from a distance of 30 feet into the funnel, for points," said Mr. Davy. Teams could start working on their robots

on January 8.

Mr. Davy pointed out, "At these meets, we are limited to having only 20 people on hand, although this might change given the lack of restrictions that are expected will be in place as of March 1." Only 78 teams across the province will be taking part in competitions (about half of the number of teams in a normal year). The MSS team has three returning players, and the rest of the team is made up of grade 9 and 10 students.

Yana Bauer, a fellow mentor on the MSS team told the Expositor, "we have an amazing group of mentors to work with, including Katherine Corbiere, (who is teaching four female students how to weld), along with Caroline Black and Dianne Glasby-Debassige.

"Everyone has been so supportive," stated Ms. Bauer. She said the MSS team members have applied for and are one of the semi-finalists for the First Robotics Team Chairman's award (which Wikwemikong High School won at the world championship event in Houston two years ago), team member Joselyn Kuntsi is a semi-finalist for the Dean's List and Allan Davy has been nominated for the Woodie Flower Mentor of the Year award.

The MSS team includes Rhys Allison, Autumn Davy, Morgan Green, Nevaeh Harper, Jocelyn Kuntsi, Xavi Mara, Patrick McCann, Grace Pennie, Lindsay Sheppard, Danika Sheppard, Alan Wilkin, Ben Willis and Alexandra Wilson-Zegil. Ms. Bauer noted the team is being sponsored by Manitoulin Transport, RBC, PH & Investment Council, Argosy Foundation, McCann Construction, the township of

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Music video featuring young girl with Island connections makes it to final round of voting

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—The video co-directed by nine-year-old Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat, who has family ties to Manitoulin Island, and star musician Andrea Ramolo has made it to the final stage of voting in this year's Canadian Independent Music Video Awards in the folk category.

"The video has made it to the final round of voting," stated mom Sara Pitawanakwat. "Em and I are both very excited."

As was reported by The Expositor earlier this month, Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat starred in and co-directed a music video with Andrea Ramolo after a chance encounter last summer in Toronto. The video also features Kinnie Starr.

The video, for Ms. Ramolo's song 'Free,' can be found on her album Quarantine Dream which she released last October.

Emilee Ann and her mother met Ms. Ramolo by chance when they attended a July 1, 2021 'Every Child Matters' walk in downtown Toronto. Ms. Pitawanakwat wore her ribbon skirt for the event and Emilee Ann, a fancy shawl dancer and hoop dancer, wore her hoop dancing regalia and brought her hoops and hand drum to the event as well.

When the crowd gathered at Toronto's Nathan Phillips Square after the march, Emilee Ann, the sole hoop dancer at the event, was invited into the

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From left is Andrea Ramolo, who co-directed a video with Emilee Ann Pitawanakwat, front, which has made it to the final round of voting as a finalist in this year's Canadian Independent Music Video Awards. Right is Kinnie Starr, Indigenous hip-hop alternative singer/songwriter, who also features on Ms. Ramolo's track.

Provincial Offences Act board requests Island municipalities to share in financial shortfall

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—With very little funds left in its bank account and looking at a projected deficit for 2022 of \$15,000, the members of the Manitoulin Provincial Offences Act board are going to be looking to Island municipalities to share in the shortfall. As well, the POA is also going to advocate for the in-court early resolution of cases system to be changed, as it is actually costing the POA funds every time a case arises and is delayed.

"This is why I called for this emergency meeting," said Pam Fogal, POA manager at a POA board meeting last week. "We have virtually zero funds and no reserve. Michael (Lalonde, treasurer of the town of Gore Bay) is here with me to go through how the POA got into the situation it has."

"The financial statements for 2021 are not audited yet, but they are as accurate as possible," said Mr. Lalonde.

Mr. Lalonde explained that POA revenues have been declining since 2011 and that the decline in revenue coming in has been dramatic. "The reserves were established in 2011 and \$30,000 was put into reserves based on an overall surplus of \$83,000 and \$53,000 was returned to the municipalities.

The cash holdings have continued to decline since 2016 and any surpluses were held by the POA.

"The POA started to see deficits because of the continued declines in revenues as well," said Mr. Lalonde.

Currently the POA, "has about \$5,000 in the bank, and its reserve is going to take a big hit, with \$46,000 being taken out of the reserves this year to balance the books," Mr. Lalonde explained.

"Where did the cash go, when \$184,604 was paid out to municipalities in surplus over the past 10 years?" said Mr. Lalonde. "There was no cash reserve, because there was no actual funds set aside. He said for the years 2020-2021, there was a combined deficit of \$45,000, and the projected deficit for this year is \$15,000." The POA had to cover all the costs of court recovery related to the COVID-19 pandemic such as plexiglass, extra staffing, and electronic equipment required to conduct audio/visual courts. There was no financial support from municipalities or the provincial government.

"When we do our budget based on revenues from tickets handed out for offences, if we continue to use the early resolution system, and the person who is fined wants

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MHC under 'crisis' designation for patients waiting for LTC bed

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—With both sites of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) being near or at full capacity in its inpatient units, a 'crisis' designation for patients waiting in hospital for long-term care placement, came into effect as of January 24, 2022. This designation was specifically prompted by inpatients awaiting long-term care placements. The crisis designation is determined by the Ontario Health Home and Community Care.

"In recent weeks, both sites of MHC have been near or at full capacity in our inpatient units," confirmed Paula Ferguson, nurse manager of MHC last Friday. "Our higher-than-usual occupancy rates are partially related to some patients waiting long periods of time to move to long-term care facilities. You may have also heard the term 'alternate level of care (ALC)' used in relation to these patients. Patients with an ALC designation in hospital are no longer in need of the acute care services that the hospital typically provides."

Ms. Ferguson explained, "this situation reduces the availability of acute care beds to meet the needs of our communities and can have a ripple effect on other services. There have been times where admitted patients have been held in the emergency room (ER), until a bed has become available for them on the inpatient unit. This reduces the number of care areas to treat patients in the ER, and in turn this increases the length of time some patients may have to wait to be seen. It also impacts our ability to return patients from Health Sciences North or other facilities to continue their recovery closer to home."

"The purpose of the (crisis) designation is to increase the priority of long-term care admission to patients waiting in hospital to create bed capacity at the hospital," said Ms. Ferguson. "Crisis designation does change the process for patients and families in that they are now required to apply to five different long-term care homes. (Previously, people were required to apply to three such facilities). This means that, initially, patients may be admitted to a long-term care facility that was not their first choice. With only three long-term care facilities on the Island, we recognize that this is a very difficult and emotional process for patients and families."

Marksmen Club seeks new location for shooting range

by Alicia McCutcheon
NORTHEAST TOWN—Council for the Northeast Town heard from a group representing the Manitoulin Marksmen Club on February 8, led by spokesperson Sam Nardi, asking council to consider a gun range in the municipality.

Mr. Nardi explained that the Marksmen Club had a range near Campbell's Drive-In in Gordon/Barrie Island, but the owner of the property passed away and the land was sold, causing the club to look for a new home.

The Manitoulin Marksmen Club started in 1984 and, since

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editorial

Don't let the forces of hatred pull our nation apart

These past few weeks have seen a well-organized and passionate group of people descend on our nation's capital to protest all things COVID—and many who support that message have provided money and logistical support to the efforts of the Freedom Convoy. Most Canadians can sympathize with the frustration being expressed by those who occupied Ottawa over the past three weeks, but the vast majority also contend that the occupiers have taken things too far.

Some far-right and extremist groups have tacked onto the protest movement since it began as a reaction to the removal of the exemption from pandemic restrictions on truckers crossing the border into the US and are seeking to hitch their respective wagons to the cause. That has left those with legitimate concerns about the pandemic health mandates scrambling to distance themselves from those odious elements—and rightly so. Sadly, most of the main organizers of the Freedom Convoy have engaged in racist and hateful expressions in the past that have made any denials ring hollow in too many ears.

We are a nation founded upon the concepts of peace, order and good government. A nation that arose in the shadow of the events of the American Civil War and whose design was crafted by our founding fathers with an eye to preventing such horror from arising within our own borders.

Since then we have been largely successful in maintaining that founding vision, despite the incredible centrifugal forces of geography, culture and economics pulling us apart. Canada is truly a miracle of human endeavour, despite our many failings—particularly when it comes to our relationship with the First Nations.

The events of the recent past, and those most likely to continue well onto the future, have held a mirror up to some of our less desirable traits. The Black Lives Matter movement has sought to illuminate systemic racism lingering in our society; the #MeToo movement has ripped the cover off of the male-privilege that has allowed exploitation and abuse of women at all levels of society by those with power; the Idle No More movement has highlighted many of the inequities and injustices perpetrated upon the Indigenous original inhabitants of the lands upon which our nation stands; the Every Child Matters movement has brought home many of the horrors of an attempted genocide too many of us continue to try and deny—the list goes on.

But what sets our nation apart, what makes Canada different, is

that the majority of Canadians are trying to come to terms with those atrocities. We are trying to make amends for the injustices of the past and to remove the injustices of the present.

It isn't an easy job—but it is one well worth doing, both for our own sakes, the sake of future generations, and yes, the future of the world. Those founding principles—peace order and good government—are the building blocks of a just and civil society and critical to all of us.

The white supremacists are right about one thing. The days of supremacy and privilege of the white race are coming to an end. For many generations, white Europeans (and yes that includes the Irish, the Italians and the eastern Europeans who have all been discriminated against in their turns in this country) have been in the majority. But that world is changing, our nation is changing—and that is where the white supremacists and Nazi sympathizers are dead wrong, because that change will be a good thing for our nation.

In order for our future to be one of peace, order and good government, a true just and civil society, we must strive to remove the levers of privilege that the white majority have benefited (consciously or unconsciously) from—that systemic racism to which white eyes are so blind they cannot see. Further, we must reach out to each other to build bridges of reconciliation and to find common ground upon which to stand and build our nation into something that humanity can be proud of, a nation humanity can look to as an example of what can and should be. To do that we must shake off the shackles of empire that still bind us to the injustices of the past and forge our own destiny.

We have seen the alternatives in two global conflicts and the inhumanity to our fellow human beings in the holocaust. Six million Jews were killed in that attempt to create a white privileged world, along with Christians, Romany, LGBTQ+, disabled and Slavs. Let us not walk down such a path again.

A just and civil society destiny does not require communism, capitalism or fascism, but it does require humanism.

So, no matter where you stand on recent events that have rocked our nations, reach out to your neighbour, your family, your enemy and start building those bridges. Do it like your world depends on it—because in the end it does.

letters

Canadian governments have a mandate to keep citizens safe

Two kinds of Canadians exist, those who care for their neighbours and those who don't

To the Expositor:

The government of Canada and the provincial government have a mandate to keep the people of Canada safe.

They have mandated us to stop at stop signs and red lights, to stay on the right side of the yellow lines of the highways, to have a driver's licence, a health card, to go to school, pay your taxes and I could go on

and on. So, I realize now there are two kinds of Canadians, those that care for neighbours and others and those that only think of themselves.

And vaccinations is just another mandate for our safety.

Lyle Dewar
Providence Bay

A reply to The Expositor editorial of February 16

Writer shares a few counter-musings

To the Expositor:

A reply to the editorial in the Expositor published on February 16 ('Canada watches its naval as the global order is shaking,' Page 4).

The author muses, 'it is not so huge a stretch to suspect a sinister hand behind the global spread of the anti-pandemic mandate movement.' Allow me to share some musings of my own. Let me preface my musings by quoting Einstein, 'Intelligence is the ability to entertain an idea without accepting it.'

First let's take a step back and objectively review the events of the previous few years. Let's begin with Meng Wanzhou, chief financial officer of Huawei, arrested in Vancouver on December 1, 2018. She was placed under house arrest in Canada while awaiting extradition to the US to face fraud charges for allegedly making a misrepresentation to the bank HSBC about Skycom's subsidiary status to Huawei. Skycom does business in Iran which would put the bank at risk of violating US sanctions against the country. Interestingly, Skycom specializes in remote satellite controlled technology. Which would prove very useful if one wanted to assassinate somebody with a remote controlled vehicle which was rigged to self destruct destroying any evidence. For example, the killing of Iranian nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh on November 27, 2020. This unsolved murder is hoped to have delayed the development of nuclear bombs in Iran for two-three years.

September 20, 2021: Trudeau is elected for a 3rd time to his 2nd minority government (I would like to stress the minority part since Trudeau likes to throw that word around).

September 24, 2021: Meng returns to China after entering a deferred prosecution agreement with the US (wow, within hours of the election result being announced).

September 24, 2021: Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor return home (they were arrested on December 10, 2018 within days of Meng's arrest and fascinatingly are released as Meng returns home). Now I'm beginning to suspect something fishy going on, remember 'Operation Fish?'

January 2019: Injunction granted against Wet'suwet'en who put up blockades to stop Coastal GasLink Pipeline. Another injunction granted in December 2019, rail blockades dominate the news until March 2020.

March 2020: Global pandemic is declared and Coastal GasLink quietly continues construction.

Coastal GasLink pipeline is designed to carry natural gas, to an LNG terminal on the province's north coast for export to Asia. One of the largest private sector investments in Canadian history, according to

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. We should be seriously worried about the 'private sector investor' behind Coastal GasLink. (It reminds me of the SNC Lavelin affair.)

January 20, 2021: Within hours of being sworn in Biden revokes Keystone XL permit. (I guess we are shipping oil to China but will be reducing our trade to our biggest trading partner South of the border.) Let's also understand that China is geographically closer to the oil in the Middle East but has a less friendly trade relationship in that region. I'll speculate that it has something to do with China's treatment of the Uighurs.

Motion to adopt UNDRIP made December 3, 2020: UNDRIP receives royal assent on June 21st 2021. UNDRIP is the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, a non-binding document that among other things delineates how to legally seize control of the resources of the land.

September 15, 2021: Canada has historically been a part of the Five Eyes (an intelligence organization consisting of Canada, the US, the UK, Australia and New Zealand) but is not included in Aukus an alliance of Australia, the UK and US (probably because of Canada's approach to Huawei).

October 2021: Xi warns that global conflict can be triggered over Taiwan at any time. Justin Trudeau says, 'Meh, it's ok if China (the dragon?) wants to bully Taiwan.'

January 2022: Russian troops (the bear?) gather on Ukraine's border, Trudeau offers loans of \$600 million and other aid measures. (Thank goodness we are still fighting against that oppressive regime, poor Alexei Navalny.) However now China knows that although we won't stand against them to defend Taiwan, but also that we will not quietly ignore Russia's advances on Ukraine.

January 27, 2022: Freedom Convoy begins rolling into Ottawa (on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz).

January 31, 2022: The House of Commons unanimously approves a motion to ban the public display of swastikas among other things (a small victory since many people have been comparing the pandemic policies to Nazism, especially the ongoing court cases against several churches).

On the opening day of the Winter Olympics in Beijing, China and Russia declare what they call a "no limits" partnership that will see them back each other in standoffs with Western nations over Ukraine and Taiwan—a sweeping long-term agreement that many observers say

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The little convoy that grew: will it be a take-down of the ruling elite in a whack-a-mole fashion around the globe?

