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## Sheguiandah couple loses home to fire

by Michael Erskine

**SHEGUIANDAH FIRST NATION**—A December 10, 2021 fire at 355 Indian Mountain Road destroyed the home of Cheryl Roy and Aaron Delisle, leaving the couple homeless and without any of their possessions.

The Northeast Town fire department responded to the structural fire in a camper trailer at 12:38 pm but the home on Sheguiandah First Nation was completely lost. The Northeast Town has a fire response agreement with the nearby First Nation.

The couple was living in the recreational vehicle while constructing a tiny home as a permanent residence, according to Ms. Roy's sister JoAnne Fox, also of Sheguiandah First Nation. She said a wood stove the couple was using to stay warm during the winter is the suspected cause of the fire.

"She lost all of her belongings in the fire and is now homeless," said Ms. Fox in reaching out to The Expositor. "She is staying at the Hawberry Motel and needs support." While Sheguiandah First Nation is assisting with the temporary accommodation at the motel, Ms. Fox said the couple had no insurance.

Ms. Fox has set up a GoFundMe page for her sister and has approached BMO to set up a trust account seeking support for the family from Islanders.

## Hunters not reporting kills will face fines

### Must also report unsuccessful hunts

by Tom Sasvari

**ONTARIO**—Ontario hunters who fail to submit their mandatory hunter reports will now face an automatic fine. A decision on this was announced by the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry on the environment bill of rights registry on December 21, 2021. This followed public consultation which was open from July 9-August 23, 2021.

"The ministry was doing pretty good in terms of response from hunters to the mandatory hunting reports," said Roy Polsky, chair of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters Zone D (which includes Manitoulin Island). "The fine that they are putting in place for failing to report is not very much. I think the ministry didn't want to impose a higher fine, they just

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR'S BABY!** The McQuarrie family of Little Current welcomes home Donald Michael McQuarrie, Manitoulin's first baby of 2022. Father Ronald McQuarrie and mother Mickey McQuarrie and big sister Nora sport broad smiles as they settle in on the couch for a family photo.

photo by Robin Anderson

## McQuarrie family welcomes 2022 New Year's Baby home

by Michael Erskine

**LITTLE CURRENT**—Family traditions are an important part of a young child's life and this year's New Year's baby is starting out life with a proud Island heritage. Donald Michael McQuarrie came into this world on January 3 at the accommodating time of 4:12 pm, the son of proud parents Ronald and Mickey (Michael) McQuarrie of Little Current.

Weighing in at seven pounds and 10 ounces, young Donald is joining big sister Nora as the latest addition to the storied McQuarrie family.

Tracing his ancestry back to Ulva, Scotland, baby Donald's naming follows a tradition that traces back seven generations to the first McQuarrie to settle on Manitoulin's shores. Each successive firstborn male in the McQuarrie line has been named, alternately, either Ronald or Donald. Since young Donald's father was named Ronald, it fell to him to bear the name Donald.

His surname McQuarrie, according to the Dictionary of American Family Names, is the "anglicized form of Gaelic Mac Guaire, a patronymic from a Gaelic personal name meaning 'proud'

or 'noble.'"

"The tradition started with Ron's great, great, great grandfather, who was born in 1830," said mom Mickey. Ms. McQuarrie noted that it was that McQuarrie's father who first immigrated to Canada from Scotland.

Diligence and hard work are among the family traditions that have been handed down to this latest generation of McQuarries.

Ronald Hector McQuarrie was born in 1865 to Daniel McQuarrie

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## Ontario appealing agreement that would enhance Robinson Huron Treaty annuity funds

by Tom Sasvari

**ONTARIO**—The province of Ontario has filed an appeal with the Supreme Court of Canada concerning the Robinson-Huron Treaty annuities case, which seeks leave to appeal an Ontario Court of Appeal in early November which had ruled in favour of the 21 First Nations (including all those on Manitoulin Island, and Whitefish River) within the Robinson-Huron Treaty.

Brian Gray, spokesperson for the Ministry of the Attorney General, told The Expositor in an e-mail January 7, "On January 4, 2022, Ontario delivered an application seeking leave to appeal the November 5, 2021, Court of Appeal decision to the Supreme Court of Canada. The Court of Appeal decided a number of important legal questions and Ontario is seeking to have the Supreme Court of Canada provide clarification on key issues of treaty interpretation and obligations."

"Further details of Ontario's position on the appeal will be available when the factum is filed with the Supreme Court of Canada, if leave to appeal is granted. As this matter is before the

courts, it would be inappropriate to comment further," Mr. Gray added.

In its Supreme Court of Canada appeal document, Ontario raises the issue of the role of the courts in treaty implementation by advancing the view that "The Court of Appeal majority's interpretation puts courts, rather than the parties to the Robinson Treaties, at the centre of treaty implementation and will leave little room for the normal government function of assessing the multitude of factors relevant to appropriate resource-sharing and what constitutes a balance between the 'relative wealth of needs of the different communities.' This transfer of authority from a government process to a treaty process has sweeping implications, a Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) release reads.

"No, we are not too happy with this decision by Ontario," Mike Restoule, chairperson for the RHTLF told The Expositor. "We would have preferred an invitation to sit down at the table and come to a settlement. And after the court decision (in 2021) the

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## Central council taking the offence on 2022 closure of Prov landfill

by Tom Sasvari

**CENTRAL MANITOULIN**—Central Manitoulin council, at a meeting last week, raised concerns that it still has to look at a June date for closure of its Providence Bay landfill site, even though there is almost no contamination of the site and the municipality has done everything the province has requested at the site. Previously, the estimated lifespan for the landfill had been an additional 40 years.

"I was surprised at the readings of contamination in the 14 wells at the site in the last report we received," said Councillor Al Tribinevicius at a waste, water and education committee meeting. "The only thing that has been

found is a natural substance that is found in petroleum. I find it ironic that we will be closing this (Providence Bay) site and be trucking much more waste off-Island if the site is closed. And it will mean a much larger cost to the municipality."

"Also, in an earlier report on the estimated project lifespan for the Prov site, it was 40 years," said Councillor Tribinevicius. "It really makes me shake my head. I think there is good ground for us resisting the provincial lawyers on this. At some point we have to express our municipal needs; I'm not saying fight back, but certainly get ourselves involved. Think of all the effort that has gone into trying to get the main intersection in Mindemoya safe. If we have to close the Providence Bay landfill site, it will mean having to haul more truckloads of garbage and waste off-Island through this very intersection. When the time comes and if we have no other alternative, we have to get our provincial members of parliament involved."

"We are a small municipality and don't have a big tax base," said Councillor Tribinevicius. "And if the costs go up significantly because we have to close the Prov site any thoughts of, say, building a new arena will fall. This project will demand a massive hike in taxation. That seems to be the pic-

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## Cold weather tips for pets

A reminder that companion animals rely on human involvement for safety

**STOUFFVILLE**—With temperatures forecasted to plummet, the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and Humane Society wants to remind anyone with an animal to take extra precautions to keep them safe during extreme winter weather.

Supervise outdoor time. Some dogs want to be outside, regardless of the weather. Even if your dog has a thick coat, keep an eye on them when they are outside playing, watching for early signs that they're cold, such as holding up paws or shivering.

Modify outdoor activities – Limit the length of time spent outside

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Boozhoo! Happy 2022 kina waya!

Miigwech to all our partners, families and participants who have joined in our previous programs & initiatives at Mnidoo Mnising Sharing & Learning Centre for All. Although we have had several highlights over the years – we would like to share that our program, in collaboration with Elder – Josh Eshkawkogan, Dr. Hopi Martin from Edge of the Bush and our Early ON/OCOF Partners have come together in the spirit of Reconciliation to build a Wigwam in November 2021. Stay tuned for upcoming gatherings at this beautiful space, located at Boogie Mountain in Espanola.

We started the new year off with an especially important contest for National Ribbon Skirt Day 2022! We had several proud kweock wearing their skirts on our Facebook Page, for more information you can find us at <https://www.facebook.com/mnidoomnisingsharingandlearningcentre>.

Upcoming virtual programs include: All about Mitigook (trees), facilitated by Sarah Earley (an instructor from Kenjgewin Teg) who has also worked with us in previous years and will be providing many learning opportunities in 2022 at Mnidoo Mnising Learning and Sharing Centre. In addition, Kimberly Debassige (also one of our Instructors from Kenjgewin Teg) will be providing a virtual Anishinaabemowin language and literacy program. Kim provides us with drumming, singing, connection, and spirit as well.

We are in the process of developing a hands-on Indigenous food sovereignty program along with Indigenous Arts and Traditional Indigenous opportunities within the next few months ahead. If you have any questions or would like to join one of our programs, please reach out to us. Stay safe & healthy, all the best in 2022.

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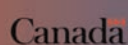
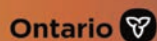
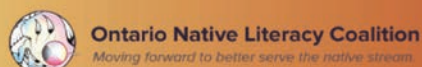


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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



Lori-Ann Toulouse is the new presiding justice of the peace at the Manitoulin Island District court. Ms. Toulouse, who is from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, took over the position from former justice of the peace Darlene Hayden, who retired at the end of 2021.

## Manitoulin welcomes new Justice of the Peace

*Lori-Ann Toulouse hails from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory*

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Island District court has a new presiding justice of the peace (JP) at the helm.

“I’m definitely looking forward to this,” Lori-Ann Toulouse told *The Expositor* last week. “I am originally from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, so it will be good to be back home.”

Ms. Toulouse explained, “I was originally appointed in 1994 as a part-time non-presiding justice of the peace in Wiikwemkoong.” She was reappointed in 2002 to a full-time JP presiding in Sudbury base court.

“Prior to originally being appointed in Wiikwemkoong court, I applied for, and went through the native justice of the peace education program,” Ms. Toulouse told *The Expositor*. “This was an extensive

four-week training program held in Sudbury.”