EDITOR'S NOTE: At the beginning of the recent events in Ottawa, it was becoming clear that what had begun as a truckers' protest about vaccinations being required to cross back into Canada from trips to the United States was becoming an occupation of the downtown of Canada's capital city and, with related activities taking place across the country, was looking like a "movement." The Expositor asked Professor Wayne Hunt, a native of Kagawong and a professor of political science at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick, to offer Expositor readers his opinion on the long-term effects of this phenomenon, from his lifelong experience as a student of Canadian history. Dr. Hunt's observations arrived at The Expositor office last Friday, the day the Emergencies Act came into effect.

by Dr. Wayne Hunt

Tucker Carlson called it. On a show that aired on Fox News on 10 February 2022 he announced that when Democratic politicians across his country pulled back on their mask mandates they did so because of events close to their borders. Mid-term US elections were coming up and poll numbers were not kind to anyone running as a Democrat. Democrats who were in favour of the government forcing you to wear a mask were going to be targets. And in order to find evidence of a popular revolt against mask wearing (who wants to put a diaper on their face?) the Fox News pundit looked to Canada. What we are seeing, Carlson breathlessly intoned, is a class. "Canada's working class," he argued, "has rebelled against years of relentless abuse." Who did this? Carlson was clear. There was one villain: Justin Trudeau. Or as he put it, "Justin Trudeau's creepy little government."

The fact that Trudeau's government was anything but little was beside the point, Tucker was on a rampage. Blockages by the rigs and other protestors at border points as well as on Parliament Hill had an impact on the working lives of other Canadians. Cross-border auto production had to be cut back. Ford was impacted, General Motors too and Toyota. It underscored how fragile supply lines were in every country but particularly in a big and thinly populated country like Canada. But Tucker was not to be distracted by this. For him the point was obvious. As he put it:

The Canadian trucker convoy is the most successful human rights protest in a generation. If nothing else, it has been a very useful reminder to our entitled ruling class that working class men can be pushed, but only so far. When they push back, it hurts.

Carlson then – selectively of course – provided video evidence of Canada's prime minister saying that Canadians did not deserve to be "harassed in their own neighborhoods... with the inherent violence of a swastika flying on a street corner, or a Confederate flag, or the insults and jeers just because they are wearing a mask." Throughout, Tucker was nothing if not strident. These people, the protestors, he observed, are easily smeared. They do not have four year college degrees and professional jobs. Although he did not use the terms, he implied that they were "localists," rooted in communities and loyal to those friends they grew up with and played hockey with and went to school with while, on the other side, there are the "globalists" – with Trudeau being the emblematic representative of this particular class.

Here the narrative moved along a familiar path. Canadians are not being told the real story. Why? Because of state-sponsored propaganda (which is to Fox News-speak for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation). It continued in this vein. In the white-washed view of events that emanated out of mainstream media in Canada, the protestors were dismissed as QAnon supporters, or white nationalists to a man, since they were mostly men, and young men at that. Insurrectionists. Nazis. Tucker Carlson went on say how wrong it was to demonize people and by treating them with condescension, by looking down on them and what they do to make a living. Carlson went to an independent YouTube channel to show what he called "legacy media" (ie. printed newspapers, television outlets that existed before the Information Age) refused to let you see. He found a YouTube channel, ZOT, that actually talked to people who were out on the streets. Real people. ZOT was run by a man named Matt Garcia who was not paid to run this YouTube channel but who did this simply because he thought that it was important. (The mainstream media noted that these white nationalists were a fringe within a fringe and that although one in five truckers were visible minorities, this group was not represented. It was also reported that even mainstream trucking associations did not formally support those who took to the streets to close down Parliament Hill and bridges to the US.) Garcia found and interviewed a man who was an exception to this categorization, an unidentified male from Iran. The man said that "Justin Trudeau's authoritarian behaviour" reminded him of the Ayatollah in the country he left. Furthermore, he was proud to call himself a freedom loving Canadian patriot. Another clip showed an elderly man, small and pathetic, being dragged off to jail. The reason? He honked his horn from his vehicle in support of the truckers.

The Fox News commentator then made clear that this was as much a failure of leadership across party lines (in this case, parties of the left) as it was a failure of our way of coming together as a community to resolve crises on a



Dr. Wayne Hunt

collective basis. The leader of "Canada's supposedly pro-worker NDP Party, he sneered, attacked the truckers as racists. But people were starting to turn against Trudeau, even his own elected Members in the Parliament questioned his style of governing. Cited in this instance were the words of the Liberal MP, Joel Lightbound, who found in the prime minister's approach to the issue "an attempt to wedge, to divide, to stigmatize" – a politicization that would undermine "the public's trust in our public health institutions."

This was not a true picture of course. Missing from the sensationalized Fox News coverage was anything that did not fit their particular world-view—and that was a great deal. But they were dead-on on what really mattered: the fact that the liberal elite had tilted the rules to their advantage. Big time. Education, government, big corporations and financial institutions: all had accepted a liberal orthodoxy. This latest revolt aimed, in a wildly chaotic way, to turn that around.

These protests pivoted around a fundamental divide. On the one side were the people who moved things—physical goods; on the other side were the people who moved ideas. The first were part of the tangible economy; the second, the intangible economy.

And this is where the politics and the geopolitics enters. The politics was easy to read. Policing is largely a municipal and provincial matter in Canada. The police were not viewed as effective when it came to the Ottawa blockade but they used harder tactics on border blockades. This too was easy to read: real money was involved. Just-in-time delivery meant that vehicle parts crossed borders constantly. Once supply chains were disrupted it was not just the auto industry that would suffer; there would be a real impact on grocery shelves. (Not many oranges are grown up here). Most of the premiers do not belong to the same party as Justin Trudeau and, more to the point, have no intention of keeping him in his present job longer than he has to stay. For the Parliament Hill part of this story, the prime minister was missing-in-action for the early stage. No doubt, he calculated that it would play out on its own, so just leave it alone. Plus, he tested positive for COVID. All the more reason to keep your head down.

For their part, the premiers were adroit. They passed much of the blame on to the prime minister and the federal government.

When Trudeau did move, he brought in the Emergencies Act. Reaction was immediate. Critics said he went from doing nothing to doing too much, but such is the nature of politics. The Emergencies Act dates back to 1988 when it was promulgated. It updated and modernized the War Measures Act, a piece of legislation that framed the career of Justin Trudeau's father. In October 1970, Pierre Trudeau invoked the War Measures Act at the request of the mayor of Montreal as well as the premier of Quebec. The army came in. Tanks rolled down the streets of Montreal. Rights of Habeus Corpus were suspended, meaning that a knock could come to your door at midnight and without warrant authorities could take you off to prison. Normal civil liberties, normal rights of search and seizure, did not apply. This was not the Soviet Union of old, this was Canada. Famously, Trudeau had made his name at an earlier point in his career as a civil libertarian. How could he take rights away? When asked by a reporter if he would do this, he said: "Just watch me."

Watch, Canadians did. The father's legacy bears heavily on his son and never more evidently than when Trudeau Jr. insists that the army will not be brought in and that the Emergencies Act simply gives police authorities more tools to do their job. True: the RCMP is empowered to enforce municipal regulations for instance by this meas-

ure. But it was not really about this. The Emergencies Act is also, in Trudeau's words, meant to be proportionate and geographically-specific. Again: true. When Trudeau went to the premiers and territorial leaders on this most told him that it was over-reach. Except for one: the one who counted, Doug Ford. Ford is going to the polls this June. He needs to keep opinion on-side in times of crisis the Ontario and federal governmental machines mesh together in an effective way. It also helps if you have one party in power in Ottawa (usually the Liberals) and another party in Queen's Park (usually the Conservatives). They can pretend that it is all managerial and not political that way.

In announcing the Emergencies Act, Trudeau played good cop, saying that it would be limited (30 days) and subject to Parliamentary approval in the Commons and in the Senate. The bad cop role was taken over by his heir apparent, Chrystia Freeland—or almost heir apparent, depending on the political fortunes of another "star" the Liberals are cultivating, Mark Carney. For her part, Freeland announced that the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada, or FINTRAC, would require crowdfunding platforms and the payment service providers they use, to register with the federal government so that these measures could be counted as terrorist activities. At first blush, this seemed common-sensical. If third parties are sending cash to protest movements, shouldn't there be public accountability? But there might be devils in the details. Who is a terrorist? Who a peaceful protestor? This was not clear. On the left, civil liberty groups weighed in about government intrusion and the ability of the state to freeze bank accounts. On the right, commentators worried about the heavy hand of the state taking away freedom.

Left unsaid was a big part of the story. It is true that many protesters use platforms like Telegram that have little content moderation. Telegram allows one-on-one encrypted chats and file sharing. Telegram is now the most downloaded app in the Google Play Store, having knocked Signal off the top spot in the United States. It is particularly popular with right-wing extremists who have been kicked off Twitter, Facebook/Meta and Parler (Parler has been kicked off the Internet but like a Hollywood B movie it is rising from the dead and is back in a more limited form).

And this is where autocrats around the world join in. They take misinformation, spin it around, and turn it into something that has a strategic purpose behind it – this is called disinformation. Governments have plausible denial over this second activity. Putin is a master at this. Early in his career he worked for the KGB (now "rebranded" as the FSB) on "active measures" – meaning you take down an opposing country from within, by using your opponent's strength against them. False stories about the Pentagon creating HIV/AIDs in order to take out same sex people and Blacks in America was an example of this from the 1980s Cold War era. And it continues to this day. Troll farms spread false narratives into US election cycles. The Internet Research Agency, a bunch of hacktivists based out of St. Petersburg are old hands at this. But they are not alone. China also does this. Iran, ditto. North Korea too. The list goes on. The point is to weaken the United States and NATO so that there is less political will to take on a Russian land-grab in Ukraine. Or the Chinese equivalent over Taiwan - or other territories. It is easy for foreign powers to get inside the heads of ordinary people in the United States, or the United Kingdom, or Germany, or Canada.

We are in the age of "information warfare." This means that the "culture wars" that are talked about in the media have a bigger and more subterranean dimension to them. It serves the interest of hostile powers to think that the United States has lost its appetite for war. For their part, strategists in the United States can easily think that their country can achieve its foreign policy goals "on the cheap" so to speak by using drone technology in place of real soldiers, real sailors and real aircraft people as part of a boots on the ground approach to seeing off a foreign threat. Instead there is an over-reliance on technology. Characteristic of this is "blitzkrieg" (swarms of tiny drones that communicate among themselves by means of algorithms and artificial intelligence) and cyberjacking to take down its enemies. The point is that after US involvement in endless wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, military planners in hostile foreign capitals calculate that the United States has no interest in getting involved in places where it does not have a strategic national interest. No oil, no involvement. Or in future, no rare earth minerals, no involvement.

The protests in Ottawa fit into a much wider set of technologically-driven changes. Trudeau may settle events for the moment but it comes at a cost. Heavy-handed state action will not change the deeper resentments. In fact, they will make them worse. And it be worse still if people forget that we all need to get back to the earth and involve ourselves in physical activities. People, to adapt Martin Luther King famous phrase, have to be judged by the content of their character, not the character of the work they do.

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What is the Emergencies Act and what powers does it grant?

The Emergencies Act (the Act) is the successor to the War Measures Act, which was invoked by then-Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau in response to the October Crisis. The Act gives the government additional powers temporarily following the declaration of a state of emergency and has never been used since it was first enacted in 1988. Compared to the War Measures Act, the Emergencies Act has reduced powers, added significant Parliamentary review, and was created to take the Charter into account.

It should not be confused with deploying the military in Canada, which is done through a separate "aid of the civil power" provision in the National Defense Act (which was used during the Oka Crisis).

The Act outlines four different types of emergencies: public welfare emergencies, public order emergencies, international emergencies and war emergencies. The government invoked a public order emergency. The criteria is strict – lawful protests do not qualify. Each type of emergency allows for a specific set of orders to be invoked following the declaration of the state of emergency. For a declaration of a public order emergency, it allows for the following orders:

(a) the regulation or prohibition of: (i) any public assembly that may reasonably be expected to lead to a breach of the peace; (ii) travel to, from or within any specified area; or (iii) the use of specified property; (b) the designation and securing of protected places; (c) the assumption of the control, and the restoration and maintenance, of public utilities and services; (d) the authorization of or direction to any person, or any person of a class of persons, to render essential services of a type that that person, or a person of that class, is competent to provide and the provision of reasonable compensation in respect of services so rendered; and (e) the imposition (i) on summary conviction, of a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding six months or both that fine and imprisonment, or (ii) on indictment, of a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or imprisonment not exceeding five years or both that fine and imprisonment for contravention of any order or regulation made under this section.

Summary of current Emergency Orders

Here is a summary of emergency orders that were issued as of February 15, 2022 and are now in effect.

Prohibitions in relation to illegal assemblies (defined at the end, exemptions exist including for people who live there):

- Taking part or travel to an illegal assembly
- Make available or invite people to a property to the benefit of the assembly
- Bringing in children to unlawful assemblies
- Foreign nationals crossing the border with an intent to join an illegal assembly (exemptions for refugees and the like)
- Disruptions of the flow of people would include slow rolling to block traffic
- Providing supplies such as fuel to an illegal assembly

It also allows the Minister, RCMP or a designated person to direct tow truck drivers to tow vehicles.

Financing:

- Crowdfunding companies and companies providing cryptocurrency services must register and report to FINTRAC

- Require any financial service provider to determine whether they have in their possession or control property that belongs to a person who participates in the blockade

- Financial institutions must report money in bank or investing account that is going towards supporting the unlawful assembly, including vehicle and disclose to RCMP or CSIS

- Financial institutions must cease dealings with insurance policies for vehicles used in the illegal assembly

- Gives them protection from liability if they freeze account. Must freeze if they have evidence that a person is involved in protest. Must unfreeze account once they stop participating in convoy

Definition of the public assembly targeted in the order:

Prohibition — public assembly

A person must not participate in a public assembly that may reasonably be expected to lead to a breach of the peace by: (a) the serious disruption of the movement of persons or goods or the serious interference with trade; (b) the interference with the functioning of critical infrastructure; or (c) the support of the threat or use of acts of serious violence against persons or property.

Exemptions to travelling near the public assembly

A person is not in contravention of subsections and if they are: (a) a person who, within of the assembly area, resides, works or is moving through that area for reasons other than to participate in or facilitate the assembly; (b) a person who, within the assembly area, is acting with the permission of a peace officer or the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness; (c) a peace officer; or (d) an employee or agent of the government of Canada or a province who is acting in the execution of their duties.

Also worth noting that Parliament Hill, critical infrastructure such as airports, international bridges, and a number of other buildings are designated as protected spaces.

Penalties for not complying with orders, excluding the orders that apply to financial institutions and crowdfunding companies: On a summary (less serious) conviction: up to \$500 fine and/or up to six months in prison; on and indictment (more serious breach): up to \$5,000 fine and/or up to five years in prison.

Parliamentary Supervision

The Act allows for an emergency to be declared without Parliamentary approval, and orders can be issued and enacted immediately. These are then subject to several layers of Parliamentary scrutiny.

On the general declaration:

Within seven sitting days of declaring an emergency, the federal government must present a motion—as well as accompanying documents—before parliament to confirm the emergency. That motion is then debated beginning on the day after it's presentation. No other business can be called for debate until that motion is voted on. If the House rejects this motion, the measures end.

The declaration lasts for 30 days. The government can extend or modify the type of declaration. If so, the process repeats, and they must table a confirmation within seven sitting days of that new declaration.

During the emergency, a motion can be brought forward in either Chamber signed by 10 Senators or 20 MPs to end the declaration. Debate on any such motion would begin within three sitting days, and debate cannot last more than 10 hours.

On Individual orders and regulations:

Every order and regulation made following the emergency declaration must be tabled within two sitting days. Once tabled, 10 Senators or 20 MPs can initiate a debate on revoking or amending the order. If one House does decide to revoke or amend a specific order, the other House would debate the same matter and if concurred in, the order would be amended or revoked.

Parliamentary Review Committee

A joint committee including all recognized parties, and composed of both Senators and MPs, will be created in the coming days. They will be sworn to secrecy and will meet in camera. Their mandate is to review "the exercise of powers and the performance of duties and functions pursuant to a declaration of emergency."

The Committee has the power to revoke or amend orders and regulations made under the Act. They must report at least once every 60 days to the House, as well as: (a) within three sitting days after a motion for revocation of the declaration of the state of emergency; (b) within seven sitting days after a proclamation continuing the declaration is issued; and (c) within seven sitting days after the expiration of the declaration or the revocation of the declaration by the Governor in Council.

Inquiry

Within 60 days of the declaration being revoked or expiring, the government must initiate an inquiry into the circumstances that led to the declaration and on the measures that were taken. They have 360 days from the revocation or expiration of the order to table their report in Parliament.

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Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Monday was Family Day and we hope you all enjoyed your family in whatever way is most meaningful to you. Our neighbour took his family on a tour of various nuclear facilities in their area for the weekend. His kids seemed to like it, but his wife thought he was just on one giant power trip. Team Fergmeijer had a plan to cook dinner for the family. It was going to be a surprise and it was all going well, right up until the fire trucks ruined it. Then there's cousin Bill. Every morning for the last year, he has announced proudly to his family that he is going for a jog... and then he doesn't. It's the longest running joke ever.

The days are getting longer, but we know summer must be just around the corner, because the 2022 summer student positions with the township have been announced! There are positions at the marina, public works, museum, and library. Applications will be accepted by email to kmcdonald@billingstwp.ca until 4 pm on Friday, February 25, 2022. Check out the township's website for more information: <https://billingstwp.ca/employment-opportunities/>

Happy birthday to Ruth F who is 29 years young this week. We were going to put some funny comments here, but we thought maybe the whole birthday thing is getting a bit old.

Thank you to the Township of Billings and community volunteers for organizing a Family Day Skate and Slide this past Monday! The rink is great!

The township office remains closed to the public with the staff working remotely. Agendas and minutes for the various township committee meetings can be found on the

township website: <http://billingstwp.ca>.

Short Poems for a Short Month challenge is nearly over! Be sure to send your short form poem to Kagawong@live.ca or as a message on the Kagawong Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Kagawong1). Here are some great examples!

A bridge of moonbeams
On shimmering sea
Path to Eternity
Waves trimmed with lace
Seek the barren shore
Autumn takes charge

(You know these aren't ours, because no matter how hard we try to write pieces that are thoughtful, introspective and deep, we always seem to end up with puns. It's quite the verse curse!)

Friends of the Billings Library is looking for members! FOBL is a group that functions independently of the township and of the library itself. It raises money to supplement and enhance the library collections. If you are interested, contact the library.

The Kagawong Fitness Centre is open again, and Plucky, the KFC mascot, is so excited! Please contact the town at tmills@billingstwp.ca for information on membership.

What do time and space have in common with family? It's all relative. Have a great week!

Barrie Island Lillian Greenman

Correction from last week, Lynn Calback's birthday was on February 13th.

Silver Water Karen Noble

There were a large number of people out to recycle bins on Valentine's Day. The first bunch got muffins, but I soon ran out of those. Thank you to John Jagt for helping out. The liquor containers collected for now will raise funds for the Gore Bay Medical Center. I have a goal in mind for the community to raise so stay tuned for planned fundraising events.

The groomer made it to Meldrum Bay on Monday but before it hit the trail off of the Dump Road, Albert realized a part needed to be replaced. The replacement will happen on Friday and grooming will commence from Meldrum Bay back to Silver Water.

Gladys, Brenda and I have been doing more walking, longer distances, this week. We managed to stay on our feet even with the ice on the sides of the highway on Thursday. The middle was well sanded, and we walked there as long as we couldn't hear any traffic coming.

Paul and Dianne McCallum are at their cottage with some of their family. I hear they brought snowmobiles. I am glad there is enough snow to use them.

Hope all had a happy Family Day on Monday, February 21.

Pink Shirt Day or Anti Bullying Day is February 23.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Sporting Life



Local lad catch-up!

Little Current native **Mike Laidley**, who now plays for the Peoria Rivermen of the SPHL (Southern Professional Hockey League), had a recent offensive surge in a game last Friday. In a typically Michael way, he was the clutch player in the win. The team needed Laidley's two goals, including the overtime winner, to overtake the Vermilion County Bobcats.

The call of the overtime winning goal was picked up by local media with, "They didn't have to wait long for the game-winner, as Alec Baer corralled the puck after being hooked. Seeing Laidley in the slot, Baer shot a pass over to him. Laidley, uncovered, pulled off a quick forehand-backhand deke to open up the goaltender before tucking the puck into the back of the net."

Laidley's overtime winner marked his second of the night and his first post-regulation goal this year. It also marked the Rivermen's third overtime victory of the season, no doubt with Michael on the ice. All in all, Peoria's win concluded their ten-game road stand with an impressive 8-0-1-1 record.

Michael has been having a great season for the Rivermen and in 33 games the defensive minded forward has offense minded stats with 14 goals, 7 assists for 21 points. His plus/minus stat of plus-seven is of no surprise for his playing style. His team is second overall in the whole league with a strong 28-5-2-4 record for the Danville, Illinois team and has nearly clinched their playoff spot. Keep up the hard work, Michael!

Big Air Espanola!

Espanola might be known for 'big' air of a different sort, but a local skier knows it for more. **Simon Fessenden** participated in a "Big Air" competition at Boogie Mountain's winter carnival recently. Judges looked for participants in each age group for ski and snowboarders, take turns trying to get "air" of the jumps. Simon won his 8-year-old boy age group and showed great sportsmanship! Keep up the good work, Simon.

No LNHL tourney, again!

Wiikwemkoong's omnipotent organizer, **Gerard Baibomcowai**, has turned the cancellation of another Little Native Hockey League tournament for the third year to hold his event again! The "No LNHL Tournament. He has the ice booked for March 11 and 12. He is will be looking to make five teams, for ages 15 to 20 year olds.

Gerry's thoughts with the invite being open to 20 year olds being allowed is that these are the kids that didn't get to finish off their LNHL experience. He calls it the "LOST LNHL years!" The LNHL could net their team the single cash prize all to themselves.

He is not taking teams; all teams will be made through a spin of the wheel. He will spin for goalies first, then women and then men. His reason is that he is trying to create a fun yet competitive event with randomly picked teams. He hopes to prevent super stacked teams dominating the weekend.

Sounds like a great idea! For more information contact Gerard Baibomcowai on Facebook.

Fishing derby stag and doe

Has COVID brought about a new tradition for marriage planners to include an "engagement ice fishing party" as an option for Manitoulin? One that happened in my neighbourhood was the Hooked on Fishing engagement party of the upcoming nuptial of **Meranda Noble** and **Brett Varey** on April 23!

Organizers were **Carly Newlands** (maid of honour) and **Matt Craig** (best man) and other members of the wedding party and family members of the bride and groom.

Those that fished at the stag and doe, braved a super cold and windy lake but a number of braver souls got out and entered some impressive fish. **Moe Gauthier** had the first fish caught at 8:03 am and won second prize with a 25.5" lake trout. The top award went to **Terry Kay** with his 27" entry. The third place went to **Mark Varey** and his 23.75" trout.

The kids' prize was awarded to **Anders Watson** who was the youngest angler who submitted a fish. Carly sent out a congratulations to those that braved the elements and was grateful for the support and hoped everyone had a good time!

Wild memories!

Former Manitoulin Wild forward **Nathan Lacasse** in the 2003/4. He went on to play pro in Germany and Australia. Apparently Nathan enjoyed it down under because he stayed and now has his own fitness business in Brisbane.

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Great Expectations – My Favourite Olympic Moments

by Mike Brock,

Special correspondent to The Manitoulin Expositor CANADA—Madness calmed. Medals hung. New records in old books. Two-and-a-half weeks of the ultimate winter sports spectacle has exited stage left, leaving us with memories, inspiration, disappointments and triumphs. The biggest headlines rightfully reserved for the biggest stars and stories. Like, for the second Olympics in eight months, Canadian women bringing home the gold in the most watched, most popular team sport! Nothing beats those (Canada) goose bumps that we all feel at the collective triumphs of the Red and White, but there are always moments beyond the obvious that stand out for me. Here are a few that I am going to take with me from these Games.

For some, the Olympics are the culmination of a long athletic career. The pinnacle of a four or eight or even twenty year plan. Sometimes the Olympics are just the start. For James "Jack" Crawford, Beijing was a bit of both. These were his second Olympic Games, but the first time he expected to win a medal. He just had to make it a reality. Crawford grew up skiing the same escarpment that runs right up to the top of Cup and Saucer. Moved west to pursue big dreams on big mountains. Now solidly on the World Cup circuit, he has been nipping at the boot heels of greatness all season long, challenging the best skiers in the world. He was fourth in the World Championships last year in the Alpine Combined event, and then landed at the foot of the podium again in the Downhill on the first Sunday of these Olympic Games. Fourth by razor thin 0.07 seconds. Even in his post-race interviews, though, you could see he knew how close he was. Yes, his smiles belied the kind of hunger that gets bolder the closer it gets to dinnertime. And, sure enough, four days later, dinner was served. The Combined Event. One run down the Downhill course, and one run down the Slalom course. Two races to the bottom of the hill, in very different ways. Downhill is like skating straight down a cliff made of ice on 6-foot swords. The bravery (recklessness?) of the downhill gives way to the technique and control of the slalom. Crawford was 2nd after the Downhill run, and had the 7th fastest slalom to take home the Bronze overall. A fine way, in the world's spotlight, to take his first step into the top realm of Alpine Skiing, right where he belongs.

Speaking of right where they belong, before the Olympics I joked a little bit that each of our curling teams (Men, Women, Mixed) would have no problem getting into the late rounds of their respective tournaments. Perhaps I doth joke too much. Out of the three teams, only the men—Brad Gushue, Mark Nichols, Brett Gallant and Geoff Walker—won a medal. Bronze. Does that mean that Canada's curlers failed in Beijing? No. Or that we need a "Curling Summit"? Not even close. It's really about reality, and how we set expectations. Big emotion—pain, shock, joy, humour—happens when reality and expectations end up in two very different places. And in Canada, we have gotten to a point where we expect Canadian curlers to win every tournament. But, that's not reality, and it's precisely because the Canadians have been so good, for so long, that the rest of the world is catching up. John Morris was beaten by an Australian team in the Mixed event. How did Australia get so good at curling? JOHN MORRIS WAS THEIR COACH! The curlers know the expectations our nation has for them, and in fact, they feed off those expectations. What makes those expectations mean so much is that they don't always become a reality. You need look no further than the

emotion on Brad Gushue's face after he lost his semi-final to understand that. The full investment of a nation's hopes and dreams, embraced unafraid by our athletes, is a big part of what makes the Olympics special. And, we'll still expect them to win next time.

Karma. Timing. Doing the right thing. These are other some of the other elements that swirl around the stories of Olympians and their Games. This speed skating tale, of two American women, is a familiar one, especially to Canadian fans. In 2014, Canadian Gilmore Junio gave up his spot in the 1000m at the Sochi Olympics so that Canada's top medal hope, Denny Morrison, could skate. Morrison, who had fallen at the Canadian Trials, went on to win the silver medal. This year, it was American veteran Brittany Bowe who gave up her spot in the 500m for teammate Erin Jackson, who had slipped during the US Trials. Jackson won the gold in the 500. Bowe won the bronze in the 1000. In the immortal words of Colonel John "Hannibal" Smith, I love it when a plan comes together.

It's also great when something you never planned for unfolds beautifully right before your eyes.

As a producer, your job is to tell the story. During the Olympics, though, sometimes it feels more like a responsibility than a job - especially when it comes to sports that only get piped into our homes every

four years or so. Sports like Ski Jumping. A simple sport where you strap large planks onto your feet, turn off the logical parts of your brain, and try to fly. For most Canadians, their knowledge of ski jumping includes:

Eddie The Eagle.

But, Eddie The Eagle wasn't Canadian. He wasn't particularly good at ski jumping. Heck, his name isn't even Eddie, it's Michael David Edwards! To be fair, if you

were tuning into the CBC during the 1980s, maybe the name Horst Bulau rings a bell. He was the only Canadian ever to make a dent on the World stage, winning 13 World Cups in the early part of the decade. Unfortunately, since Mr. Bulau hung them up three decades ago, Canadians have not flown too close to the sun. In fact, after they closed the Olympic ski jumping facility in Calgary recently, the Canadian Ski Jumping Team had to set up a permanent home in Slovenia. Not kidding.

And so it came to be that four Calgarians, all living in Slovenia, arrived in Beijing three weeks ago to represent Canada at the Olympics in Ski Jumping. Two women and two men. Eight big skis. Zero thought of medals. The team knew that it would take strong, clean jumps from all four just to qualify for the final eight in the Mixed Team event. Lo and behold, though, with a little bit of luck in the form of disqualifications (favourites Germany and Japan) Canada was not only in the final, but they were in the hunt for a medal. All of a sudden, this was David and Goliath kind of stuff. Canada going shoulder to shoulder with traditional powerhouses like Norway, Austria, Slovenia...and doing it in the most Canadian way. Every Canadian athlete—Alexandria Loutitt, Matthew Soukup, Abigail Strate and Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes—simply did their job. Individually sufficient, collectively brilliant. Completely Canadian. They finished in the Bronze medal position. If the Women's hockey team had won the Bronze Medal, there would be a national referendum, but for a team that had to move to Eastern Europe just to practice their sport, a medal that will mean multitudes to the future of this sport in Canada. There are kids in Canada who were able to see Canadian athletes—men and women—win an

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...Island high school teams prepare for First Robotics events

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Assignack and Christiana Jones.

Mr. Mara told The Expositor for the Wikwemikong High School team, "it's been a tough go, getting started (with the pandemic). Last year the Wiky Manufacturing Technology students built individual team robots, they designed and built the robots from the ground up and had an in-school contest."

"This year, during the fall semester, the Wiky FTC teams designed and built a robot for this year's FTC challenge and competed in a First Technological competition with other teams in Ontario (virtually).

"An FTC Assignack community team, made up of Sebasyan Mara, Xavier Mara, Ryan Kuntsi, and Dylan Kuntsi competed in and won the judges' award in the Sudbury virtual event before Christmas," said Mr. Mara.

Mentors of the Wikwemikong High School Team include Adrian Rampersad, Jane Hartley, Melissa Cooper and Cathy Hartley.

Team members include Jonas Assinewai, Marcus Beaudry, Tamara Bondy-Naokwegijig, Ben Lewis, Jordan Ominika-Cooper, Xavier Osawamick, Brayden Pangowish, Gavin Pangowish, Ash Recollet and Rakeja Wallace.