“On completion of the native JP education program, I was recommended for appointment as a justice of the peace,” continued Ms. Toulouse, (who also has a Correctional Worker Program certificate). “This led me to where I am today, from non-presiding to a full-time presiding justice of the peace.”

“Over the years I’ve been at courts all over the northeast region, in Attawapiskat, Sundridge, Sault Ste. Marie (and areas in between) having sat in different courts for provincial offence and bail courts,” said Ms. Toulouse.

Ms. Toulouse was transferred to Gore Bay District base court on a full-time presiding basis as of January 1. She will preside in Gore Bay and Wiikwemkoong.

## DSB expands Wiikwemkoong ambulance service

*Little Current to gain an additional paramedic*

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) has received some very good news from the province in terms of a second ambulance for the base at the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and another

paramedic at the Little Current base.

“We have received approval from the province of Ontario for a second ambulance at the Wiikwemkoong ambulance station,” said Fern Dominelli, CAO of DSB, on Thursday of last week. “The

province has agreed to provide 100 percent permanent funding for this. And in our (DSB) 2022 budget, we had approved this paramedic response for the Little Current base for 12 hours during the day once the second ambulance in Wiikwemkoong was approved and the paramedic response unit could be moved from Wiikwemkoong to Little Current.”

Mr. Dominelli explained, “right now, 24-hour ambulance service is provided in Wiikwemkoong, with two paramedic ambulance crews that work on a 24/7 basis (12 hours each). On top of that, one paramedic response unit with one paramedic is going to be converted to a second ambulance with two paramedics.”

“Based on the call volumes, we have been talking for a while about the need for a second ambulance in Wiikwemkoong,” said Mr. Dominelli. “Within the next month, two ambulances will be on duty 12 hours during the day, with one at night and one paramedic response unit being moved to Little Current.”

“The target date of January 9 has been set to begin this,” said Mr. Dominelli. “There will also be a third (backup) ambulance in Wiikwemkoong so we are going to have to modify the ambulance station there to accommodate this additional vehicle.”

## Burpee and Mills latest municipality to pass travel trailer permit bylaw

by Tom Sasvari

EVANSVILLE—Council for Burpee and Mills has passed a bylaw to licence trailers in the township.

“This is all being done because people have had trailers parked on property all over the township. Over the past few years we have found dozens of trailers in areas where they shouldn’t be, and in some cases they leave their garbage,” stated Burpee and Mills Reeve Ken Noland after a township council meeting on January 5. “The people who own the trailers, they use the services and municipal roads in the township but pay no taxes. This is a problem, not just in our township but all over the province. That is why the province amended the municipal act to allow municipalities to charge and fine people who are illegally parking or using a trailer in an area and fine them, without having to take them to court.”

“When people park a trailer in the bush and set up there, it becomes a real eyesore,” added Reeve Noland.

The annual licence fee under the bylaw is \$750 per year. There is also a 30-day licence fee of \$400 per month on vacant land. Only one 30-day licence will be issued per calendar year. And the bylaw includes a \$375 licence with an approved building permit. The annual fee, and monthly fee for the authorized use of a trailer for a 30 consecutive day period, is in effect between April 1 and December 15 in the same calendar year.

“A licence issued pursuant to this bylaw authorizes the use and maintenance of a trailer for temporary accommodations only. The issuance of a licence does not grant the licensee the authority to occupy the trailer on a permanent basis. Without limiting the generality of the forego-

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## MTO makes recommendations for controversial Mindemoya town centre intersection

*Central councillors unhappy with the results*

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Recommendations made by the Ministry of Transportation did not include several proposals the municipality of Central Manitoulin had made in regards to the traffic safety concerns with the Highway 551 and Highway 542 intersection in downtown Mindemoya. On the other hand, a new suggestion made by a local resident certainly has support, says Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens.

“It certainly makes sense,” stated Mayor Stephens of the idea raised by a reader of *The Manitoulin Expositor* to rumble strips being established at each of the corner stops at the intersection.

Colleen Honderich, of Kitchen-er, in a letter to the editor published in last week’s *Expositor* wrote in part, “every summer I spend three weeks near Mindemoya and I know that intersection can be dangerous. On many country roads in Ontario, as you approach a stop sign, your tires hit a section of pavement that is grated, and it makes a loud noise in your car. It lets you know that you’re coming to a stop sign. It is called a rumble strip. I do know it works.”

“I know when you travel a lot of major highways or if you go over on the other lane, this rumble strip makes a loud sound and you know you have gone over. It’s a good point. I certainly commend this person for making this comment. It is a novel idea and one that should be looked into and considered,” said Mayor Stephens.

“We did receive a list of recommendations from the MTO that we tabled last night (at a roads committee meeting January 4) after our meeting with ministry representatives in December,” said Mayor Stephens. “Some councillors were not satisfied with the reply and are asking for MPP Michael Mantha to comment and to see if he received a copy of the actual study that was carried out.”

Councillor Derek Stephens, chair of the Central Manitoulin roads committee said, “we received a message from the MTO with some recommendations, but it is not what we are looking for. And we haven’t got a copy of the full report that was carried out.”

Councillor Stephens pointed out in the recommendations from the MTO, “there is nothing in there about four way flashing lights at the intersection, and a speed reduction on the highway coming into Mindemoya, which were things that we talked about at the meeting we had with MTO staff and Mr. Mantha (last December).”

Kristin Franks, manager, regional services and relationships with the MTO wrote in a letter to the municipality dated December 15, “thank you for meeting with the (MTO) on December 6, 2021 regarding the intersection of Highways 551 and 542. In follow-up to our discussion, I am pleased to provide the municipality with a list of proposed recommendations for improvements to the intersec-

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## Wiikwemkoong woman receives city of Sault Ste. Marie Medal of Merit for her language efforts

by Tom Sasvari

GARDEN RIVER—Barbara Nolan, originally from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, an Indigenous role model, advocate and residential school survivor, has been awarded the 2021 City of Sault Ste. Marie’s Medal of Merit for her efforts to promote the Ojibwe language.

“The Sault Ste. Marie Medal of Merit selection committee is pleased to announce the 2021 Medal of Merit recipient. This year’s recipient is Barbara Nolan in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the community. An Indigenous role model and advocate, Barbara’s work and commitment to the advancement of the Anishinaabemowin language revitalization efforts, Indigenous education and excellence in lifelong learning has had a significant impact in supporting Indigenous learners.”

“I was absolutely surprised when the Mayor of Sault Ste. Marie (Christian Provenzano) told me I had won this award,” Ms. Nolan told *The Expositor* last week. “My passion is to revitalize our Anishinaabemowin language and I promote and encourage people to speak and use the language.”

“There are still a lot of (Anishinaabemowin) speakers in Wiikwemkoong and M’Chigeeng (First



Barbara Nolan, formerly of Wiikwemkoong, has received the City of Sault Ste. Marie 2021 Medal of Merit, for her efforts in promoting the Ojibway language.

Nation). There are still places vibrant with the language. But in the Sault Ste. Marie area, it is not as prevalent. If someone speaks to me and if I answer back in Anishinaabemowin, sometimes they don’t understand or try to use the language.”

“Yes, I developed the first Native as a Second Language curriculum in Canada,” said Ms. Nolan. In 1972, “I was working with the separate school board in Sault Ste. Marie (as the Garden River representative). Kids were going to school in Batchewana and Garden River, and I was working with the separate school system. I visited students and parents. But it was the kids, they share a lot when they are on recess and you are doing yard

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# One Manitowaning Road

opinion

## editorial

### New year dawns with bright hope on horizon

While the world hasn't yet been freed from the clutches of the COVID-19 global pandemic, as 2022 begins, a glimmer of hope may well be shining through the gloom, a hope that might just be the end of this tunnel in which we currently find ourselves confined.

Studies from across the globe are indicating that the Omicron variant that is causing huge spikes in case counts, while much more transmissible than the dreaded Delta variant, may prove to be less deadly.

Certainly the case counts in Ontario and across Canada, while rapidly setting records despite reduced reporting, are not resulting in the kinds of hospitalizations that resulted from the third wave of the pandemic.

Of course we are not out of the tunnel just yet. Despite the lower rates of hospitalization, admissions to intensive care units and deaths that we are seeing with this fourth wave, the sheer volume of cases emits a clarion call to continue to follow strict protocols so that our overburdened medical community and health system do not collapse under the weight.

Another important consideration in prevention of the swamping

of our medical system is the huge number of other medical cases, surgeries and treatments that are being shunted aside by the need to treat the urgent COVID cases. For those facing the onslaught of cancer and other potentially life-threatening diseases, delays could prove fatal.

It is clear now that few of those who have so far resisted vaccination will be swayed to take the jab, many being willing to set aside lucrative employment to avoid the preventive treatment so it behooves us all to redouble our efforts to slow the transmission of the virus—especially to those who are most vulnerable.

It is also important to note that, although Omicron is now the most dominant strain of the virus, the other, more deadly versions of COVID-19 are still out there.

So, we implore the vax-hesitant to overcome their fears and book an appointment and for all of us to remain vigilant and diligent in our efforts. There is a reasonable expectation that the end of the pandemic can be seen coming down the road, but it ain't over yet.

Stay safe, stay sane, be kind and remember, whether vaccinated or not, continue to wash your hands and above all—be kind.

## letter

### Living in two worlds is a common Indigenous experience

*Western culture is all about materialism, not spirituality*

**To the Expositor:**

I was listening to the Governor General when she spoke about living in the two worlds because that is how I see myself living too. But I am more into living the traditional way of life; I see the western culture is about materialism. There are some things that I just cannot except with the western culture way of life, especially the technology that is coming out. I think it is really ruining people's spirituality. I believe that some citizens can recognize it too, but they just do not want to. It is because it is making their life easier today that they do not have to think anymore. All they have to do now is go onto the internet to find

their answers without using their brains. But what if this technology should completely collapse? I think there is a danger to that happening today because the whole world is so dependent on this technology it has interconnected with our world and could turn our world upside down. And believe me, it's probably something the government does not want anybody to know because I just can imagine what is going on within the internet services with all the gossips and lies and its going 24/7. That's how bad it is.

Ronald Osawanine  
Wiikwemkoong

### Wanting to sing—Waiting to sing again!

**by Jane Best**

MANITOULIN—Singing together in groups is a happy, encouraging, community-building activity which many people here on Manitoulin are anxious to resume. Whether in community choirs, church worship, Guiding and Scouting meetings, around campfires, or in school, singing is a big part of how we enjoy ourselves socially. We know it is good for our minds and our bodies. We miss it.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, scientists have learned that the drops of moisture in our breath can transmit the virus. The more forcefully we exhale, the farther our breath spreads. Singing is like vigorous exercise—we expel a lot of air in the process.

I want to resume singing together again. I don't think we can right now. But until that is safe, here are things to do:

Keep listening to good music, and sing along at home. Stay hydrated. Have some healthy exercise in your life like going for walks, stretching, chair yoga when the weather closes in (there are a lot of free videos on the internet). Take a break from screens every now and then, stretch, roll your shoulders, focus your eyes on the distance, loosen your jaw. Read music! There is a large amount of music online, such as choir pieces with pdfs you can open while you listen to mp3s, or with videos which scroll as you listen. You do not have to buy it to read the samples online.

At the beginning of the pandemic, musicians and church organisations banded together to share research about safe ways to make music together, yet distantly. We have all seen choir videos and recordings which are beautifully made, for which each individual singer contributed a recording made separately at home. The tracks were then edited together in a time-consuming and laborious effort creating the finished work, very lovely sounds we can enjoy repeatedly. I am grateful for the technology which made this possible. I have participated in a Zoom choir from Houston which created these types of recordings for people to use in their online church services, and to hear at home and be encouraged. I also ran Zoom choir meetings last year for a small group of people from the Manitoulin Community Choir who wanted to keep singing but not record.

Distanced group singing over Zoom or other internet technologies is chaotic because we all have slightly different speeds of transmission and reception. The result is that one person can sing with the microphone on, and the whole rest of the group should participate

with their mics muted. Although they can hear the one singer, the group does not hear each other. When we rehearse this way, we keep ourselves singing while ensuring that we do not lose skills completely. We can enjoy a portion of the music-making we like, but we are not together, we cannot lean on one others' voices, nor hide our own voice in the wall of sound, nor do we feel like we are part of a greater whole. It's not nothing, but it is not the group singing we love.

I long to begin singing in person again. There are groups in southern Ontario and other places which have begun to sing together again. Some rehearse outdoors, or in large indoor parking lots cleared for the occasion, masked and 6 feet apart. Some have enough space in large auditoriums to do this inside, but this depends heavily on modernised air exchanges. We don't have huge recent buildings here with modern HEPA-filtered air, and I don't even know how to find out about the "air exchanges" in older buildings with oil furnaces and windows that open...

Professionals who most certainly want to resume singing again have done research and published recommendations. I have included a few online resources below, for those who wish to read them. Summed up, I have taken the following things to heart as a person who wants to keep my community safe:

It is possible for students who move from class to class in cohorts to sing together in a well ventilated room, softly, masked, 6 feet apart, for half an hour, and then the room must be cleared and air exchanges must happen before more people enter. This requires modern ventilation and HEPA filters or instead, singing outdoors while masked. Schools do screenings and know how to contact everyone.

It is possible for a group of people to gather indoors for worship with a masked soloist doing the singing, gathered for a half hour or less, with no group verbal responses and no group singing, hugging, shaking hands, etc. Since numbers would be based on the size of the room, reservations might be required. Screenings and hand sanitizer would definitely be required. Masks need to be worn correctly, please. Clean the microphone before sharing. Clean everything that is touched, from doorknobs to seats to washrooms. No paper handouts or books. It would be best for the group if everybody eligible has been fully vaccinated.

This makes sense in a group of people whose gospel intention is to love one another and to

lay down their lives for each other, and to love their neighbour as themselves. This would not work in a group striving for individual exemptions for other than health reasons. Also, since church congregations or community choirs do not move in cohorts, folks would need to remain 6 feet apart at all times, even when going through hallways or doorways. An additional complication is that we cannot insist on screening, testing, and vaccination protocols in order to safeguard our participants. Doors, washrooms, stair railings, and chairs would all have to be wiped down and no books or music handed out. Chatting in clusters or going out into the hallways together could not happen. Car pooling is not recommended.

I believe that it is not currently possible for our community choir to gather together safely for singing indoors. Even if we could require that only vaccinated people attend, and even if we sang softly for only half an hour, our rehearsals have taken place at the public school for many years. Public use of schools is on hold right now because of the pandemic-for obvious reasons. The community hall in Gore Bay has a sign on the door saying "max capacity 15 people". The lovely old church buildings in town have unknown air exchanges. Below are links to some very clear documents.

Resuming Care Filled Worship and Sacramental Life During a Pandemic (an Ecumenical guide). Page 13 has some protocols, but the whole document is filled with caring thought.

CongregationalSong.org provided by the Hymn Society's Center for Congregational Song.

At the website [www.omea.on.ca](http://www.omea.on.ca) search for Safe-Singing-and-Playing-in-Ontario-Music-Programs\_S2-1.pdf.

The Ontario Music Educators Association's [CongregationalSong.org/resuming-worship-a-guide/drive.google.com/file/d/1Dhfg-clYRUomeWApWtRGPr\\_tZJ4pe5ew6/view](http://CongregationalSong.org/resuming-worship-a-guide/drive.google.com/file/d/1Dhfg-clYRUomeWApWtRGPr_tZJ4pe5ew6/view).

Bottom line, I want to sing with people again. I want to sing choir music. I want to sing church music. I want to sing with children. But until then, I want to do my best to help my community stay safe. Let's all mask, follow the vaccination guidelines, and keep our hearts full of song.

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# Op-ed

## The Odawa woman who wasn't: The story of Margaret

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Ann Rita Steeves of Washington reached out to *The Expositor* in the 1990s seeking information on her mother, residential school survivor Margaret Ann Rita Garbow's, family. The result was an emotional reconnection that took place at the Wiikwemkoong Powwow. Ms. Steeves has since written the story of her mother's experiences and life which she has provided to *The Expositor* for publication and is provided below.

by Ann Rita (Gabow) Steeves

Dreams flash across the minds of many, terrifying, satisfying, unrelenting, but dreams pass and we find peace at last' by Evelyn Smith (Buswa) 1961, from the inscription on the memorial to indigenous children who were at the Residential School in Spanish, Ontario.

Margaret Ann Rita (Gabow), otherwise known to friends and family as Mrs. Steeves, Marge or Mum, was born May 30, 1914 on Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Territory, home of the Three Fires, Manitoulin Island, Ontario. She was baptized Marguerite Gabow Wassegijig, the eldest of 10 Odawa children born to Ignatius Wassegijig and Eliza Corbiere Wassegijig on May 31, 1914.

About age 5, by Canadian law, Marguerite was separated from her home and family to attend a federally funded residential school. These schools were set up for Canadian aboriginals who did not have an Indian Day School located within five kilometres of their home and were usually owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Church, Anglican, Presbyterian or United Churches. One hundred and thirty-two federally supported schools were located in every province and territory, except Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. The primary objectives of the residential school system were "to remove and isolate children from the influence of their homes, families, traditions and cultures, and to assimilate them into the dominant culture" as quoted by Prime Minister Harper in his 2008 Statement of Apology to Former Students of Indian Residential Schools.

Marguerite was sent to the St. Joseph's School for Girls (also known as the Spanish Indian Residential School for Girls), operated by the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, situated off-island in Spanish, Ontario, where her given name was changed to Margaret. Her younger sisters also attended the school. One died there, the fate of many indigenous children who were taken from their homes.

With well-intentioned goals of preparing the children to live in a "white man's world," the schools focused on morals, academics and industrial training. However, conditions were harsh and often counter-productive. Students were forbidden to speak their own language, practice their own culture, or keep their family name. They had their hair cut short, wore uniforms, had regimented days, frequently suffered malnutrition, neglect, cold, and sometimes abuse. Numbers replaced names as the nuns sought to "kill the Indian in the child." They were forced to learn English. Failure to comply with the rules meant punishment by strapping. Wetting the bed meant being made to stand for hours covered in a cold, urine-soaked sheet. The Canadian government paid the residential schools at Spanish a bare minimum—35 cents a day or \$129.31 a year per child. The poor funding meant the schools had to be self-sustaining. Therefore, classes were held for half a day then students were required to work the rest of the day. They cooked, cleaned, did laundry, grew their own food, made their own clothes and farmed to earn their keep. The girls at St. Joseph's were taught the "Domestic Sciences" in addition to English and Mathematics, as the Sisters prepared them to obtain jobs "as domestics among white people." They learned sewing, knitting, cooking, dressmaking and the Roman Catholic catechism.

The St. Joseph's School for Girls opened in 1913, closed in 1962, and burned in 1981. The burned empty shell of the building that now stands is a stark reminder of a well-meaning policy gone tragically wrong.

Some of these children died at the schools or never returned home. Others



Marguerite-Margaret Gabow poses with a pet at around age 16 on Manitoulin Island.

went on to learn from their experience and lead productive lives both on and off the reserves. If total assimilation into Canadian society was the government's goal, then Margaret was the perfect example.

She thrived on her studies, helped care for the younger children at St. Joseph's, and became an accomplished "domestic artist." At age 18 Margaret was "farmed out" to work in a "guest home" in Espanola and was subsequently sent 2,000 km away to Saint John, New Brunswick to be a caregiver for the invalid wife of a judge. She had no contact with her family who was told she had died.