The manufacturing tech-



The Manitoulin Secondary School Manitoulin Metal Robotics team is preparing to compete in next month's First Robotics Canada Ontario regional events. The team includes Rhys Allison, Autumn Davy, Morgan Green, Nevaeh Harper, Jocelyn Kuntsi, Xavi Mara, Patrick McCann, Grace Pennie, Lindsay Sheppard, Danika Sheppard, Alan Wilkin, Ben Willis and Alexandra Wilson-Zegil.

nology class at Wikwemikong High School is building the FRC robot using drawings, designing the robot, and preparing it for the North Bay competition.

"This is our seventh year taking part," said Mr. Mara. "The Wikwemikong High School team competed in the World Championship in 2018, winning the Chairman's Award."

"The biggest constraint we have had as a team this year is that we have not been in school until a week ago (due to COVID-19) said Mr. Mara. "We just started building our robot. We are going to have to focus on some essentials and still build within limits. I'm

sure we will do well." He said fundraising is also a big part of the competition and that there has been good support from the community.

"We (MSS) weren't able to compete last year, and everyone was sitting on the fence as to what we would do this year. Then the team decided to take a shot at it again this year," said Mr. Davy.

"The kids are super excited and gaining momentum," echoed Ms. Bauer.



Several members of the Manitoulin Secondary School Metal Robotics team work on the team robot in preparation for competition next month.

...Music video featuring young girl with Island connections

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centre of the circle to dance.

Ms. Ramolo had joined the march to walk in the spirit of solidarity. While she was walking, she explained, she came upon two ladies and a young girl in dancing regalia. "I was alone but felt such a community spirit. Emilee Ann noticed and struck up a conversation. It was a conversation on a level that was like we had known each other all our lives."

The Pitawanakwats have since become family to Ms. Ramolo.

Ms. Ramolo is a recording artist and multiple Canadian folk music award nominee as well as a substitute teacher. She was getting ready to record the video for 'Free' alongside Indigenous hip-hop alternative singer/songwriter Kinnie Starr when she had a dream. "The song 'Free' was

playing and Emilee Ann was there."

Emilee Ann worked with Ms. Ramolo on expressing her thoughts on the word "freedom" through words, arts and crafts. The video was shot only 18 days after the initial chance meeting. In the video, Emilee Ann leads Ms. Ramolo through a forest. It ends with the girl hoop dancing. Emilee Ann came up with the movements and did a hoop dance in the video.

The Pitawanakwats are from Wiikwemkoong. The senior Ms. Pitawanakwat was born in Little Current and raised in Wiikwemkoong. Emilee Ann was born in Toronto but knows the community of Wiikwemkoong very well.

"We are hoping and encouraging people to keep voting for this video," added Ms. Pitawanakwat.

A total of six videos have qualified for this final round of voting. Voting ends at 11:59 pm on March 5.

...Great Expectations – My Favourite Olympic Moments

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Olympic medal in Ski Jumping. It was a great Canadian Olympic moment, and the distance between expectations and reality was impossible to imagine.

Some final quick notes on moments that I will take away from these Games:

After five decades of calling the most famous races in our nation's sporting history, Steve Armitage hung up his microphone, thankful that his last event included the call of a medal for Ivania Blondin on the speed skating oval.

There was a confidence surrounding Canada's Women's Hockey team at these games. They won, reversing the final result from four years ago against the Americans, but they did it with a comfort level that was really engaging. Line dancing as a team warmup, lots of smiles, and an overall great example for the young hockey players – boys and girls – on how to be a winning team on and off the ice. Loved it.

There are many different ways to measure suc-

cess, sure, but there probably isn't a much better way to spend your twenties and thirties than travelling the world and winning Olympic medals. Charles Hamelin did exactly that. And, along with his teammates in the 3K Short Track Relay, added one more Gold to that haul. With his 6th Olympic medal (in his 5th Games) Hamelin tied Andre DeGrasse for the most Olympic medals by a Canadian male.

Canadian Speed Skater Laurent Dubreuil is the reigning World Champion in the 500m, but he failed to medal in that event in Beijing. When the 1000m came around, he was paired with

the reigning World Champion in that event Kai Verbij, from the Netherlands. In the crossover on the second lap, the skaters ended up too close. Verbij, slightly behind, made the decision to ease up, giving right of way to the Canadian, allowing Dubreuil to capture the silver medal. Athletic altruism at its finest.

In 2018, Max Parrot won the Snowboard Slopestyle Silver Medal in Pyeongchang. In 2019, Max Parrot was diagnosed with cancer. In 2020, Max Parrot beat cancer and won gold at the X Games. In 2022, Max Parrot won the Snowboard Slopestyle Gold Medal. Cancer sucks. Winning an

Olympic Gold Medal after beating cancer does not suck.

The Olympics make their next stop in Paris - Summer of 2024. The next Winter Games are in Italy in 2026. Who will come back for another kick at the podium? Who will ride off into the sunset? Who will come out of the nowhere to shine on the world stage? Who will do the best job in the next four years of creating reality out of their expectations? Stay tuned, and whatever the answer, I hope that the Olympic spirit stays alive in your house.

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Growing up on Manitoulin, Zoe Redmond attended C.M.P.S (Central Manitoulin Public School) in Mindemoya. This is where she started to play a variety of sports including hockey, baseball, soccer, cross country, flag football, track and field, basketball, and volleyball. Some of her most memorable moments in elementary school were playing flag football as it is where she found her talent for throwing. In Grade eight she won the athletics award, she also remembers winning many tournaments for hockey and volleyball during those early years.

Zoe is currently halfway through her last year at MSS as she is in Grade 12. This year she has already joined the MSS girls' hockey team and is looking forward to joining the tennis team later in the year. She also played girls' hockey in Grade 9, 10 and 11, along with basketball and tennis through Grade 9 and 10. Both of these basketball seasons the Stangs came very close to winning NOSSA, placing second two consecutive times. Zoe is also currently a part of the Mindemoya house league team, the Mindemoya Thunder.

Zoe likes to play sports because they are not only a fun way to get exercise and stay healthy but she also enjoys making memories while playing with her teammates. She has met many of her close friends playing sports and her friend group has grown as she continues to meet new people. Playing sports has also helped her be more confident in herself. If she had to choose, Zoe says her favourite sport is hockey, as this is where she has met the most people. She is constantly working to improve her skills and makes sure she has fun while doing so. Hockey has taught her valuable leadership skills and the importance of teamwork and responsibility.

When Zoe isn't playing competitive sports she enjoys swimming, baking, painting, and going on adventures! She also started running almost three years ago. Every day she takes her Great Dane, Meeka, out for runs. Meeka is one of the reasons Zoe started running, she inspired her when they first rescued Meeka two years ago. She also enjoys working out at the gym.

When it comes to school like many athletes her favourite subject is physical education. She especially enjoys being taught by Mr. Smith. She says he is a great teacher like many MSS staff, but she likes those classes the most because Mr. Smith always comes up with new ways to teach while still making it enjoyable. When it comes to post secondary Zoe has it all planned out, as this is her last year at MSS. She is determined to attend Nipissing University's Criminology program in North Bay, with a focus in policing. She wants to become a police officer because she has always seen how important her parents are in the community and wants to be as super as they are!

Through the years Zoe has found many people around her that are an inspiration. One that inspires her in and out of sports is her 81-year-old grandfather who still bikes to Meldrum Bay with her from their house. This totals to a 100 km ride! He motivates her to keep going and always do her best. She says overall her family's love for her and the sports she participates in keep her going especially when her grandma, or any of her family, comes to cheer her on.

Another inspiration for Zoe is her older brother, Matthew. He is Zoe's favourite athlete, this is because he is always on the ice having fun and working hard to improve. Matthew is constantly looking for opportunities to play any sport, even if it means basketball in their driveway. With all of these great influences and sources of inspiration we can see why Zoe has experienced so much success thus far.

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

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...MP reluctantly supports Emergencies Act

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Trudeau. The government is also designating and securing critical areas such as border crossings and airports, he added. Invoking the Act will allow the government to ensure that essential services, such as towing services to remove trucks, are rendered.

The federal government is also going after financial support for illegal activity associated with the Freedom Convoy protest.

While the Act grants cabinet the ability to take special temporary measures that may not be appropriate in normal times to cope with urgent and critical situations and the resulting fallout, it is still subject to the protections of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"The government invoked the Emergencies Act under a public order emergency," said Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes. "What we are facing right now is not a peaceful protest. It is actually an occupation which has been marred by criminal acts and has even seen convoy members deputizing themselves, claiming they have the lawful authority to detain and arrest others. As mentioned, the use of the Emergencies Act is an acknowledgement that leadership at all levels of government: (municipal, provincial and federal), has allowed things to escalate unchecked since the beginning. It is a symptom of a system that has failed to uphold even the most basic laws."

The New Democratic Party "is going to support the Act, with reluctance," said MP Hughes. "It's not like the War Measures Act, as revamped stopgaps were put in place. For instance, that the Act can't supercede the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and stipulates the circumstances when it can be initiated," she said, noting the government is initiating the Act under the public orders section.

"The stopgap has to continue to respect the Charter," MP Hughes continued. "My NDP colleagues and I are taking the use of the Emergencies Act very seriously and won't be giving a blank cheque to the prime minister. Government will have to stay within the established powers and if they don't, we will withdraw our support. Further, a debate on



Over the course of the days-long debate of the Emergencies Act, Carol Hughes was called on to act in her role as assistant deputy speaker.

revoking or amending the order can be initiated at any time when requested by either 10 senators or 20 MPs."

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) said that it didn't believe the high and clear threshold needed to invoke the Act has been met, noting the law states that it can only be used when a situation cannot be dealt with using any other law in the country.

Noa Mendelsohn Aviv, executive director and general counsel for CCLA, warned that normalizing emergency legislation "threatens our democracy and civil liberties."

On February 17, the CCLA announced it will fight the federal government's invocation of the Emergencies Act in court.

Duff Conacher, co-founder of Democracy Watch, told The Expositor last Thursday that the bar hasn't been met to invoke the Act. "The government has been careful how they draft the regulations and the time is limited as to how long the Act would be in

place, for 30 days, but I don't think this protest was a threat to national security."

"The only thing is that the government couldn't have done this as quickly as they can through the Act," said Mr. Conacher. "Things like shutting down banks to those making donations to the Freedom Convoy would have taken awhile, and to have tow trucks remove a (Convoy) truck, I have heard that Ottawa-area tow truck drivers and companies had previously refused." The Act would compel them to remove parked vehicles, left to blockade downtown Ottawa.

He pointed out that Ottawa has huge tow trucks the (police) chief had said were city-owned, "so that really wasn't a problem. Freezing people out of their bank accounts is one way to get them to leave because they wouldn't be able to buy food without access to funds, he said.

"I really don't think the government needed to put the Act in place, or needed to freeze the bank accounts of protestors," Mr. Conacher said. "What was needed was for the Ottawa police to do their job and be prepared from the start. Because of this situation the chief of police, Peter Sloly, resigned. You don't let those huge transport trucks park in front of Parliament."

Mr. Conacher presently lives in Toronto but spent 26 years in Ottawa (excluding a separate three-year break in Toronto). "They would block off the road to keep people away from Parliament Hill, so that was the first mistake. Wellington Street is right in front of the parliament buildings and every bus that goes through Ottawa travels on that stretch of Wellington. The entire bus system was shut down. They allowed it to happen, which is ridiculous," he said.

"Why were they (protestors) able to stay in their (turned on) trucks with heated cabs and live? They basically let them set up a home. I can tell you, if they had to walk to the Parliament building and stand on the ground and sleep there, the protestors wouldn't have," added Mr. Conacher.

"None of what happened would have been necessary if the police had been doing their job. They have the power to remove any vehicles. There is 'no parking' all around there. On top of that, the protestors had given them two weeks notice that they were coming," he said. "In Toronto, when the protestors said they were coming, the police shut down the downtown area, so they left. They weren't able to get close to Queen's Park."

He noted that RCMP could have been involved to help out Ottawa police at any time as well."

Heather Wilson, federal Liberal riding party chair for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing and two-time federal Liberal candidate, said she agrees with the government's decision. "I think it was drastic and unfortunate that it had to come to this. The protestors have been asked many times to leave but haven't. I think most of Canada and the residents of Ottawa have had enough."

Ms. Wilson didn't feel the government had other options. "Emergency measures are drastic but was

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this to go to court, does it end up costing municipalities?" asked POA board chair Derek Stephens.

"That is definitely happening," said Ms. Fogal. "A lot of early resolution cases are not resolved through this process and the person goes to trial; and each case can mean that the person appears three times in court."

"So, people can be given tickets for offences, but if these people take this to court we lose money?" asked Mr. Stephens.

"The other issue is that we feel people,

and the general public, have caught on to what they can do. The number of early resolution cases doubled and more," said Ms. Fogal. "So, for a \$90 ticket that has been handed out to a person, it can cost us well over \$500 to have it prosecuted. Once a case enters trial the (accused) can say they haven't received disclosure so the case is delayed, they can say they haven't had time to discuss it with their legal counsel and it is delayed again." She pointed out several delays can take place in each case and each time there is a delay, it costs the

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...Club seeks new location for shooting range

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that time, no reportable incidents have occurred, Mr. Nardi explained to council. The range was also open to police and conservation officers to use, he noted.

The range carries \$5 million in liability insurance as well as an added \$5 million for each member.

"We have a spot just east of (Don Eadie Construction's) pits secured," Mr. Nardi continued. (The pits referenced by Mr. Nardi are those just off the Bidwell Road, near Highway 540 and the former Cup and Saucer entrance).

Mr. Nardi told council that the province's chief firearms officer would approve the site once it is approved by council. The club would then begin using that location, building berms and stations, followed by another inspection by the firearms officer. A re-inspection of the range would occur every two years after that.

Mr. Nardi provided a list of possible concerns council might have, such as a danger to hikers on the Cup and Saucer trail as well as noise.

The shooting location is 1.53 kilometres from the trail's east bluff lookout, it was explained.

A recording was then played of a 12-gauge shotgun being fired from the site

location on a windless day as would be heard from the east bluff lookout. A slight 'tick' noise was barely audible to this reporter.

Councillor Barb Baker asked why the chief firearms officer only approves the site after council gives it the nod. Mr. Nardi said this was the way they operate.


Councillor Al Boyd asked how many members the club has at any given time. Mr. Nardi said the club averages between 60 and 70 members but noted that any time he's been to the (former) range, he's been the only person there.

Councillor Bill Koehler voiced his support, if only for the fact that it would be good to have a place to sight in one's rifle for hunting season.

Councillor Baker asked if a site-specific zoning bylaw change would be needed for a gun range to proceed. CAO Dave Williamson said this would be the case, which would also allow for public comment. But before that can happen, the Marksmen Club would need to apply.

Councillor Michael Erskine asked if the club had made an application yet, to which the answer was 'no.'

As is council's tradition, the range was brought up again at the following council meeting, but as the club had yet to make a zoning bylaw application, there was no discussion.



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...MP reluctantly supports Emergencies Act

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anything else working? No. The protestors want the mandates lifted for COVID-19 but the data shows it shouldn't be done. We are all tired of the pandemic, but as I heard someone say last night, we're tired of winter too. Does that mean we are taking off our winter coats?"

"The governments are making the decisions based on science and data, as most responsible governments do," added Ms. Wilson. "Just as Doug Ford and the provincial government are making decisions based on health data as well. "I think the protestors went too far burning the effigy of the prime minister with a noose around his neck, for example. A lot of Canadians don't agree but Canadians are, for the most part, quiet and law-abiding people who don't go overboard like some of our neighbours do. One percent of the population have been protesting. They sure have made a lot of noise."

Manitoulin's Brendan Addison has been in Ottawa since the start of the protest. He said he has seen progress and things have changed but that "is more reason for us to hold the line and stick with our plan. I never thought I would see this in my life in Canada. I agree things like white supremacists name-calling shouldn't be tolerated. If they can pack a stadium in the United States with 70,000 for Super Bowl and no one has to wear masks but I can't sit in The Codmother's in Gore Bay and have a sandwich, there's a problem with today's society."

He's in Ottawa to support the truckers but has personal reasons for not seeing eye-to-eye with the government, stated Mr. Addison. "But our rights and freedoms are very valuable to myself and my children's future. I don't think we've done anything wrong."

He said he hasn't seen the acts of violence or racism that mainstream media has been portraying and what he has seen is positive: "the people of Canada trying to help each other and our rights."

As for the Emergencies Act, Mr. Addison feels it was unjustified. "There's no threat here. There's no hostile threats and no one has been injured. The majority of the peo-

ple are here because they have been forced by mandate to wear masks and be vaccinated. I don't hear of hospitals being filled or people dying."

"Even with the protest here and the gridlock and everyone so close together, no one is getting sick," Mr. Addison said. He noted that reports have said taking the vaccines increases the likelihood of myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle that can cause death. "We're still learning the long-term effects of these vaccines."

Michael Kempa, professor of criminology at the University of Ottawa told CBC News Now Live in an interview on television last Friday that he is in support of the Emergencies Act, in terms of how the police were slowly and methodically moving protestors from the downtown area of Ottawa last Friday.

"So far, I would have to say it has been a tremendous success mostly because of the restraint the police have shown," said Mr. Kempa. "We all know that it has not always been that shown that way in past protests."

"Hopefully, it is the start of a new trend; that if the hardest edge of how the state shows restraint, it gives me great confidence as we move forward in the process in the courts, and inquiries, that with the mobilization of the Emergencies Act things will go well," said Mr. Kempa.

MP Hughes acknowledged there is nothing wrong with protests taking place but not when the protest becomes an occupation. "Things can't continue the way they have with no one having control," she said. "We need to respect everyone. Hate crimes are not acceptable and things have been escalating."

A parliamentary review committee made up of all recognized parties and composed of both senators and MPs will be created in the coming days. Their mandate will be reviewing the exercise of powers and the performance of duties and functions pursuant to a declaration of emergency. The committee will have the power to revoke or amend orders and regulations made under the Act. They must report at least once every 60 days to the House of Commons.

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...challenges Island to complete Mindemoya Hospital fundraising

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One of the purposes of the tour is to provide those people who have been donating to the Let's Emerg Together campaign an opportunity to see their dollars at work. "So far all the work has been taking place out of sight here in the back of the hospital," shared communications officer Kelly Timmermans.

Upstairs, Ms. Fedec took over as guide, noting that "this is my favourite place right here" as she pointed out the central nursing square with a view of all of the emergency department.

The tour continued on to the doctor's dictation room "with requested window," laughed Ms. Fedec, before pointing out the dictation room is close by the nurses' station. "This is very nice as well as before they were outside the unit. This will aid collaboration, before when you were in there you kind of felt you were in your own little world."

The trauma room is one

of the most important rooms in the unit and includes windows as well. "We don't always use this room for traumas," noted Ms. Fedec. The trauma room will have a glass wall so that it is visible from the nurses' station "so our nurses can see our patients."

"This is often an end of life room," added Ms. Fedec, "so it is nice that there is a window. Before there were no outside walls to look out."

The room will allow for families to be in the room with their loved one, while the windows will provide daylight and a view of the bush outside the room. The room will also provide a place to conduct training.

A mental health room includes reinforced walls to aid in the protection of the patient, staff and facility.

A consultation family room includes spacious walls and windows to provide a quiet space for fami-

lies to be briefed on their loved one's status.

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige then announced M'Chigeeng's intention to commission one of their community artists to create an appropriate artwork for the facility. The spacious walls of the family room were deemed the most appropriate location for the work.

Other rooms on the tour include utility rooms, isolation rooms with facilities to decontaminate and storage as well as separate wash-rooms for patients and staff.

Work on the facility will continue on into the spring.



A bright family room allows families to gather for consultations with physicians. It will also double as a place for staff training to occur.

photos by Michael Erskine



Facilities Maintenance and Operations Manager Duane Deschamps shows off the new and improved records room, complete with natural light, a feature not included in the current records room.

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"All in all, the provincial and federal governments have put messages in place in the best interest of the health and safety of the public," said MP Hughes. "It (the mandate) was not meant to disrupt the economy or peoples' lives but to keep everyone healthy and safe. We've done well in Canada with vaccines. We haven't seen the number of deaths that other countries have."

She said that in Canada, the number of deaths from the pandemic is decreasing. "In Canada, we have had 35,791 deaths from the pandemic. Three weeks ago, we had 1,000 in Canada and then 906 and 673 over the past three weeks. In Ontario, those numbers are 416, 369 and 223. This shows that things are getting better and we'll be able to open things up more. I understand people's frustrations."

Over 2,000 fines have been issued so far to people involved in the Ottawa downtown occupation.

...Manor seeks new fundraising chair

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Board member Mary Jane Lenihan suggested the board should advertise the position, whether it had done so previously or not. "Just to make sure people are aware it is available and is a volunteer position," she said.

In the meantime, Mr. Cook noted that the dining room table upgrades are underway, with the emphasis on assembling the wheelchair accessible versions first. "They are radically different from the other tables and are designed to make the residents in wheelchairs more comfortable," he said. "The interior design is completed, filling out the details and tenders are going out for the replacement of counters and cupboards. We will see what kind of price we can get, if it is better for one piece or to do them separately."

He noted that the pandemic has delayed some of the work being done at the Manor, but that things are progressing, nonetheless.

The Manor is currently fully occupied (with four beds reserved for isolation purposes should they be needed) and that the wait list is currently sitting at 32 applicants.

"The toughest issue facing the Manor right now is covering for staff that are isolating due to close contact with someone that is (COVID-19) positive or being positive themselves," shared Mr. Cook. "We are continuing to use agency staff for RPNs and PSWs and we continue to recruit for nursing, both RN and RPN as well as PSW staff." On the bright side, the Manor is now fully staffed in

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...Manitoulin East flying club poised to purchase aircraft

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PA-28 Piper Cherokee 140 with a 160hp engine upgrade. (The 140 designation in the plane's name indicates the engine size.) The designation Piper PA-28 Cherokee refers to a family of two-seat or four-seat light aircraft built by Piper Aircraft and designed for flight training, air taxi and personal use. Just about perfect for the club's needs. The PA-28 family of aircraft are comprised of all-metal, are unpressurized and single



The club is hoping to purchase a PA-28 Piper Cherokee 140, like this one.

engine-powered by piston. The airplane features low-mounted wings and tricycle landing gear and have a single door on the right side which is entered by stepping on the wing.

Mr. MacDougall noted that those establishing the club are motivated by a desire to share their own passion for flying with others, including youth.

"I got my start and learned to fly in the air cadets," said Mr. MacDougall, who originally hails from Chatham. He recalled hanging out at the local airport as a youth and even taking on a part-time job at the airport there in order to make money for his flying lessons.

The highlight of his flying career was getting a ride on an F-18 fighter.

While the bar of approximately \$3,700 purchase portion and \$855 a year in ongoing fees might be out of reach of some folks inter-

ested in supporting the club, an option to be just a member will be set closer to the membership of the Gore Bay Airport Flying Club (\$45).

Plans are in the works for a flying instructor and

ground school options as well.

Those interested in being a part owner, or to just join as a member, are asked to respond to manitoulin.east.flying.club@gmail.com.

...recreation projects get federal funding

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and accessibility enhancements to ensure access to those with mobility issues. Once complete, the space will also host an outdoor vendors' market, skating rink (already operating), winterfest activities, ice and ball hockey events, as well as social gatherings and community events. This community facility will help strengthen various sectors of economy by attracting more visitors and creating new business opportunities for local vendors.

"Absolutely, this is fantastic great news," stated Billings Mayor Ian Anderson. "Credit has to go to the funder, and in particular our office staff who never gave up on this proposal; this was not the first application they made for funding. Their perseverance paid off. And there was a whole bunch of people on a committee and volunteers who worked toward this."

"This funding is important to the community, it's a win-win for everyone and we are pretty excited to have received it," added Mayor Anderson.

Tehkummah Township will receive funding in the amount of \$134,000. This funding will go toward revitalizing the community park and trail system that connects Main Street in South Baymouth to local waterfront areas. This CCRF investment will support improvements to the Bowerman Nature Trail and John Budd Park, including repairs to the waterfront trail bridge and boardwalk, installation of new signage and the creation of three rest areas with barrier-free benches and picnic tables. The project will also support waterfront enhancements such as upgrades to the outdoor pavilion including screened walls, concrete pad repairs, a new sound system and stage lighting as well as upgraded public washrooms, playground equipment and the addition of a recreational vehicle pumpout station.

"It's very good news that

we are getting this funding," said Tehkummah Reeve Dave Jaggard. "Shelba Millette, our economic development had applied for the funding and we were waiting to hear about the funding, especially for the Bowerman Trail which needs maintenance. Dick and Eunice (Bowerman) made and maintained a trail for a number of years but haven't been able to maintain it the past couple of years. It will now be upgraded and fully accessible."

"And for the John Budd Park, it couldn't be used more until the restrictions are lifted, and people will be able to gather at the park again," said Reeve Jaggard. "Without the funding being provided, we could never have done this on our own municipal budget."

Reeve Jaggard noted that just a few weeks ago, Tehkummah received a \$76,000 community building fund-capital grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to address a community need by retrofitting the Tehkummah/South Baymouth beach and park area located on Duck's Bay road with new barrier-free washrooms and safe physical fitness equipment.

"This 100 percent OTF funding initiative from the province will allow us to repair and retrofit this entire area to meet safety standards and be barrier-free, which will extend the beach facilities lifespan by decades and increase its use," said Reeve Jaggard. The gazebo will also be repaired and be barrier-free, which will extend its use for years as well."

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is receiving Fed-Nor funding of \$125,165. The funds will support the revitalization of recreation facilities at Little Current's Low Island Park. The goal of the project is to stimulate increased tourism, recreational and social activity by enhancing this downtown waterfront asset. Specifically, this strategic investment

will support the development of a fully accessible running/walking track, upgrades to fencing at the baseball field, and the expansion of the skateboard park to include a pump track, a specialized track with various ramps and walls for use by skateboarders and cyclists.

"Wow," stated NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin to the funding news. "We've applied a few times for funding for this project. Before COVID hit, the Community Service Advisory Committee had made these recommendations to council. This is the first time I have heard of this funding. It is great news for the committee and the community."

"These strategic investments demonstrate the government of Canada's commitment to support economic development in communities of every size, in every region of Northern Ontario," said Minister Hajdu. "We have helped put small- and medium-sized businesses on the road to recovery. Now it's time to invest in the shared public spaces that will safely bring people together and help communities grow and thrive well into the future."

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the dietary department.

The only current staff issue is one involving a misunderstanding of vacation payouts, but a resolution is currently being negotiated between human resources and the union.

The Manor saw a break-even month, with an unaudited surplus of \$690 for the month of January, some \$1,362 below budget. The 2022 budget no longer includes a \$10,000 a month contribution to reserves, a situation about which some members of the board have expressed misgivings.

Seeking Nominations

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Letters will be accepted until March 11th, 2022.

If you are interested in submitting a letter, please email mgibson@mfresources.net. Please note that all nominees will be followed up with before posting to social media.

Low Lanktree rink wins annual Gore Bay men's curling bonspiel

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The Low Lanktree rink won the Gore Bay Curling Club annual men's bonspiel this past weekend.

The Lanktree rink which also included Todd Bailey, Jack White, and Oliver Koski defeated the Dave McDermid rink in the finals.

"I would like to thank all of you guys for coming out this weekend to participate," said Dan Marois, president of the Gore Bay Curling Club at the conclusion of the two-day event. "It has been a couple of years since we have been able to hold this event, and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves."

"The format was a little different this year, with the winners of each game receiving a cash prize," said Mr. Marois. "The only team that won all their games this weekend was the Low Lanktree rink."

Mr. Marois noted as well that Mollyanne McLaughlin had donated beautiful E.F. Priddle mugs for the winning team in the finals.

"Thanks goes to Eric (Ruediger) and Randy (Skippen) for working on the ice and Elva (Carter) and her kitchen crew for feeding us so well," said Mr. Marois. "We would also like to thank Max (Burt) for donating the roast beef for the dinner."



The Low Lanktree rink won the Gore Bay Curling Club annual men's bonspiel this past weekend. In photo from left is the winning team members, including Jack White, Low Lanktree, Todd Bailey and Oliver Koski.

photos by Tom Sasvari

"Hopefully next year, everyone will be back, and we will have even more teams take part," added Mr. Marois.

There were a total of eight rinks that took part in the bonspiel, four rinks from Gore Bay and one each from the Little Current, Mindemoya, Providence Bay and Manitowaning curling clubs. Every rink played three games with the finalists playing an additional game.



Low Lanktree gets ready to release the rock while teammates Jack White and Oliver Koski are poised to sweep in a game held during the Gore Bay Curling Club's annual men's bonspiel this past weekend. Mr. Lanktree's rink was the overall winner.

Gore Bay council passes budget with increase of two percent

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay taxpayers will see a two percent hike in taxes this year.

At a meeting last week, Gore Bay council approved a recommendation from its committee of the whole that the 2022 budget levy be established at \$1,221,609, being a two percent increase in the municipal tax rate over 2021.

"I think it is a good budget," said Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne after council passed the budget last week. The total assessment for the town is \$1,227,597. He pointed out the two percent increase reflects a \$33 increase on property valued at \$100,000.

"We have budgeted several items as well that are contingent on government funding being provided," said Mayor Osborne. "Considering the rate of inflation and the costs of everything increasing these days, and the pandemic, I think the budget is fair and reasonable."

Mayor Osborne said, "if we had gone with a zero percent increase, we would actually be going backwards."