The school, however, did not erase her spirit or her indomitable will to survive. Margaret set to work applying her special skills and personality to building a life. The petite, 5 ft. 2 in. brown eyed, dark-haired beauty met a tall, blonde, handsome soldier from Albert County at a dance in St. John. In 1940, she married that soldier, Hilburn Wallace Steeves, aka "Hilly," "Wallace John" or "Boots" and moved to the German-English Protestant community of Surrey in Albert County where Hilly had been raised on the Steeves family farm. Her life became busier with three children, a girl and two boys in just over three years; a move to the United States in April 1946, to Maine, then New Hampshire, then Massachusetts, and the birth of a daughter before returning to Surrey in 1947; and then, four more children completed her brood of eight. Life with Hilly wasn't easy. New Brunswick has been one of the poorest provinces in Canada since the 1900s. Work was scarce in Albert County. Hilly's only options to make a living were logging or farming so he was often out of work or away from home for months at a time working in construction with his father in the US. His penchant for alcohol eventually left the family in dire straits. A fire in their home in 1955 forced a move to an old farmhouse on 20 acres in Demoiselle Creek, Albert County. Despite many hardships, Margaret and her children were happy there. After 24 years of marriage and a yearlong battle with cancer, Hilly died, leaving Margaret with six children under the age of 18, the two eldest having moved on to the Canadian Armed Forces and marriage.

Faith in God and her own abilities gave Margaret the strength and courage she needed to carry on. The vagaries of her married life and residential school did not quell her spirit, neither did life's ups and downs. She was a dedicated homemaker, able to provide for her family by taking in sewing, along with help from her husband's family, friends and the Canada Child Benefit income—\$80 a month. Margaret was a vibrant force in the community, caring for neighbours, attending church and actively participating at the Albert Mines Senior Citizens Community Center. As a member of the Progressive Conservative Party, she often helped at voting polls and developed a life-long interest in politics. She was an offi-



Margaret Steeves in a 1990s photograph taken at the Forest Dale Nursing Home.

cer in the Hillsborough Branch No. 32 Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary and played on the dart team. Margaret could always be counted on to volunteer whenever the need arose.

Mostly, though, she is remembered by her family for the values she instilled in them. She taught them the virtues of responsibility and hard work. They all had household chores and were taught how to cook, clean and even to knit. They learned how to hunt, trap and fish. Every Spring the family gathered samphire and goose tongue greens from the marshes of the Petitcodiac River and fiddleheads from the brooks of Demoiselle Creek. In Summer they tended the garden and picked wild berries to can. Late summer and fall was for preparing for winter – harvesting, canning and piling in wood. There were always loads of firewood in the yard needing to be stacked away. Times were hard but manageable. Margaret made sure her family was kept warmly clothed and fed. She brought love, laughter and imagination into her children's lives. The house was always jumping with activity as the holidays and social occasions demanded full participation. Steeves Family reunions were particularly raucous with relatives coming from all over. They even celebrated Christmas in July!

If anything defined Margaret, it was her devotion to family and service to others. Each child was taught to look after one another and to help others whenever they could. As adults, they remain a very close family who connect routinely through social media and frequent phone calls. Margaret demonstrated that service to others is a big part of what life is about. She sewed clothes for Red Cross distribution for which she was honored. She worked for a time at a nursing home in Hillsborough. When it closed, she brought some of the residents to her own home so they would have a home where they would be cared for till the end of their days.

Margaret's life before marriage to their father had always been a mystery to her children but after 15 years of searching for clues, her eldest daughter, Barbara, finally was able to obtain her mother's birth records. In February 1991, Barbara wrote a letter to the editor of *The Manitoulin Expositor* in Little Current on Manitoulin Island asking if there were any records to which they might have access regarding her mother. The letter was forwarded to the Holy Cross Mission in Wiikwemkoong, and word came back of a female born on 30 May 1914 - a Marguerite (Wassegijig) Gabow. Barbara learned she had aunts, uncles and many cousins living on Manitoulin Island. The aunts invited Margaret and all her family to meet them. Eight members of Margaret's family travelled to Manitoulin Island in August 1991 for a reunion with her aboriginal family. Her sisters had never given up hope that Marguerite was alive and well. The aunts welcomed her children into the family at the "Wikki" Powwow with a gift exchange and promenade around the sacred circle. Margaret's sisters, Nora, Stella, Josephine and Georgina

travelled to Demoiselle Creek to visit her in the Spring of 1992. At first Margaret wanted to lock them out of the house, but was convinced to meet them. While she never completely forgot her First Nations language, birth name, or her siblings, she was ashamed of her heritage and did not speak of this or her early childhood to her children or anyone else.

As the years passed and her last child left home in 1980, a lifetime of struggle and deprivation finally took its toll. In the early 1990s, depression and signs of dementia claimed her mind and independence. As dementia morphed into Alzheimer's disease, she forgot the names of her children but often recalled episodes from her far past—remnants, sometimes traumatic, of her heritage. Margaret spent her final 13 years at Forest Dale Nursing Home, in Riverside-Albert, New Brunswick. Here she is remembered as a quiet, pleasant, agreeable person, who caused no one any problems - except when she "escaped" to "go home." She adapted to institutional life yet again, making herself useful by helping other patients get around. Margaret died there on January 25, 2005, and is buried beside Hilly in Grey's Island Cemetery, Hillsborough, New Brunswick. She was 90.

What of her offspring? They are fully registered members of Wikwemikong (now Wiikwemkoong). They and their families may be scattered from the Province of New Brunswick to Washington State but they've never forgotten their roots or the lessons their mother instilled in them. Their lessons in service to and for others is evidenced by their career choices.

Barbara, born 1941, now residing in Stanwood, Washington, served as a teletype operator in the Royal Canadian Air Force 1959-1961 before marrying a US Air Force Sergeant/Army Warrant Officer from Washington State. She and her husband, Jim, who recently passed away after 60 years of marriage, lived and worked from Newfoundland to Alaska and across several states in the "Lower 48." Her last job before retiring was grant writer and project manager for the Stillaguamish Tribe in Arlington, Washington.

William, born 1942, served in the Canadian Armed Forces 1961-1965 with a United Nations peacekeeping force in Cyprus and Germany. He drove big rigs from Ontario to British Columbia to the US for 25 years before retiring with his family in Ontario where he passed away in 2020.

David, born 1944, now residing in Albert Mines, New Brunswick with his wife, Ida, served in the US Army 1965-1968 as a medical corpsman in the US and Vietnam. He was a stationery engineer with the Downey Mill in Weldon until retirement.

Gloria, born 1946, currently residing in Virginia with her husband, George, served in the US Air Force 1966-1970 as a medical admin specialist in California and Germany. She is a retired US Treasury Agent.

Keith, born 1950, served in the Canadian Armed Forces 1969-1993 with NATO peacekeeping forces in Germany, Cyprus and Yugoslavia. He retired as an Army Warrant Officer after 25 years of service and now resides in Stoney Creek, New Brunswick with his wife, Giselle. Keith worked at The Rocks in Hopewell Hill as Manager of Park Interpretations and during the Winter Olympics of 2010 carried the Olympic torch on its relay to Vancouver, British Columbia. He is past president of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 32 in Hillsborough where he continues volunteer service as Sergeant at Arms and Service Officer responsible for assisting area veterans.

Vickey, born 1952, operated Dutch Hill Bed and Breakfast with her husband in Sussex, New Brunswick before moving to their renovated farmhouse in Dawson Settlement where she lived until she passed away in 2019. She was active in the St. Mary's Anglican Church, the Hillsborough Alumni Choir and the Close Harmony group of singers who performed at various fundraising functions for charity.

Paul, born 1953, serves as a pastor for Albert County churches and regularly ministers to disabled veterans at the Veterans Centre in Moncton. He holds online services from his home in Albert Mines, New

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# Thus far, MHC continues to evade COVID case overloads

by Tom Sasvari  
MANITOULIN—While Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) has thus far escaped the worst in terms of overloading hospital and beds during the COVID-19 pandemic, especially with the Omicron variant, hospital officials readily acknowl-

edge the Manitoulin area has definitely been impacted and that the MHC is ready, whenever the worst hits.

"We have no COVID-19 admissions at the moment, although last week the hospital transferred seriously ill COVID patients to HSN

(Health Sciences North)," said Paula Fields, MHC co-chief executive director on Thursday of last week. "We are seeing the impact of the pandemic. We can admit patients here, and if they are beyond our care capacity, we have to transfer them to HSN."

Ms. Fields said, "we are very much prepared in case there is a surge of confirmed cases on the Island. We have the field hospital set up in the NEMI arena. And we have a five bed COVID unit located in the upstairs area of the Little Current hospital, which

has never been full at any time. And for those patients who are transferred to HSN, they are transferred back to the MHC for additional care and rehabilitation before they go home."

Ms. Fields said that for the majority of people who are confirmed to have COVID the MHC staff has observed that these patients have had only one dose of vaccine, or none at all.

"We know there were a few COVID cases through the hospital over the Christmas holidays, but as of yesterday we did not have any COVID cases," said Tim Vine, MHC co-chief executive director on Wednesday of last week. "So far, we

have not had any capacity issues with the surge of cases."

However, "we know there is community spread of the virus that has impacted the area."

"There is an issue with resources, with nursing shortages, which is a provincial, if not a national, issue. But this was the case even before the pandemic hit," said Mr. Vine.

"We have seen staff issues not just with nurses but other staff as well. We continue to need to recruit more nurses, which was the case before the pandemic, but we are also struggling

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## Icebreaking operations to occur at Fisher Harbour

SARNIA—The Canadian Coast Guard advises residents in the areas of Fisher Harbour and Midland that the CCGS Griffon will carry out icebreaking operations, starting on or about January 11 for Midland, and January 13 for Fisher Harbour. The purpose of this operation is to break ice so commercial vessels can navigate safely in and out of the areas.

The dates are subject to change depending on operational requirements or weather conditions.

All ice surface users should plan their ice activities carefully, use caution on the ice and avoid the shipping lanes and icebreaking operations. Broken and fragmented ice tracks and ridging left behind by passing icebreakers or commercial vessels may not freeze over immediately. This can result in hazardous conditions for ice users. In addition, newly fallen snow will obscure ship tracks. Unsafe ice conditions can persist long after icebreakers have left the area.

## UCCM Police make arrest in M'Chigeeng First Nation hit and run investigation

by Tom Sasvari  
M'CHIGEENG—UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service officers have made an arrest in relation to the fail to remain motor vehicle-bicycle collision that took place on December 26, 2021. After an extensive investigation, UCCM police officers arrested a M'Chigeeng man on Thursday, January 6.

Charged in this incident is 37-year-old Catlin Grant Hare, of M'Chigeeng First Nation. Mr. Hare has been charged with failure to stop at an accident involving bodily harm and operation of a motor vehicle while prohibited, both con-

trary to the Criminal Code of Canada.

"We were pretty dedicated and committed to (making an arrest) in this case," said Brad Mack, acting staff sergeant, director of operations with UCCM Anishnaabe Police. "Our whole team pitched in to help in the investigation. And there was a lot of community involvement which really helped."

"From the onset of this investigation, police received information from members of the public on a daily basis," said acting staff sergeant Mack. "Information provided to the police allowed officers

to solidify this investigation and solve this case. Police are very appreciative of the assistance provided by members of the public; this speaks directly to the fact that people want and need to assist police to make our communities better and safe places to live."

"This incident impacted the community very much," said acting staff sergeant Mack. "We thank members of the public for coming forward to provide information. If members of the public had not come forward, it could have been a much longer investigation."

The suspect vehicle involved in this collision was also seized by police. A search warrant has been obtained and a forensic examination of the vehicle is being conducted.

At this time, the victim remains in the hospital recovering from injuries received during the collision. The exact nature and extent of the victim's injuries are not fully known at this time as he continues through his rehabilitation and recovery process. "It doesn't appear the victim sustained life threatening injuries," acting staff sergeant Mack told The

Expositor. He noted, "it's unfortunate that this person was injured. At this time of the year, at dusk, people need to wear reflective clothing. Sometimes people are just hard to see when they are travelling."

On December 26, 2021, shortly after 5 pm, UCCM Police Service had received a report of a motor vehicle collision on the M'Chigeeng First Nation. In the collision, a 30-year-old man from M'Chigeeng was travelling on a bicycle on Cross Hill Road. After the cyclist was struck, the driver fled the scene in the vehicle without rendering assistance to

the victim or notifying emergency services.

Anyone with additional facts on this investigation are asked to contact the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service at 1-888-377-7135, or the Ontario Provincial Police Provincial Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122. If you would like to remain anonymous, tips can also be directed to Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Online tips can also be submitted by going to the Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers website.



## Law & Order

### Manitoulin OPP lay first impaired charge of the year

On January 9 at approximately 12:57 am, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Highway 540 in Gore Bay.

Officers arrived on scene and spoke to the driver of the motor vehicle. A roadside screening device was administered which resulted in a fail. The driver was subsequently arrested.

Liam Campbell, 26 years old, from Spring Bay was charged with operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs, contrary to section 320.14(1)(a) of the criminal code, and operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), contrary to section 320.14(1)(b) of the criminal code.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on February 23.

### Driving over 80 judgement

A judgement was heard on Monday, January 10 in the

matter of 29-year-old John (Jack) Parkinson. On July 30, 2019 the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP received a citizen complaint of erratic driving. Mr. Parkinson was found to have elevated blood alcohol readings and was charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle, contrary to section 320.17 of the Criminal Code (CC); having a blood alcohol concentration equal to or over 80 mg of alcohol in 100 mL of blood while operating a motor vehicle, contrary to section 320.14(1)(b) of the CC; and dangerous driving, contrary to section 320.13 of the CC.

Justice Gregory Pockele found Mr. Parkinson guilty of the over 80 mg charge but acquitted him of dangerous driving. The impaired operation of a motor vehicle charge was stayed. Mr. Parkinson had no previous criminal record or prior dealings with the criminal justice system. He was ordered to pay the mandatory minimum fine of \$2,000 and received a one-year driving prohibition.

### Careless driver fined

A Little Current resident now living in Alberta made a

decision on March 8, 2020 that he regrets. On that date, Jason Clayton drove from his home on Draper Street to Manitowaning Road in Little Current, where he remained stopped at the stop sign for an unusual period of time, catching the attention of an OPP officer. He then drove in reverse back to his driveway.

Mr. Clayton pleaded guilty to the offence of careless driving under section 130 of the Highway Traffic Act at a hearing in Gore Bay on Monday, January 10 for driving backwards on a residential street. A criminal code charge was withdrawn by the Crown. This was a first offence for Mr. Clayton.

Justice Jessica Wolfe agreed to the joint submission from the Crown and defence, for a \$1,500 fine with 12 months to pay and a one-year non-reporting probation period that includes the condition that Mr. Clayton not be in a driver's seat with any alcohol or other intoxicating substances in his body for the duration of the probation term.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

With winter settling in for the long haul now, it is a great chance to spend some quality time with your family and loved ones. For instance, we were visiting an elderly neighbour and he was telling us the best stories from his past. For instance, he told us that he saw the Titanic! From the beginning he warned all the people that the ship was going to sink, but nobody listened to him. He was so brave! He did not give up! He warned them again and again on several occasions... right up until they kicked him out of the movie theater.

Do you or a friend or family member have a birthday coming up? Want to memorialize the big day in a special way? Let us know and we'll include it in our column!

With the recent provincial move back to Stage 2 of closures, there are changes to access to many of the municipal buildings. The Municipal Office will be closed to the public and the staff will be working remotely. Call 705-282-2611 with any inquiries. The Kagawong Fitness Centre will be closed for the foreseeable future. The landfill remains open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 pm to 6 pm and Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm. And finally, the library is open

its regular hours, however there is a limit of three patrons at any given time.

Looking to take advantage of the cold weather and go skating at the rink? Don't forget it's frost come frost served! The township is still looking for volunteers to help maintain the rink. Volunteering would include maintenance checks of the rink and snow removal. For more information, please email [tmills@billingstwp.ca](mailto:tmills@billingstwp.ca), or call 705-282-2611 x225.

The new year is a good time to update some of our key passwords. We changed our passwords all to Kenny. Now all we have are Kenny Loggins.

Remember that time Steve Paikin came to town? Or the time the township celebrated that special event? Catch up on old times with the complete archive of Team Fergmeijer columns, all the way back to 2015! Check out <http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com> to get your fill of puns and haiku.

Our words of wisdom for this week: If you ever get locked out of your house or car, just talk to the lock calmly. Remember, communication is the key. Have a great week!

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Monday, January 3 was Albert's 70th birthday. We started the day by forgetting to wake up in time to put the garbage out. The rest of the day was quiet with a few birthday cards to open and emails to read.

We have been working our way through a stack of jigsaw puzzles.

Gladys Duncanson spent part of the week helping Wilow and Shelby Duncanson with their online schoolwork in Espanola.

Brenda Carter, Gwen Binsfeld, Gladys Duncanson and I continued to have our daily walks this past week, some shorter than others. The strong wind has been rough. Gwen has also been out with her snowshoes and her cross-country skis.

Rose Van Every, Mildred Kelly and Bob Benedict are home from their vacation to southern Ontario.

Condolences to the family of Maxine McVey.



## Manitoulin Sporting Life

### Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



#### “Tying the knot” fishing style

Most have been to a traditional Manitoulin wedding. For sure, COVID has placed many limitations on social events but we have to keep finding creative ways to do things and stay connected. Especially during the winter months when there’s fewer daylight hours, it can be really tough on people. I’m thankful for our accessibility to such a beautiful territory.

Me and my partner really love the winter season and are hoping to get married in December 2022. With the rising cases of covid in our communities, it’s important that we care of mental health. Spending time outdoors connecting to our land has always been important to us and our health. I am from Wiikwemikoong and my partner is from Mississauga FN, which is why we’ve decided to allow participants from Algoma, Sudbury and Manitoulin areas. We wanted this event to be able to be inclusive of all of our friends and family. We really wanted to find a way to feel like we’re together but safely apart. When my partner had the idea for this event, we felt like it was such a perfect thing to do. We’ve received a lot of really positive responses and are grateful for everyone’s support. We just ask that everyone stays mindful of all covid safety guidelines and most importantly, have fun!

#### Fit Couple

**Dillon Ominikamigo.** “I did complete a long solo run on November 13, which was 23 km long in 1 hour and 49 minutes. This run was a true challenge but something that I’m very proud of. On June 07, 2021 - me and my partner also walked/ran 53 km from the site of the former Spanish Indian Residential School to a sacred fire lit in Mississauga First Nation. We completed this journey in 14 hours with an incredible amount of support, many people joined us and our community where we reside (mfn) welcomed us home. It was an incredibly emotional and powerful experience. Together we’ve pushed ourselves to achieve our goals, especially when it comes to our individual development and our health.”

**A good sport is good for sports**  
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## Long-time Rainbow board chair Doreen Dewar retires from RDSB

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Doreen Dewar, long-time chair of the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) has now stepped down. She did not put her name forward for the chair’s position at a meeting last week.

“I’ve been chair of the board for the past 10 years. I felt it was time for me to step down,” Ms. Dewar told The Expositor after a RDSB organizational meeting December 7. “I’m still remaining as a board trustee and I am looking forward to helping in any way I can.”

“I talked to Bob Clement (the new chair of RDSB) this morning and congratulated him again on becoming the new board chair and reiterated to him that I will help out wherever I can and take on whatever task or committee he and the board would like me to undertake.”

“I gave it everything I had as board chair,” Ms. Dewar told The Expositor. “But about three months ago I just decided I didn’t want to keep going as chair.”

RDSB director of education Bruce Bourget paid tribute to Ms. Dewar upon her departure as chair. He explained Ms. Dewar is the longest-serving trustee on the board, having been a trustee for 33 years, including nine with the former Sudbury Board of Education.