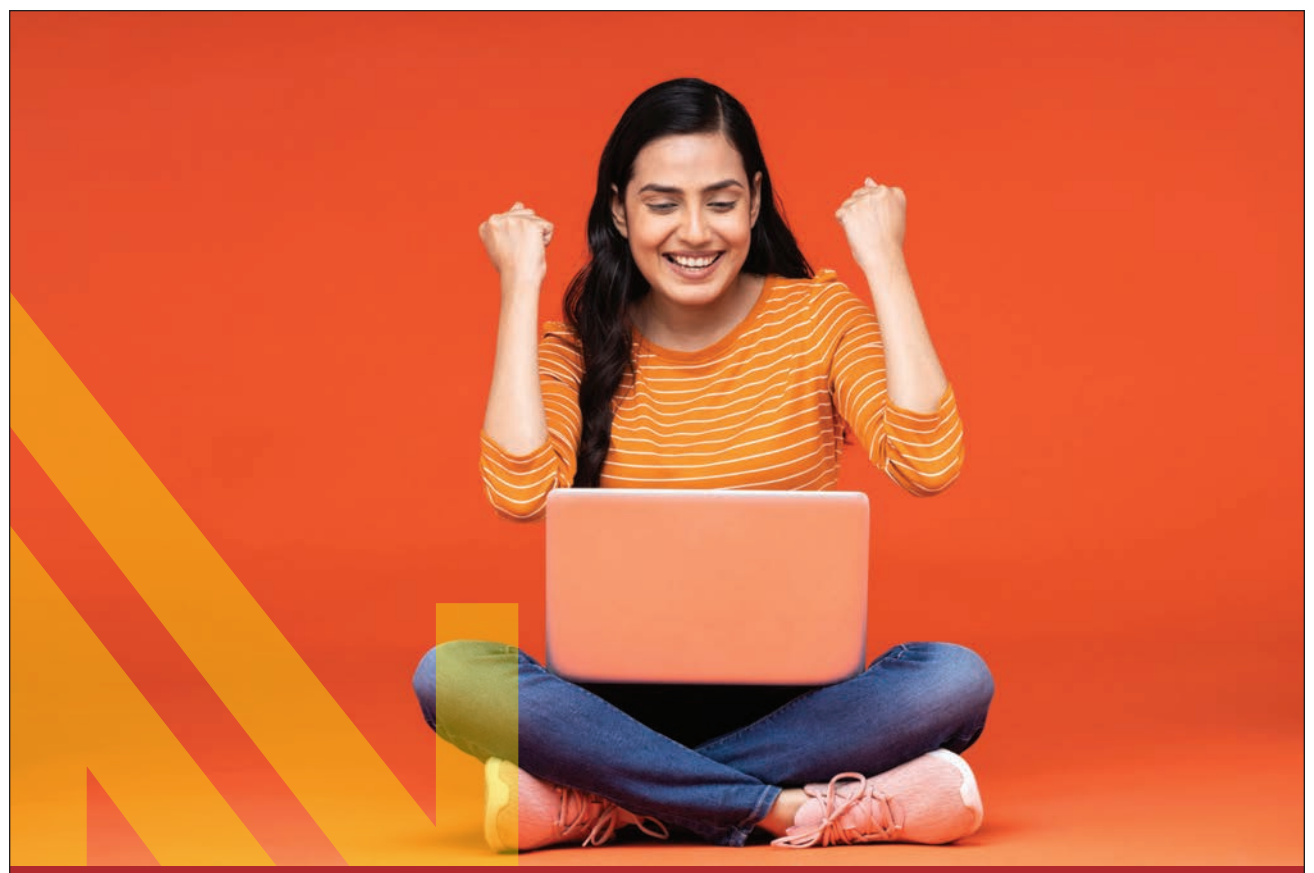
Council also passed a motion to include several items being placed in the budget on both the revenue and expenditure side, pending availability of funding. These include the shoreline walkway project, \$500,000; waterfront pavilion project, \$750,000; rehabilitation of waterline project, \$1,319,000 and museum roof, \$180,000. Further, any cost overruns from the shoreline walkway project and the Gore Bay museum roof repair will be covered by town.



Winter wonderland

The brisk winter weather adds a sparkle to landscapes across the Island, offering plenty of opportunities for shutterbugs to ply their craft. This photo of the venerable swing bridge was taken from beside the Northeast Town Welcome Centre. The bridge may soon be replaced with a new two-lane structure that will help alleviate summer congestion.

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Chipping in for residents

Manitoulin Centennial Manor administrator Don Cook, left, passes over a \$5,000 cheque from Extencicare (the company that provides management services to the Manor) to Bill Trayner president of the Manor Residents' Council. The funds will go into the Manor's fundraising campaign with the aim of improving the lives of the residents.

photo by Julie Omnet

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POA in court costs and the case can even be withdrawn

"So, basically the early resolution process used to save us money, but now it is costing us," said board member Michael Erskine.

The early resolution process was supposed to expedite things. Is this problem common throughout the province, asked board member Bryan Barker.

"It is becoming more of a problem," said Ms. Fogal. "We are one of just a few POA offices still offering early resolution." She also told the board that as of February 14, the POA is allowed to issue driver's license suspensions again. "No leniency should be provided," she suggested. If a person hasn't made a payment on a fine, they should have their licence suspended.

"We are still in a cash flow crunch," said Mr. Erskine. "It sounds like this is a systemic issue," he said, asking if the POA is looking at going back to the municipalities to cover the deficit this year.

In looking at short term solutions, the POA is looking at a deficit of \$15,000 in 2022, said Ms. Fogal.

At this stage, the POA has approximately enough funds in its account to pay its employees for just two payroll periods.

While the POA's option to suspend licences had been deferred through the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization now has had this authority reinstated, and a board member asked if it would help sustain the POA and Ms. Fogal said it will give the POA a couple of months.

"I don't know if municipalities want to keep paying for a POA. When the government downloaded this all on municipalities, it was with a \$1-2 million dollar deficit," said Mr. Stephens. "If we can't make money, how is the POA going to keep going?"

The POA has over the years been a revenue generator, said Mr. Erskine. "It will generate revenue again."

"As I keep telling my council members, we can have things like trailer bylaws in place, for instance, and can fine some-

one \$170 but if it costs the municipality \$1,000 to collect the fine, I don't see this as revenue," said Mr. Stephens.

Mr. Lalonde said the POA court is not designed to provide revenues to municipalities but to change the behaviour of those people who are charged and receive fines.

"Municipalities can't function without bylaws and enforcing them," said Mr. Barker. "It may cost to collect fines, but I have a hard time visualizing municipalities not having bylaws."

The number of tickets handed out for provincial offence act violations has decreased 22 percent from last year, the board was told.

"The POA hasn't been able to collect revenues because of the government's restrictions on collection of tickets through the pandemic," said Mr. Lalonde. He proposed allowing for a year to see if and how things change and if the POA is able to collect fines and monitor revenues during this time.

Board member Jack Bould noted that even before the pandemic, POA revenues had seen a downward trend.

Ms. Fogal told the POA board that she would be talking to a Ministry of the Attorney General official and she would also be meeting Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha to discuss the issue and concerns.

"What do we need to do to get over the short-term hump? I agree, maybe if we can get over the hump and get back to normal and can draw revenues, then we can see where we are," said Mr. Barker.

"We need some kind of a (financial) cushion for the short-term," said Mr. Erskine, noting board members can go their municipalities and explain the situation and request that they provide financial support.

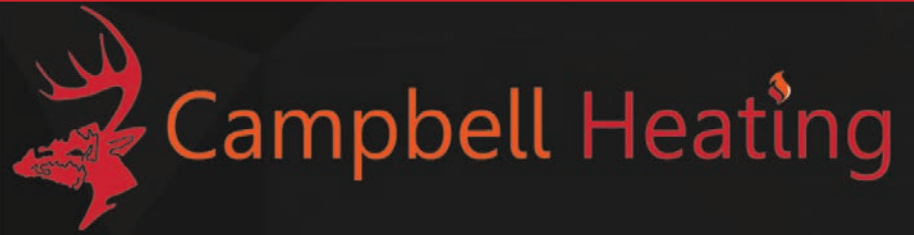
"I would go with asking the municipalities together to provide the \$15,000 with hopes that we will be able to increase revenues this year. However I still want us to pursue what we can do to get out of this situation and prevent it from occurring again," said Dan Osborne.

The municipalities have

to be made aware the POA no longer has a cash reserve, said one board member.

"I support asking the municipalities to provide \$15,000 altogether and looking at changes being made in the early resolution process," said Mr. Barker. The board passed two motions, one to ask all Island municipalities to pay a share of the \$15,000 deficit and to lobby for changes to be made to the early resolution court system.

"We should have a good indication by April where we stand," said Mr. Stephens.



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photo by Michael Erskine



The kids of winter are back!

Manitoulin Minor Hockey returned to Island arenas with the easing of pandemic restrictions and families were out in force to watch the games. This game between the Little Current Flyers and the Gore Bay Bruins took place over the weekend at the NEMI Recreation Centre. Proof of vaccination was still required for entry into the arena.

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Let's start Lent with a new heart filled way, to follow Jesus. All are welcome to join in this encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. St. Ignatius Spiritual Lenten Retreat, Sunday, February 27, 2022 or Monday, February 28, 2022, for a seven-week retreat journey to a closer imitate relationship with Jesus Christ. 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm via virtue Zoom. If interested, please email keithlegree@gmail.com. 40-41p

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M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

I hope everyone had a fabulous Family Day weekend! Students and staff had Monday, February 21 off which made it a three-day weekend. To add to that, last week turned into a three-day week because of the two snow days on Wednesday, February 16, and Thursday, February 17.

Friday, February 18 was "Anything but a Backpack Day" at MSS. Students were seen transporting their belongings in a variety of things throughout the halls. Some of the most creative items were a vacuum, a shopping cart and a cauldron.

Also, Friday, February 18 was declared "Celebrating Canadian Athletes Day" at MSS. Staff and students wore red to celebrate all the successes of Canadian athletes at the Olympics, particularly the gold medal that Canada's women's hockey team will be bringing home after beating the USA 3-2.

An Olympic joke for you: What's the name of the fastest dinosaur at the Olympics? Prontosaurus.

For the special date of February 22, 2022 (02/22/22), students were welcomed to wear a tutu, dress as a famous pair, or wear a matching outfit with a friend. The cafeteria also set up a special 'Taco Tuesday' as a part of the occasion.

Today, Wednesday, February 23, is Pink Shirt Day, also known as Anti-Bullying Day. Due to the poor



Grade 12 students Lane Phillips, Eliza Ermilova and Zara Farquhar pose with a cauldron, suitcase, and laundry hamper for "Anything But a Backpack Day" on Friday, February 18.

weather and trail conditions, the snowmobile fun run was rescheduled from last Friday, February 18 to this coming Friday, February 25. The ride will still begin at 9 am at MSS.

It is that time of year again when students choose their courses for next year. This can be done online at myblueprint.ca. Once course selections have been submitted, students must print out a sign-off sheet for their parents/guardians to sign. These sheets are due to students' third period (afternoon) teacher by Tuesday, March 1. Students not returning to MSS next year must also go onto myblueprint.ca and state their intentions. If you have any questions, please see your guidance counsellor.

MSS's "Loving Local"

photo contest has ended and the winners have been announced. A huge congratulations to Allie Carrick who won the student category! Also congratulations to the runner-up of the student category, which was Bella Jefkins. The winner of the staff category was Mrs. Orford. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos of the Island's beautiful landscape; they were all amazing!

Joke of the week: How cold is it? It's so cold that my thermometer goes down to "are you serious?"

Upcoming events include the snowmobile fun run and course sign-off sheets due.

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

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Responsibilities:

- Reporting directly to the Director of Operations, this position acts as the primary liaison for the organization communications, public relations/marketing, and recruitment communications
- Regularly maintain and update the organization's social media platforms, posts and website, in collaboration with multiple team members, to ensure content is current and accurately reflects upcoming programs, events and services and all content are adherent to brand and graphic standards across the organization
- Lead the development of a marketing plan/strategy by researching, developing and executing a comprehensive plan in alignment with the organization's communications objectives, in collaboration with the senior management team and multiple department team members
- Lead the organization communications by developing, creating and ensuring the organization's brand, identity and marketing/print standards, including any compliance rules, are following consistently across all platforms
- Lead the development and creation of marketing materials (audio & visual, recordings, testimonials, program fact sheets, brochures, business cards, posters, annual reports, etc.)
- Lead, develop, promote and implement marketing activities (print/electronic/digital) of the organization's programs and services to the public/member communities
- Attend various team meetings and planning sessions to assist with the development of marketing ideas and identify marketing/recruitment opportunities
- Work in collaboration with internal/external design teams to coordinate and lead the overall development and production of promotional/branding materials (print/electronic/digital) to generate awareness of the organization's programs, services and identity (e.g., print media, social media, digital marketing, direct mail, email, blog posts, website, call and text campaigns, video and photography, and other forms of communication) consistent with Kenjgewin Teg's brand and marketing strategy
- Collaborate with various team members and lead the development and distribution of internal/external marketing materials, presentations, press releases, etc. for the organization, (print/electronic/digital) that enhance outreach, recruitment and public awareness of the organization's programs and services
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- Develop thorough understanding Kenjgewin Teg's admission policies, procedures, and requirements, and communicating them to prospective students as they evaluate their education options through writing content and building email campaigns (in conjunction with enrolment and admissions personnel) to encourage application completion and that convey application deadlines at various points of the admission lifecycle
- Participate and contribute to other organizational events, activities and teams as part of organizational and community engagement and learning

Job Skills:

- Knowledge of marketing trends and strategies while applying knowledge to practical skills
- Demonstrate creativity to drive student and organization engagement
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- Knowledge of higher education market trends and best practices in admissions marketing and communication

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For a complete job description, please visit our website at www.kenjgewinteg.ca/careers or to learn more about this employment opportunity, please email 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 to humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca or by mail or in-person by the application deadline date to:

Kenjgewin Teg
"Marketing & Communications Specialist"
c/o Director of Human Resources
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON POP 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive of Anishinabek traditions and practices supporting a welcoming learning environment. This includes the shared practice and tradition of smudging.

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: Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those applicants 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.



AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BAND ADMINISTRATOR

The Band Administrator is responsible for the overall efficient and effective administrative and financial management of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Band government, its infrastructure, program areas and services, and for keeping Chief and Council informed on all matters relating to the business of the First Nation.

JOB DUTIES:

- Provide leadership, supervision and direction to all Program Coordinators for the effective and efficient administration of the programs and services of the First Nation, to ensure achievement of annual goals and objectives and compliance with program budgets.
- Maintain direct verbal and written contact with Chief and Council. Provide monthly written reports and financial statements to Chief and Council on Band operations, programs and services.
- Communicate effectively with Chief and Council, Program Coordinators, Council Committees and community members to identify, plan and provide for the current and future needs of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.
- Ensure that adequate financial controls, policies and procedures are in place and followed to enable reliable and accurate financial reporting and effective and secure management of Band funds and resources.
- Oversee and direct the infrastructure resources and systems of the First Nation. Ensure the annual preparation of a five-year capital plan and budget for review and approval by Chief and Council.
- Be informed and able to communicate regarding the First Nation's programs and services, government policies and regulations.
- Implement Council decisions and policy; ensure Council motions, directions and resolutions are carried out in a timely, efficient and professional manner. Provide follow up reports to Council.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree or college diploma in public administration, business administration or a related field.
- Minimum of five (5) years' work experience in administration at a senior management level, with leadership experience.
- Experience working for a First Nation government or organization.

APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:

1. Cover letter with contact information.
2. Resume listing education and work experience.
3. At least two (2) work-related letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications marked CONFIDENTIAL to:
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
c/o Chief Patsy Corbiere
13 Hill Street
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Complete job description is available at the Band Office reception desk. Deadline for applications is **February 25, 2022 @ 12:00 NOON**. The successful candidate must provide an acceptable Police Record Check (C.P.I.C.).