“Doreen Dewar has cultivated a leadership style that is respectful and inclusive, allowing voices to be heard and collective decisions to stand,” Mr. Bourget said. “She



Rainbow District School Board Chair Doreen Dewar has laid down her gavel and retired after 10 years at the helm of Sudbury’s largest school board.

has been an articulate spokesperson for the board, (and her) political activity and astuteness has grown sharper with time.”

Ms. Dewar told The Expositor, “Over the last 10 years, there were a lot of issues and things the board has had to deal with. The biggest thing to me is the fact that our staff has been just outstanding to work with over the years, as have my colleagues. It’s the staff, they just continue to give way more than ever could be expected of them, they are just wonderful.”

“It’s the people that stand out,” stated Ms. Dewar. “I have been blessed to have been able to meet so many wonderful parents, students and school staff members over the years. This has been a big part of being the chair of the board.”

## Snowmobile trails will be ready to go when enough snow on ground

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Snowmobile trails are ready to open on Manitoulin Island once there is enough snow on the ground and grooming takes place, says a representative of the Manitoulin Snowdusters club.

“We need a little more snow and then the trails can be groomed,” said Rick Bond of the Snowdusters on Sunday. “Both groomers are here and ready to go. And some of the (club members) opened up a bunch of trails and put signage up.” “Maybe by this time next week, the trails will open,” said Mr. Bond.

The Sudbury Trail Plan (STP) has also reported that the 1,800-kilometre network of trails across the Sudbury, Manitoulin and Espanola areas isn’t ready for use right now but could be shortly, if there is enough snow on the ground.

“We’re essentially ready to go,” STP president Joel Brousseau told the Sault Star on December 29. “We’re just waiting for cold and snow. The weather

is everything. Typically, we are ready in the first week of January.”

Created in the mid-1980s, the STP is the umbrella organization that acts on behalf of 10-member snowmobile clubs. Originally eight member clubs, the organization grew with the addition of clubs on Manitoulin Island and Espanola a few years ago. The two new clubs added about 500 kilometres of trails to the STP trail network.

To use the STP trails, you need a seasonal permit or pass. The cost of a 2021/22 permit for sleds manufactured in 2000 or after is \$275 plus a processing fee of \$7.50. For a “classic” sled made in 1999 or earlier, the cost is \$185 along with the processing fee. The permit is good for use on all Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) affiliated club trails across Ontario.

The two types of permits can be purchased online at the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) website at [www.ofsc.on.ca](http://www.ofsc.on.ca). Multi-day permits are also available at a cost of \$45 per day.

## Mindemoya Hospital emergency department renos expected to be finished this summer

MINDEMOYA—The renovation and expansion at the Mindemoya emergency department (ED) is coming along with the anticipated completion to be summer/fall of 2022.

“To maintain access to emergency services and continue providing care to our community members, we are required to work through multiple phases of construction,” a press release from Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) states. “That includes construction vehicles in and around the site, some delay in traffic in the area and, at times, a considerable amount of noise. We appreciate that additional noise and vibrations can be disruptive and unpleasant during your ED visit. However, we ask those visiting the facility be kind and patient, especially to our staff. Be mindful that our staff are also living with the renovations and noise daily. Every one of our hospital staff have been working very hard, often many more hours than usual, and we ask that they be treated with respect.”

Those anticipating a visit to the ED in Mindemoya are encouraged to bring along noise cancelling headphones to make your stay a little more comfortable.

The all-new ED in Mindemoya will increase in size by 1,700 square feet providing: better, more efficient working space for our staff; more privacy and confidentiality for patients; renovation of the chemotherapy mixing room to further meet accreditation standards for chemotherapy mixing and administration; a



Progress inside of the expansion of the Mindemoya Emergency Department of the Manitoulin Health Centre.

photo by Julia Fedec

larger chemotherapy suite for staff and patient comfort; and an opportunity for associated treatments and assessments for chemotherapy patients.

In the spring of 2022 patients can anticipate seeing more changes within the Mindemoya ED. This will include placement of the nursing stations and changes to some of the patient rooms. Please ask our staff for assistance to help you navigate those changes.

According to Julia Fedec, clinical nurse manager, ED and chemotherapy program, “We are very excited to see the progress with our renovations on the addition of the ED and new space for the chemotherapy pharmacy and

administration suite. We thank our staff and community members for their patience throughout this time and we are very much looking forward to working in this new space with our teams, patients and partners. We are committed to keeping everyone updated as much as possible throughout these renovations.”

Those interested in donating to the ‘Let’s Emerg Together Campaign’ are encouraged to send a cheque to Manitoulin Health Centre at 11 Meredith Street East, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0 or go online at [www.mhc.on.ca](http://www.mhc.on.ca). There is also opportunity to contribute when purchasing tickets to the Manitoulin Health Centre 50/50 draw at [www.mhc5050.on.ca](http://www.mhc5050.on.ca).

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# ...MTO makes recommendations for controversial intersection

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“The safety of the people travelling on Ontario’s highways is a responsibility that the ministry takes very seriously. As you know, the ministry recently completed an operational performance review of this intersection to determine if operational or safety concerns exist and to determine what, if any, mitigation strategies are required. As part of our review, we evaluated the latest 10 years collision history, sight lines at all approaches to the intersection, as well as operating speeds on both highways approaching the intersection,” wrote Ms. Franks.

“The ministry’s review of the intersection of Highway 551 and Highway 542 indicated that this intersection is operating as designed,” wrote Ms. Franks. “There were no concerns identified in regard to speed, volume, capacity, collision history, or level of service. It was noted that there are missing or damaged signage,



Some members of Central Manitoulin council are not happy with the ministry’s recommendations for this Mindemoya intersection.

Expositor file photo

faded pavement markings, and restricted sightlines due to parking violations. To address these concerns, the following recommendations are proposed: the highway junction sign for southbound traffic, currently located 500 metres from the intersection, will be removed and replaced with an advance road identification sign. A highway junction sign is missing for northbound traffic. An advance road identification sign will be placed here as

well. On the southbound approach, the west ‘no parking’ sign is to be relocated closer to Douglas Drive at the beginning of the white hatched area. On the northbound approach, the ‘no parking’ sign is damaged and will be replaced. On the southbound approach, the road-way identification sign overhanging the sidewalk is to be relocated to eliminate overhand.”

“The ministry’s traffic section will review the appropriate standards and geometrics to determine the proper placement of new signs,” wrote Ms. Franks. “Ministry staff will review options for improved illumination on the current illuminated stop sign to increase visibility.”

As for pavement markings Ms. Franks explained, “faded centre-line markings are to be refreshed in

the spring to enhance visibility. And a review will look at the need to expand white hatched pavement marking to deter right turn movement.”

“The ministry will continue to evaluate the quality of our provincial highway infrastructure to ensure the safety of the travelling public,” added Ms. Franks.

Councillor Steve Shaffer said, “our proposal to have an amber flashing red light at the intersection was new information to their (MTO) traffic people at the meeting. And they said it might not be doable to have a connection or this at the intersection through hydro, because of the costs involved. Mr. Mantha pressed them on what the cost would be, but they (MTO) said they didn’t have the final costs on this. And they said the idea of having a four-way stop at the intersection could cause more problems than solutions for traffic.”

Mayor Stephens said that the town has looked at having four-way streetlights installed, “towns and cities have the options of installing them on their own. For instance, Espanola has control of their highways. We’ve kicked the idea around, but no one wants to take on this responsibility, it’s their (provincial property). Just because the highways go through the municipality, it’s provincial property, not the municipality’s.”

# ...pass travel trailer permit bylaw

...continued from page 3 ing, no person shall occupy or permit to be occupied a trailer during the period commencing December 16 and March 31 of the following calendar year. The landowner is responsible to ensure the removal of the trailer prior to December 16 of the calendar year,” the bylaw reads.

No landowner shall allow more than one trailer on a parcel of land. And, under no circumstances, will a trailer be allowed to be used as a short-term rental unit, the bylaw reads.

Under the bylaw, the presence of a stored trailer on a conveyable parcel would not preclude the issuance of a licence for a trailer. And where a trailer, that is located on a property and has been established to a legally non-conforming use and where such trailer has only been used occasionally for living, sleeping, or eating accommodations of persons, such a trailer shall not be deemed as a stored trailer as defined in section 2.19 and shall be subject to an annual licence.

The owner of the property upon which a trailer is to be located will be responsible for the acquisition of the licence.

There are three licence exemptions under the bylaw. A stored trailer, an assessed trailer, or a trailer used or stored in a campground or trailer park will not require a licence.

The administration and enforcement of this bylaw is delegated to the municipal bylaw enforcement officer for the municipality. Any person who contravenes any provision of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine.

And, “the municipality shall recover all costs and expenses associated with actions taken and work done under this bylaw in a manner provided by

statute, whether by action or by adding the cost of the tax roll and collecting the cost in the same manner as taxes.”

Fines under the bylaw range from \$100, failure to display a licence or providing false information on a licence application to the

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Manitoulin Secondary School

## PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige

**MADISON SKIPPEN**

**CONGRATULATIONS, MADISON!**

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Madison Skippen is known for having one of the best serves on the Mustang volleyball team. There are very few serves that can be that effective regardless of being underhand or overhand but that is exactly what other teams can expect - a float serve that skims the top of the net or a spin serve that takes a nose dive as soon as it crosses the defensive half. Regardless, when Maddy is serving the opposing team better be at the ready.

Maddy lives in Tehkummah, she attended Central Manitoulin Public School, and loves to remain active. She fondly remembers taking part in baseball, soccer, flag football, and volleyball while going to school there. Madison has been a proud Mustang since making the junior volleyball team in Grade 9 and was really looking forward to her Grade 12 year on the senior squad. She, like all the Mustangs, has every finger crossed for the continuation of the athletic season after in-person learning starts up.