Employment Opportunity
CRISIS TEAM – EMERGENCY SHELTER WORKER

Summary

Mnidoo Mnisng Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team exists to provide rapid and effective crisis support and intervention to all seven (7) First Nations on and around Manitoulin Island. It is the intent of the Mnidoo Mnisng Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team's Emergency Low Barrier Shelter Project to provide safe and warm lodging overnight for individuals who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves to be homeless.

Responsibilities

1. As part of a team, be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the low-barriers program;
2. Supervise individuals accessing the program;
3. Complete intakes/discharges;
4. Establish empathetic rapport with individuals accessing the program;
5. Implement the program's policies and procedures and residency agreements in a spirit of fairness and respect;
6. Support individuals' efforts to attain their goals through advocacy, research, and appropriate referrals;
7. Use intervention and mediation skills to defuse potential conflicts;
8. Perform light housekeeping and maintenance tasks to ensure a clean work environment;
9. Shift work that includes nights, evenings, and weekends.

Qualifications

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Previous experience working with people who are homeless and/or under-housed.
- Knowledge of service delivery systems, specialized services, First Nation community dynamics as well as all applicable legislation.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people and Traditional wellness approaches.
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Knowledge of our tenant population, diversity issues, anti-discrimination practices, and systemic reasons for homelessness.
- Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, and organization skills.
- Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, Certificates in First Aid, CPR, Crisis Prevention, and Intervention an asset.

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

Crisis Team – Emergency Shelter Worker
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive, Wikwemikong, ON, POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: February 25, 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.

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Manitoulin Family Resources
Financial Services Director

Manitoulin Family Resources seeks a Financial Services Director on a full-time basis. The ideal applicant will have strong leadership skills, a good grasp of financial management in a not-for profit environment and an understanding of community needs. Our mission at Manitoulin Family Resources is to support individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy, support, and education through the agency's three program areas of Violence Against Women Prevention, Children's Services, and Emergency Food Assistance.

With its head office located in Mindemoya, the agency serves a population of over 20,000 living in municipalities, Indigenous communities and unorganized areas spread across its catchment area which includes Manitoulin Island, Espanola and the North Shore, from Nairn Centre to Sagamok First Nation. The successful candidate will oversee several staff and manage the agency's financial affairs on a platform of a multi-faceted budget in excess of \$3.2M.

QUALIFICATIONS

- University Degree in Business Administration or Accounting with a recognized professional accounting designation (CPA-CMA, CPA-CGA CPA-CA);
- Minimum 5 years of business and accounting experience with at least 2 years in a supervisory role (preferably in a unionized environment);
- Experience with computerized accounting systems including SAGE 300 and spreadsheet software;
- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of individuals in a group both within and outside the Agency;
- The successful candidate must have exceptional attention to detail and accuracy and experience meeting deadlines, streaming work processes, conflict resolution and working cooperatively. Candidates with a combination of some of the desired qualifications and a willingness to participate in a self-directed program of training satisfactory to the Agency will also be considered;
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS, insurable driver's abstract, current First Aid and CPR certification are all required and conditions of hire.

Competitive remuneration commensurate with training and experience. A full job description can be made available upon request.

Please forward application, including cover letter and updated resume to:

Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Closing date: February 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Manitoulin Family Resources welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process.

We thank all applicants for their submissions, only those selected for an interview will be acknowledged.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Summary

The Administrative Support – Medical Transportation, for the implementation of the Medical Transportation Program, in accordance with Indigenous Service Canada. Provide services for transportation of registered community members to their medical appointments.

Responsibilities

1. Make appropriate travel arrangements for registered community members who have scheduled medical appointments.
2. Process approved travel arrangements to and from medical appointments in accordance with ISC Guidelines and Medical Transportation Manual.
3. Prepare medical transportation reports, monthly, quarterly, annually in accordance with ISC.
4. Provide general administrative and clerical support which may include, answering the phone, taking messages, mailing, scanning, faxing and photocopying.
5. Knowledge of internal/external services and service agencies.
6. Follow WUT Personal Policy, Finance Policy and other policies and procedures in the performance of duties.
7. Prepare financial requests on behalf of staff for approval and submissions for: Travel Claims, Cheque Requisitions, Monthly Billing Invoices.
8. Initiate and maintain confidential medical files and records. Perform data entry and scan documents for the EMR.
9. Prepare information requests, follow ups, reminders, file reviews, and other general correspondence as appropriate or as directed by Health Centre staff and health care professionals.
10. Interview clients in order to complete forms, documents and case histories.
11. Present a positive and professional image of the program to all visitors, suppliers, inquiries, and other interactions.

Qualifications

- OSSD diploma
- 1-year experience in an administrative role
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records Software
- Ability to communicate and work effectively on a multidisciplinary team
- Excellent computer skills: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Calendar
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Superior time management skills, multitasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision
- Previous experience in handling confidential or sensitive information; knowledge of applicable data privacy laws
- Strong customer service orientation

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contact information of two (2) work-related references marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Administrative Support – Medical Transportation

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

Deadline: February 25, 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 Mnidoo Mnisng Crisis Response Team. Assist in the development of a Community Crisis Response Plan for all seven First Nations of Mnidoo Mnisng. 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

1. Provide immediate care to individuals experiencing crisis and trauma; through mobile crisis outreach.
2. 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.
3. Aid in the development of continued treatment and safety plans.
4. Act as a resource for community and continued support programs, providing accurate information as required.
5. Direct individuals and families to available social services and resources within the community as required.
6. Provide counselling to clients, including one-on-one counselling and group therapy as required.
7. Maintain sustainable working relationships with community agencies, schools, law enforcement and courts.
8. Maintain accurate and detailed case notes and records of each visit, conversation and any other form of communication.
9. 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 contact information of two (2) work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Mental Wellness Support Worker

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

Deadline: February 25, 2022 @ 4:00pm

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
SEASONAL STUDENT POSITIONS**

The Township of Billings is accepting applications for a number of seasonal student positions for the spring/summer of 2022. Contract length varies from 8-12 weeks depending on position and successful applicants' availability.

- Marina Assistant (2 @ 35 hours per week)
- Public Works Assistant (2 @ 35 hours per week)
- Museum Assistant (35 hours per week)
- Library Assistant (35 hours per week)

Applications (cover letter and resume) will be accepted by the Municipal Office until February 25th, 2022 at 4pm and must be submitted by email. Please direct enquiries and applications to:

kmcdonald@billingstwp.ca
15 Old Mill Road
PO Box 34
Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0

Please note that only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Applicants must meet funding partner eligibility criteria, including age/student status for funded positions.



HELP WANTED

Mindemoya Home Hardware is looking for motivated people to join our sales team.

Multiple positions available.

Send resume to Box 390, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0 or email mindemoyahome@eastlink.ca



Whether you are looking for an amazing summer job or a career in the hospitality industry, Pierside Restaurant offers many opportunities for dynamic individuals.

Experience is preferred, but not required as we offer training preparation for all positions. If you wish to apply for the upcoming season, please submit your resume via email at Hello@Piersidemanitoulin.com.

Part-time/full-time positions for Liquor Servers & Kitchen Helpers are available.

Location: 6 Water Street,
South Baymouth, ON P0P 1Z0



**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
64 Meredith Street E,
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
705-368-3524



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

HOUSING MANAGER

Department: MFN Housing Department
Classification Level: Department Manager Salary Grid (\$67,280 - \$82,230)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

CLOSING DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2022 BY 12 PM EST

Reporting Relationship

The Housing Manager reports to the Capital Works and Capital Projects Manager.

Position Summary:

The Housing Manager is responsible for overseeing and managing the administrative functions of housing department for M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN). The Housing Manager will oversee the MFN Housing Department programs and services, as well as planning and supervising construction and renovation projects. The programs and services include but are not limited to the On-Reserve Mortgage Program, Renovation Loan Program and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Section 95, Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) and Home Adaptation for Seniors (HASI) Programs.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Planning:

- Responsible for developing the housing plan and housing policy implementation.
- Prepare short- and long-term housing maintenance plans as well as capital replacement plans for MFN.
- Oversee all new construction and renovation sites to ensure they are up to code, ensuring Health and Safety standards are being met through annual housing inspections.
- Prepare applications for various housing programs. This includes developing proposals and tenders and using technical reports to make smarter decisions and recommendations.

Financial Management:

- Prepare annual housing program budget and financial forecasts for MFN housing needs; manage costs and budgets.
- Monitor costs and expenses, and use information found in financial reports to make appropriate decisions.
- Monitor each CMHC Phase Budget as applicable.

Administration:

- Coordinates, manages, and oversees all housing activities to ensure that houses are maintained, rents are collected, files are kept up-to-date, tenants are adhering to policy as set out in housing policy and tenant agreements.
- Create work order system to meet the needs of the housing department for maintenance and renovation projects.
- Preparing reports and presentations to Chief and Council and the MFN community when requested.
- Develop work order systems to meet the need of the housing dept for maintenance and renovations.
- Organize community meetings, housing authority and/or advisory group meetings and preparing reports.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

Preferred

- First Nation Housing Certificate or equivalent combination of post-secondary education and experience
- Three (3) years' First Nation Housing experience
- Experience and certification in Project Management / Property Management are highly desirable
- Advanced Computer skills: Microsoft Word, Internet Explorer, Adobe Acrobat Pro

Minimum

- Minimum three (3) years of supervisory experience and supervisory training
- Construction experience
- Knowledge of federal labour standards, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Occupational Health and Safety section of the Canada Labour Code.
- Understanding of the CMHC programs and other housing programs

Other:

- Valid Ontario driver's licence and access to own vehicle
- Excellent public relations skills, interpersonal and leadership skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment with minimal supervision
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling highly confidential matters

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations
2. Police CRC

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:**

CONFIDENTIAL: HOUSING MANAGER

c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to employment@mchigeeng.ca

Please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
For a detailed job description, please contact andream@mchigeeng.ca to request.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

HOUSING OFFICER

Classification Level: PS-1 (\$55,080 - \$67,320)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

CLOSING DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2022 BY 12 PM EST

Position Summary:

Reporting to the Housing Manager, the Housing Officer is responsible for the management and maintenance of rental properties in accordance with the M'Chigeeng First Nation policies and procedures. This position is dependent on the rental revenue collected for approximately 115 rental units to ensure its sustainability.

Essential Functions

Administration

- Document services and other related costs in response to tenant concerns and requests
- Ensure prompt and appropriate responses to tenant/applclicant/band member inquiries related to rental/housing and refer to appropriate service/program for assistance.
- Prepare correspondence, reports and maintain records management system
- Assist with monitoring all CMHC phases, file records and completion of documentation
- Deal with breaches of tenancy agreements
- Plan, coordinate and prepare repair/renovation/maintenance schedule and activities as required

Planning and Development

- Assist the Housing Manager in coordinating strategic planning activities to determine short/long term goals of program
- Implementation of arrears management work plan/program
- Prepare and complete annual maintenance assessment of rental units to determine repairs and renovations as required and are completed in the most cost-effective manner
- Assist with the preparation and maintenance of short- and long-term prevention maintenance program
- Conduct arrears management counselling with rental residents to minimize rental arrears and the collection of rental arrears
- Organize quarterly delivery of tenants/community workshops (i.e., budgeting, maintenance, energy efficiency, etc.)
- Annual review of the Tenant/Rental Management Policy along with guidelines

Financial

- Record and monitor monthly expenditures and rental revenue for rental units (i.e., labour/service calls, water, hydro, roads, hook-ups, renovations, etc.); along with assisting with annual rental unit budget
- Process purchase orders, cheque requisitions and journal entries for approval by the Department Manager

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

- Completion of Post-Secondary Diploma and/or Certificate in related field of study
- Three years' related work experience
- Previous work experience with First Nation organizations

Minimum

- Related training relevant to the position in combination with completion of Post-Secondary education or equivalent
- Minimum 2 to 3 years of recent practical experience in housing/maintenance
- Proven knowledge and experience of building construction, skilled trades, common repairs problems and housing maintenance is required
- Knowledge of building codes and regulations
- Trades licence/certification is preferable
- Excellent customer service relations
- Knowledge of Landlord and Tenant obligations
- Must have good working knowledge of computer software programs (i.e., Microsoft Office)

Other

- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset or the willingness to learn
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, customs, and history of the Anishinaabe
- Must have valid driver's licence and access to own vehicle
- Must be able to maintain a high degree of confidentiality
- Must be self-motivated with a proven ability to work independently and must demonstrate strong communication and interpersonal skills

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

1. Proof of COVID-19 vaccinations
2. Police CRC

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c/o Human Resources
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M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to employment@mchigeeng.ca

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Data hack reveals convoy Island donation sources

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Data hacked from the Christian right GiveSendGo online donation site has revealed where the money to support the Freedom Convoy came from, and just over half of the roughly \$10 million came from Canadian sources with the bulk of the rest being supplied from US sources. According to research conducted by the CBC, 55.7 percent of the donations made public came from US donors, while 39 percent were from Canada.

The largest single Ontario donation came from London-based entrepreneur Holden Rhodes and his wife Carey, owner of Killarney Mountain Lodge and a partner in Manitoulin Brewing Company, who together ponied up \$25,000 US. Mr. Rhodes was, however, topped by another Ontario donor who made two donations of \$20,000 US.

Mr. Rhodes commented to the media in an emailed letter. “The overreach on the last two years has been astounding, but in the last two weeks in Canada it has been absolutely alarming for anyone who believes in a peaceful and free society,” he said. “Government at all levels has to realize they are elected to represent the people of Canada rather than lock up and threaten to arrest people for exercising their legal rights of peaceful protest.”

While Mr. Rhodes acknowledged his donation to the cause, stating in his letter to the media, “I am not prepared to accept a country without freedom for my family, my children, my friends, my neighbours and every other Canadian. That is why I am doing what I am doing.”

While Mr. Rhodes is the highest profile of the Island donors, several other residents were also revealed in the data hack.

Mr. Rhodes practiced law for 17 years and founded technology company CarProof which documented used car data for buy-

ers, which he sold in 2015 for \$650 million US.

Last week Canadian Mental Health Association Sudbury/Manitoulin (CMHA) returned a \$462 donation from an area partisan group, Sudbury Freedom Convoy, that it says conflicts with the agency’s mission, vision and values.

“On Monday (February 14) afternoon, members of a local partisan group appeared in person at the 111 Elm Street main office of CMHA (in Sudbury) to make a donation. At the time, CMHA accepted the donation and was pictured with one of the representatives from the group,” a press release explains. “CMHA quickly realized that to have accepted the money was a mistake and as a result is now reviewing its donation process to strengthen decision-making around future donations.”

“Many community members, not to mention thousands of Ontarians in places like Ottawa, Windsor and Toronto, have been negatively impacted by the actions of this particular donor group, their views and their wider cause,” the release continues.

The convoy protest, which ostensibly began as a reaction to the end of COVID-19 exemptions for truck drivers crossing into Canada from the US but morphed into a general protest against Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government, was finally cleared from the streets of Ottawa by police this weekend after three weeks of occupation that left many residents reeling.

The federal government invoked the until now unused Emergencies Act to provide extensive powers and resources to police forces to clear the streets, impound vehicles and freeze bank accounts. The invocation of the act is currently being debated in Parliament.