Madison clearly states that volleyball is her all time favourite sport and she feels that despite the pandemic effect on sports, she has been able to retain the skills she has developed thus far. She says she loves volleyball so much because of the ‘team’ aspect. The connections that can be formed with her fellow teammates and friends will last beyond her high school days. She has come to realise that the real-time connection between players can strengthen the performance of the team.

The power of team momentum was made clear to her during her experience on the junior team in Grades 9 and 10. Maddy was able to be a part of two really special teams and was a pivotal player that helped win back-to-back NSSSA titles. She loves to play as a power hitter for the Mustangs and during the 2020 season the team went undefeated, NEVER giving up a single loss! Gotta love it when THAT plan comes together.

Maddy’s senior volleyball experience has been unpredictable at best and filled with more downs than ups due to COVID restrictions. She is trying to keep her hopes high that there will actually be a competitive season and had been practicing several times a week before the Christmas break. She has set some goals for herself this year including extending her vertical and improving her service percentage and accuracy. She, along with the other players on the team, have committed to being a role model for other student athletes by maintaining good marks.

Madison will certainly have to keep those marks up as she is planning to go to post-secondary school to possibly become an x-ray technician. She admits to always having an interest in the science fields as she enjoys seeing how things work and how systems are connected. Maddy feels that radiology could be a career that would help a lot of people and could very well mean that she can continue to live on Manitoulin Island! After all, once an Islander - always an Islander, right?

In Madison’s spare time she enjoys doing many other activities such as being outdoors, fishing, hunting, sledding in the winter, four wheeling, and reading. She can also be found working at the Loco Bean Coffee House in Little Current. She has also worked at Island Home Outfitters in Mindemoya. Maddy also keeps herself busy by taking care of her dog Miley who loves swimming and taking walks with her.

Whether or not in-person learning starts up soon, Maddy has committed to working out at home and doing whatever she can to keep herself active and in shape. After all, she is a great athlete who loves to play sports and knows that if the time comes to get back on the court, her fellow Mustangs can count on her to be competitive and be ready for action.

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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## ...Wiikwemkoong's Barbara Nolan receives Medal of Merit

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 duty. I would speak to them in our language and they would say, 'why don't you teach us our language, miss?' So, I talked to the principal who was in favour of this. We had to get a curriculum written, and once I completed this I presented it to the board for approval and then the ministry of education for permission to have it used in schools."

"Then we had to find a teacher for the program, and they asked me," said Ms. Nolan. "I was with the Garden River band by that time (the band had assumed administrative control of its own education program). The band chief said yes it could be taught in the local school, but only if you teach the program. I taught the first few months before a person from Sagamok was hired as the teacher."

"I had originally developed a 10-unit course plus later an additional five lessons in our language," said Ms. Nolan.

Barbara Nolan (nee Pheasant) was born in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. Raised by her grandparents, she learned the traditional language of her heritage prior to learning English. From age 5-9, she attended a residential school in Spanish, Ontario. She returned home to complete elementary school then moved to North Bay for high school. After Grade 12 she moved to Toronto where she found employment in the clerical field.

"I am originally from Wiikwemkoong, South Bay, and my sisters still live there," Ms. Nolan told The Expositor.

In 1970 she met her husband, Tom Nolan, and moved to Garden River First Nation. In 1972 she worked for the Separate School Board in Sault Ste. Marie as the Garden River



The Medal of Merit.

Counsellor and Elder-In-Residence/Cultural Advisor at Sault College for the past eight years. She works with students in meaningful ways to strengthen cultural knowledge and language acquisition through intergenerational sharing and participation."

Ms. Nolan was also instrumental in establishing and delivering Anishinaabemowin immersion at the Garden River Child Care Centre. "Within the past year, Barbara gifted the centre with its Anishinaabe Spirit name 'Abinoojinyag Onji.' She felt that everything the centre does should be for the children, and that its work is to leave the children with a sense of who they are and where they come from. As the children spend time with Barbara, she shares stories with them, helping to retain their language."

representative.

"As a residential school survivor, she has dedicated her time to working with numerous Indigenous organizations and communities in the development and promotion of language revitalization and retention initiatives," the city's citation reads. "Barbara has made it her life mission to preserve the Anishinaabemowin language and has been teaching the language locally since the early 70s," the Sault release explained. "Barbara has held the positions of Native School

Recently, Ms. Nolan was appointed the Anishinabek Nation Anishinaabemowin Commissioner. In this role, she advises the Anishinaabek Nation leadership and the public on the importance of Anishinaabemowin protection, retention, revitalization initiatives and its use. She wrote the first Native as a second language curriculum in Canada, is a founding member of the Ontario Native Education Counselling Association and first president and is the first president and founding member of the Sault Ste. Marie Indian Friendship Centre.

"The medal of merit is a fitting recognition of Barbara's great leadership and significant contributions to the community," said Sault Mayor Christian Provenzano. "Elders and knowledge keepers have invaluable knowledge, skills and wisdom based in Indigenous history, tradition, culture, and ceremony. Barbara has inspired hundreds of Indigenous people to regain their language and celebrate their traditions, and she has shared her language with and taught many non-Indigenous people. We need to collectively study Indigenous history and culture so that we can learn from it, celebrate it and respect it. Barbara is helping us make significant progress in this regard and I am grateful for her continued efforts."

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## ...trailer bylaw

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 largest fine of using a trailer without a licence, a fine of \$1,500 (\$750 fine and annual fee).

Reeve Noland stressed that although council township has enacted this bylaw, "the main objective for the first four months of it being in place is for education to take place, before enforcement and fines can be imposed."

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It is with the same excitement that we announce that the jewellery business will continue in Gore Bay and as of March 1, 2022 will be operated by Carol and Ken Worsley. They will be moving the store across the street to 48 Meredith and it will be known as M and R Jewelry. Carol is very knowledgeable in the jewellery business and has worked for the Woods family for many years. They plan to offer their jewellery lines, repairs, watches, battery replacement and more. We hope you will afford them the same support in their new adventure that you gave to our family and we wish them much success now and for the future. From the bottom of our hearts we say Thank You to each and everyone for allowing us to serve you over the years.

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# ...Hunters not reporting kills will face fines

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want to make people aware of how important it is for hunters to submit a mandatory hunter report.”

“I think it is probably going to help with an increase in the number of hunters that will submit a mandatory hunter report,” said Mr. Polsky. “And any type of reporting is good to help with the management of, for instance, the deer populations. Manitoulin Island has, in the past, had deer check points held during the hunt season, but probably two-thirds of the people leaving the Island didn’t stop to have their deer inspected (which was on a voluntary basis). And for people on the Island, no one would have any idea on how many deer were taken unless the mandatory hunter reports were submitted. With the additional measures being taken, it should mean providing the ministry a better understanding of deer populations and other animals on the Island.”

“A decision has been made to implement an automatic financial penalty as part of a graduated penalty approach for hunters who fail to submit their mandatory hunter report(s). This penalty is an additional tool to promote hunter reporting compliance and improve reporting data used to make wildlife management decisions,” the EBR states.

The regulation was filed by the registrar of regulations on November 26, 2021 and will come into force on March 1, 2022 ahead of the spring 2022 hunting seasons.

The ministry EBR decision noted, “consultations prior to the implementation of mandatory hunter reporting in 2019 indicates that hunters and stakehold-

ers are supportive of tools to encourage compliance. Comments on this proposal were mixed. Some were generally opposed to the penalty, some indicated support for the proposal to implement a more moderate compliance tool and others preferred a more severe consequence to encourage hunters to report as required. Comments which provided suggestions for the fee amount offered support for the proposed amount or a preference for a higher fee to best achieve compliance.”

“Some (respondents) indicated concern that well-intentioned hunters may receive a penalty for forgetting to report,” the ministry decision reads. “We will maintain a process to ensure the fee can be waived in certain, limited circumstances where a hunter does not report for reasons beyond their control. Additionally, the ministry is committed to providing regular email reminders for those hunters who have provided a valid email address in the Fish and Wildlife Licencing Service and communicating reporting requirements and deadlines in the annual hunting regulations summary.”

“The development of the graduated penalty system and the fee amount was chosen based on feedback from consultation and information from other jurisdictions,” the ministry reports. “The \$25 penalty amount is intended to offer a moderate, balanced approach to promote compliance. The existing prevent-from-purchase penalty is maintained to apply for a second consecutive offence for each species as part of the graduated penalty framework.”

Hunters who fail to

report or who provide false or misleading information are currently subject to penalties, including fines and possible restrictions on the ability to purchase a licence or tag the following year (if they have not submitted the mandatory hunter report).

Mandatory hunter reporting is important for managing wildlife in Ontario. It specifically helps us monitor wildlife populations, set tag quotas and determine the availability of additional tags, make changes to seasons and bag limits and inform management policies, the ministry notes.

“All hunters who purchase or are issued a tag to hunt elk, deer, bear, wild turkey and wolf/coyote (in wildlife management units where a tag is required) and any hunter issued a licence to hunt moose must complete a hunter report. Hunters are required to complete a hunter report even if they did not participate in the hunt or harvest an animal. Generally, reports must be submitted within 14 days following the end of the last hunting season for that species,” the ministry decision says. It pointed out, “in 2020, the ministry observed an 84 percent compliance rate across all species. There were approximately 60,000 non-compliant reports (approximately 16 percent). Increased hunter reporting compliance leads to improved data and may lead to increased opportunities for hunters in some areas.”

“The anticipated outcome of the (decision) is that compliance rates with hunter reporting requirement will continue to improve and are maintained over time at a high level. This would provide


improved reporting information to support wildlife management.

“You must complete a hunter report form if you purchase or are issued a tag to hunt elk, deer, bear, wild turkey or wolf/coyote (in wildlife management units where a tag is required); were issued a licence to hunt moose,” the ministry decision reads.