Social Media and Community Engagement Manager One Year Contract

Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking a talented Social Media and Community Engagement Manager for a one year, full-time contract position. The successful candidate will administer our social media accounts as well as promote and maintain our agency image in a cohesive way, consistent with our agency vision and mission statement, to achieve our community engagement goals. The successful candidate is expected to be up-to-date with the latest digital technologies and social media trends. Excellent communication skills are required of this individual, as is the ability to express our agency’s views creatively, and with sensitivity, to the content and image we wish to develop.

Responsibilities

- Perform research on current benchmark trends and audience preferences
- Design and implement social media strategy to align with business goals
- Set specific objectives and monitor progress of web traffic metrics
- Generate, edit, publish and share engaging content daily (e.g. original text, photos, videos and news)
- Collaborate with Program Directors to ensure brand consistency
- Communicate with followers, respond to queries in a timely manner and monitor reviews
- Oversee and/or introduce social media accounts’ design
- Suggest and implement marketing to foster agency awareness and support
- Stay up-to-date with current technologies and trends in social media, design tools and applications

Requirements

- BSc degree in Marketing or relevant field
- Proven work experience as a Social Media Manager
- Hands on experience in content management; excellent copywriting skills
- Ability to deliver creative content (text, image and video)
- Solid knowledge of SEO, keyword research and Google Analytics
- Knowledge of online marketing channels; familiarity with web design
- Excellent communication skills, analytical and multi-tasking skills
- A clear VSS will be a condition of hire

This is a one year contract outside of the bargaining unit. This position does qualify for remote work, though attendance at the agency’s head office in Mindemoya may be required on occasion. Consultants and others who wish to apply through a fee for service arrangement, in lieu of the full-time position, are welcome to make such a proposal.

Please forward application with updated resume to:

Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs’ Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net

Application deadline: Friday, February 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Aasgaabwotwomdwaaw Binoojinhik Wiin ni gshiwewiwaat

Summary

The Aasgaabwotwomdwaaw Binoojinhik Wiin ni gshiwewiwaat Program works as an integral part of the school-based multidisciplinary team. Services are delivered in four First Nation communities where the team will be providing services to schools and early learning centres. The Administrative Support shall act as the focal point of communication for the SHSS team, with confidentiality being the key issue at all times. The Administrative Support will be responsible for providing a consistently high standard of secretarial and administrative support to the staff, interact with other departments, clients, and health care professionals. Other responsibilities will include aiding in the organization of the overall workload and ensure the effective use of manpower and resources to assist in the smooth running of the department. In undertaking the role of Administrative Support, the post holder will be required to initiate their own tasks and prioritize work.

Responsibilities

1. Assist with clerical/administrative support to clients, families, staff and health care professionals.
2. Schedule and maintain appointment calendars and book meeting rooms in collaboration with staff, service providers, schools and early learning centres.
3. Support staff in analyzing data and relevant information to: compose reports, compile statistics, and prepare letters, memos and agendas.
4. Independently respond to both verbal and written inquiries.
5. Initiate and maintain confidential medical files and records.
6. Ordering supplies, etc.
7. Prepare information requests, follow ups, reminders, and file reviews, and other general correspondence as appropriate or as directed by Health Centre staff and health care professionals.
8. Complete data entry and ensure filing is up to date.
9. Present a positive and professional image of the program to all visitors, suppliers, inquiries, and other interactions.

Qualifications

- College diploma (Administrative - Medical Support program or business college equivalent); OSSD diploma.
- 2 years’ experience in an administrative role.
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records Software.
- Ability to communicate and work effectively on a multidisciplinary team.
- Excellent computer skills: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Calendar.
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures.
- Strong working knowledge of software packages.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contact information of two (2) work-related references marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Administrative Support - Aasgaabwotwomdwaaw Binoojinhik Wiin ni gshiwewiwaat

Attention: Melissa Roy

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wkwemikong Health Centre

P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive

Wkwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: February 25, 2022 @ 4:00pm

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Employment Opportunity CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTIONS WORKER

Summary

Under direction and accountability to Wkwemikong Health Centre, the Child and Youth Mental Health and Addictions Worker (CYMHAW) will provide clinical assessments, planning, treatment and counselling to children and youth of Wkwemikong Unceded Territory under the age of 18 years, and consultations regarding community behavioural assessments and intervention.

Responsibilities

1. To complete general responsibilities relevant to administration and counselling practice.
2. To provide culturally appropriate and effective clinic services are provided to Wkwemikong children and youth.
3. To participate and/or promote mental health awareness to children and youth.
4. Mandatory participation in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership Experience program by taking necessary training and participating in the ten-day canoe trip.
5. To participate in quality improvement and personal growth activities.
6. Perform other duties as assigned within the scope of the position.

Qualifications

- Successful completion of a Post-Secondary degree or diploma in one of the helping disciplines preferred;
- Experience in providing clinical service to Aboriginal Youth;
- Demonstrated experience in First Nation program delivery and in Traditional healing coordination;
- Experience in conducting counsellor/client interviews, assessments, planning and treatment, referrals, group facilitation and group therapy;
- Must have a valid class “G” driver’s licence and own reliable vehicle.

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

Child & Youth Mental Health & Addictions Worker

Attention: Melissa Roy

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wkwemikong Health Centre

P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive

Wkwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Telephone: 705.859.3164

Fax: 705.859.3300

Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: February 25, 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.

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ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.



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 co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
 - Communicating concerns with 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 two 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

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Nookomisnaang Counsellor

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MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE PART-TIME

Overview:

The Community Health Nurse (CHN) will deliver comprehensive community health nursing services in five First Nation communities, in collaboration with an interprofessional health care team. Through consultation, clinical practice, leadership, and by facilitating health promotion and disease prevention, the CHN provides care utilizing in-depth nursing knowledge and skills, clinical expertise, and advanced judgment. The CHN will utilize a primary health care approach to address overall health needs in Indigenous communities. The successful candidate shall possess:

Required Competencies:

- Integrity and Respect cultural diversity
- Dependability
- Work effectively both independently and with others
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Adaptability
- Critical Thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous Learning

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual practices to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- Minimum of three years' related experience as a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification

Deadline: Friday, March 4, 2022 at 12:00 noon

Submissions:

Send resume, cover letter, Vulnerable Sector Check, three references and copies of credentials marked '**Confidential**' in person, by mail or email to:

Human Resources

Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2003, Hwy 540
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com



Employment Opportunity NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, 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

- To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective clinical services are provided to the community of Wikwemikong.
- To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health services to the community of Wikwemikong.
- To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
- To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Mental Health staff.
- To assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff.
- To maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis.
- To promote culturally appropriate mental health services in the community of Wikwemikong.
- 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 contract information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Clinician - Nadmadwin Mental Health

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

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Employment Opportunities

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (NTHC) is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic 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.

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- Custodian (Contract position)
- Registered Practical Nurse (Full-time)
- Aging at Home Van Support Drivers (Casual/On-call)

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Submission Pre-Requisites:

- Please submit a cover letter, resume, registration, and three (3) work-related letters of reference.
- Full COVID Vaccination Status required.

Applications: Can be received marked 'Confidential', by email at 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
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Chi-miigwetch/Thank you for your interest in Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. "A place of healing"

Billings township receives funding to replace pedestrian bridge

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—Billings Township has received some good news in the form of funding for its pedestrian bridge in the Kagawong River Park.

At a recent meeting Billings council agreed to enter into an agreement for funding with the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). “Just for clarification, during our September 7 meeting, council passed a resolution to direct staff to apply for funding through the (OTF) capital stream to

replace the Kagawong River Park bridge,” explained Mayor Ian Anderson. “Projects for municipalities of our size can be funded 100 percent through this program.”

The Community Building Fund, capital stream is a program dedicated to strengthening communities by “supporting the repair, renovation, or retrofitting of existing sport and recreation facilities. Eligible costs include capital construction and renovation, as well as developmental costs, which include engineering and project manage-

ment.” Mayor Anderson said, “staff were recently notified that they were successful in their application and the Township of Billings will be receiving \$500,000 to replace the pedestrian bridge.”

As had been reported previously, the steel footbridge that had been in place had to be closed because it was no longer safe.

...A reply to The Expositor editorial of February 16, writer offers a few counter musings

...continued from page 4 challenges the United States, NATO and liberal democracy in general as a model for the world.

Freedom Convoy protests block border crossings to the US but voila, they have made it abundantly clear how intertwined our two economies are. ‘Foreign money’ rolls in to support the protesters. Let me just remind everyone how many ‘snowbirds’ we have. This ‘foreign money’ may not be so foreign after all. Also consider that there are probably just as many stateside truckers affected by the mandate that have a vested interest here. It’s pretty clear to me why the beaver is sneezing.

February 2022: Trudeau continues to demonstrate dictatorial behaviour using blanket statements to refer to the Freedom Convoy protestors as: misogynists, racists, far right extremists with unacceptable views... Stereotyping the truckers like he got all his information about truckers from the movie Smokey and the Bandit.

There’s a loose rundown of the events leading up to the Freedom Convoy rolling into Ottawa. Prior to the Freedom Convoy and the Ukraine events it would have been easy to assume that Canada would soon be universally aligned with China and Russia. The entire Northern hemisphere morphed into a communistic world power. (I guess that’s why we are having conversations about emancipating ourselves from the Commonwealth.) Is peaceful, little apathetic Canada going to stand a chance? Can we not be trade partners with China without attacking the rights of our citizens?

To make it clear that in case anyone were to think I fall into the category of ‘far right extremist’ because of my aversion to communism, I will remind everyone that my LGBTQ friends have very few rights in communist countries. So perhaps our Liberal leader shouldn’t spend so much time fawning over communism lest our LGBTQ friends start to worry about their rights also.

Let’s also take this into consideration: Quebec’s Bill 21 that bans all reli-

gious symbols and head coverings for public servants, why is Trudeau not actively trying to correct this discriminatory law? Perhaps because he might not get elected in his own riding if he did say anything. Just another example of Justifying evil. I wonder how Jagmeet Singh feels about Trudeau’s inaction in this respect?

Why is Trudeau not actively trying to dialogue with the protesters and supporters to understand what has contributed to this massive, organic movement to express dissent?

Is it possible that he really is so enamoured with China that he would begin to attack basic human rights? Is he not able to reach a solution because he had an underlying agenda during the entire pandemic to oppress Canadians? You know the old adage that says ‘never let a crisis go to waste?’ Wouldn’t it be ironic if we really did begin to lose all these rights under the direction of a Liberal government? Oops, I guess it wasn’t just the secession that took us back a couple of decades in progress. And now we know what extreme measures will be taken against anyone trying to protest in the future.

Let’s ask ourselves what are we trying to prevent with the cross-border trucker mandates? Is the virus not already on both sides of the border? Were we not able to flatten the curve four times in two years without the cross-border mandates for truckers? Why are we now introducing mandates that force people out of work based on their private medical information without any chance of getting employment insurance payments? Is it not the fact that the government attacked the livelihoods of these truckers leaving them with few options

except to weaponize their trucks? And now the government intends to enforce draconian measures like seizing trucks, ending insurance and freezing bank accounts to force compliance on the truckers? Let’s review the definition of consent: free, prior and informed. We should all be familiar with that because of the recent Me Too movement. We should also be familiar with the saying, ‘My body, my right,’ thanks to pro-choice movements.

Why did the government force federal institutions to implement vaccine mandates that force people out of work based on their private medical information during a global pandemic with no chance of employment insurance two years after the start of the pandemic?

Is this a tightening of a noose that was planned from the very beginning of the pandemic and that is why Trudeau is so determined not to face the facts?

For those of us who have watched our qualified coworkers forced out of their jobs with no chance of unemployment insurance payments based on their private medical information by new terms that were added to our existing contracts it appears as though this government that is supposed to uphold the rule of law is determined to ignore the rule of law to force an underlying agenda. And when Trudeau verbally assaults the protesters, he is verbally assaulting all of us who are asking these questions? Do we no longer have freedom of speech? Are we no

longer able to question authority and ask for our prime minister to behave in a transparent accountable manner?

Are we no longer able to ask our prime minister to display intelligence by entertaining an idea without accepting it? For example, listening to the grievances of the truckers and all the people waving Canadian flags at Parliament Hill?

In closing I will rephrase the question: is there something sinister behind the global movement to end pandemic restrictions or is there something sinister behind wanting to continue imposing and tightening the restrictions after the science is showing that we may be able to put the pan-

I eagerly await logical answers to the questions I have asked.

Sylvia Moggy Assinack
EDITOR’S NOTE: The author of the February 16 editorial has personally responded to Ms. Moggy’s questions.

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ANDREW WALLACE MOORE January 19, 1974 - February 9, 2022



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GAIL PATTERSON

Gail Patterson passed away on Saturday, February 12, 2022, in her 78th year. Beloved mother of Jerry and Karen (Rob) Pearson. She will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Robert Wright, Shawn Wright, Trista Wright, Wanda Pearson, Logan Pearson, Nicki Bailey, Jamie (Marilyn) Gibson, Matthew Gibson as well as great-grandchildren Ayrianna, Kadence, Kendall, Kiera, Brooke, Gage, Stella, Lauren, Daisy, Riley and Lila. Forever remembered by her sister Marlene (Calvin) Best, sisters-in-law Linda Bailey, Lorraine Bailey and son-in-law Rodney Gibson as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by her husband Myles, daughter Debbie, parents James and Verna (Allen) Bailey and brothers Forest, Allan and Murray. At Gail’s request, cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneral-Home.ca.

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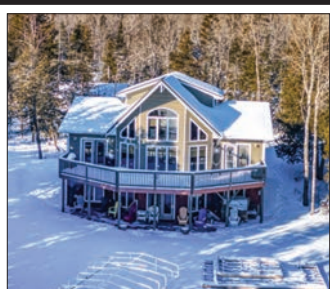
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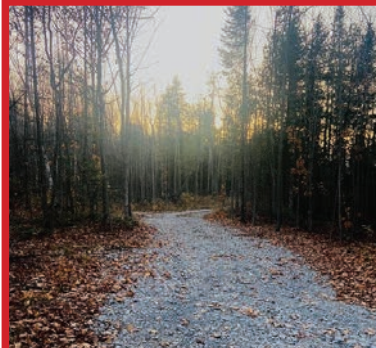
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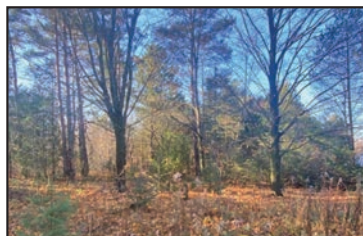
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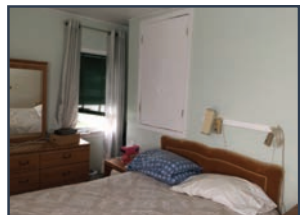
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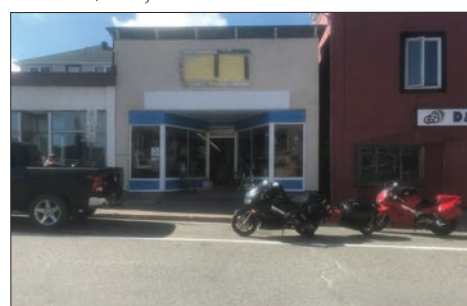
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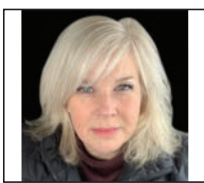
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