## Bahá’í Writings

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# ...2022 New Year’s Baby welcomed home

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and Margaret H. Thorburn and married Agnes Allen in July of 1901 in Gordon Township on Manitoulin. Together the couple had seven children, the oldest of whom was a boy in 1902 named Donald Allen McQuarrie. It was that son who, at 25, opened a garage business that would later expand to become the familiar Island business McQuarrie Motors and expand far beyond Manitoulin’s shores—propelled

by its own tradition of customer service.

Throughout the years, each successive generation has taken on and proudly borne, alternatively, the names Ronald or Donald.

The baby’s middle name, Michael, is in honour of Ms. McQuarrie’s father, Michael (Mike) Thompson of Manitowaning. Her own name, as it happens, is also officially Michael, named for her father, and shortened to Mickey.



## The path ahead



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# ...Ontario appealing Robinson Huron Treaty annuity funds decision

...continued from page 1 province said that they met Chiefs (Duke) Peltier and Dean (Sayers) and that they would do the right thing.”

“Further litigation is not the right thing,” stated Mr. Restoule. “Doing right is sitting down at the table to reconcile our differences. The Ontario government missed the mark completely.”

“It is absolutely disappointing that Ontario would rather litigate than negotiate,” said Ogimaa (Chief) Duke Peltier of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory in an RHLTF release. “You cannot complain that the courts are overstepping their rule when you don’t like the result, especially when the government is relying on litigation to avoid negotiating and then complains that the court threatens the role of the government to negotiate mutually desired results.”

“Ontario is unwilling to mandate settlement negotiations, even though Canada and the Robinson-Huron Treaty First Nations want to negotiate,” said Chief Dean Sayers of Batchewana First Nation.

The Robinson Huron Treaty First Nations brought a court action against Ontario and Canada in September 2014, claiming the Crown breached a promise to augment the annuity payable under the Treaty.

The Ontario Superior court ruled in favour of the Anishinaabe in 2018. Canada accepted that decision, but Ontario appealed and the Ontario Court of Appeal rejected most of Ontario’s appeals in a decision last year. Both courts

urged the Crown to settle. In 2018, the Ontario Superior Court ruled that both the federal and provincial governments have an obligation to increase annuities when economic circumstances warrant, after the 21 First Nations in Robinson-Huron Treaty territory took legal action against Canada and Ontario in 2014.

The annual treaty payment, which sees each of the roughly 30,000 beneficiaries of the 1850 Robinson-Huron Treaty entitled to receive \$4 annually, hasn’t increased since 1874.

Prior to the 1874 increase, treaty beneficiaries received an annual payment that worked out to approximately \$1.60 per person.

Canada chose not to appeal the stage 1 and stage 2 decision in the case, instead creating a mandate process allowing for negotiation and settlement of treaty annuities cases, along with the requirement that Ontario be party to the negotiation and settlement process.

Ontario’s appeal of the stage 2 decision was struck down, while the appeal of the stage one decision, wasn’t exactly struck down, said Chief Sayers, but affirmed a majority of the trial decisions that the Ontario government had been appealing.

“Ontario cannot be trusted to fulfill its treaty obligations, even when told to do so by the courts. That brings dishonour to the Crown,” said Chief Sayers in a release. “The Court of Appeal confirmed that the Crown has a mandatory, enforceable obligation to increase the annuities

payable under the Treaty when resource revenues exceed the expenses related to collecting, maintaining and supporting those revenues. The Court held that the parties through negotiations, or the court in stage three must now, “determine the form, level and aim of the sharing that the augmentation clause requires.”

Chiefs Peltier and Sayers, in a joint statement said “we get the distinct feeling that the government of Ontario is engaged in a strategy of delay. Perhaps the current government thinks that, in the face of an upcoming election, that it’s better to be resisting versus embracing reconciliation. It fails to acknowledge and factor into their analysis that our treaty neighbours, like the municipalities of Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Parry Sound, Blind River and Espanola are supporting our call for settlement. These treaty neighbours understand they are treaty people as well, and are acting honourably and in accordance with reconciliation.”

“The government of Ontario is clinging to the colonial imbalance of power relationship where the Crown as government exercises a discretion to increase annuities, in a manner that advances their view of their Treaty obligation. This discretion has only been exercised once and the annuity is only \$4 per person,” the RHLTF release states.

“Such a view has been thoroughly rejected by the courts and is seemingly contrary to the words we heard from the Premier and Minister Greg Rickford in

their assurances that the government would do the right thing,” Ogimaa Peltier said.

“In my view, the Ontario government is just buying time,” Mr. Restoule told The Expositor. “They want this to go to the side until the (provincial) elections are over this year. They feel they are going to lose this case but what they are

doing is a complete waste of resources and time. In the end they know they have to reconcile with us.”

“This latest move is very regressive, and reminds us of colonial times where the British were the boss and everyone would have to do what they wanted. This is not the case anymore,” Ogimaa Peltier observed.

The RHLTF annuities liti-

gation team will review the application for leave to appeal and respond accordingly.


Ogimaa Peltier said a decision could be made by the Supreme Court of Canada as early as this spring on whether it will grant an appeal hearing to the provincial government.

## G’chi-Miigwetch

The Entire Waindubence family want to say G’chi-Miigwetch to everyone who assisted us through this difficult time. It was overwhelming the amount of support we received from family, friends and the Nation from all over Turtle Island.

O’Gichidaa, M’Shiikenh started his spirit journey on November 24, 2021. He was a loving husband, father, special uncle and mentor to many others. Over the duration, we had many visitors and family that traveled great distances to be with us during this difficult time. With great gratitude and appreciation G’chi-Miigwetch to all who brought food, supplies and medicines. To all the Regional G’chi-O’Gimaak from COO, UOI, Anishnabek Nation, UCCMM, UCCMM police, OPP and Elders council members who attended, Aasnaa G’chi-Miigwetch Gii’biizhiiyik. Miigwetch to Dr. McDonald, Jen Elinsky, Guy Ruth, Heather, Lisa, and other Mnaamodazowin staff, Noojmowin, SFN Health Centre, SKHC, Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindomoya Health Centre and Island funeral home. G’chi-Miigwetch to KTEI, the entire Rainsance Family, Waasnode JRS, Firekeepers, Pipe Carriers, food preparation people, Abby for the donation of wood for the entire duration of the ceremony, G’Chi-Miigwetch O’Gichidaa Ninwag Miinwaa Kwewag who attended. G’chi-Miigwetch to Kari who moved in to be with M’Shiikenh, Chop, Nikki, Derek, Shawn and Molly. Everyone’s generosity and sacrifice in attending will not be forgotten.

*G’Chi-Miigwetch from the Waindubence family  
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# ...Central council taking the offence on 2022 closure of Prov landfill

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ture in front of us.”

“I am very much in agreement with your line of thinking,” stated Mayor Richard Stephens.

“For the Providence Bay landfill site, staff is recommending that we allocate \$100,000 to engage a consultant to produce a comprehensive for a waste management plan,” said Councillor Tribinevicius. The plan will provide the municipality a full-scope assessment on how to move forward with its active landfill sites and waste collection/diversion operations.

“We discussed at our previous meeting about the need for hiring a consultant to help get things in order,” said Councillor Tribinevicius.

“I’m hoping there is some funding available because of the situation we are dealing with here,” said Mayor Stephens.

Councillor Tribinevicius noted the municipality had made a request to the

Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change for an extension of five years on closure so that the municipality could transition before closing the Providence Bay site. However, no reply has come from the ministry on this request.

“I received a letter today from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing indicating municipalities (in Ontario) are being given far more latitude on planning decisions. If we had more latitude on decisions such as our landfill and what is best for our community, it would make life easier and more affordable, for municipalities like ours, outside of the decisions being made in Toronto.”

Councillor Derek Stephens noted that numerous tests that have been carried out on the Providence Bay landfill show that the site is clean. “But obviously the (ministry) does not want to listen and has decided that the site will need to be closed. Where are we in terms of our meetings

with the ministry? I assume the site will have to close in June.”

Denise Deforge, secretary of the committee (and municipal treasurer) told the committee that meetings have been held with the ministry on looking at the closure plan for the landfill to be complete in March. When it is complete, council will be able to look view the report. She added that the ministry “is willing to work with us.”

“We need to know when we are into our operating budget if we are going to have to charge tipping fees and our costs for haulage of waste off-Island,” said Councillor Derek Stephens. “Right now, the site closure order is set for June. Without knowing the costs involved, it makes it hard to deal with our operating budget. We may be looking at a cost of \$500,000 in hauling and tipping fees on our budget.”

Councillor Dale Scott, “I find it very discouraging when we have been compliant with all the things the MOE has given us over the years. We are operating an efficient landfill, there are no concerns with plume movement or contamination but because the higher-ups in the ministry have a bone to chew, we have to close the site. We have the science that any type of hazardous waste at the site has been contained.”

“The ministry is taking a hard-nosed attitude on this issue,” stated Councillor Scott. “Derek is right that if we have to have a closure plan by March, we’ll only be in the site for five more months. When we don’t know what the costs are going to be or be able to plan for this, it makes it very difficult to budget. Maybe we need to get the media involved, our member of parliament, or petition the ministry. We have done everything we can. It’s disheartening that the ministry is taking the position it has on this issue.”

“I totally agree,” stated Councillor Tribinevicius. “There is something rotten in the state of Denmark. We have the lab reports that show nothing in the site now is definitely not as noxious as the pollution that will be caused by hauling more waste here to another site by a truck, through several communities to Espanola on a regular basis. We have been very careful to make sure there is no impacts on the environment, but this is not being recognized by the province. Instead, the landfill, which is in good shape, will be closed and we will have to haul waste off the Island. And taxation will skyrocket.”

## ...Cold weather tips for your pets

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choose walking routes that loop past your house, in case you or your pooch need to come in to get warm.

Leave pets at home. Leave your animal at home where they are warm and safe when you’re running errands. Cars cool down quickly and don’t hold in body heat, which can lead to animals suffering from cold stress, hypothermia or frostbite.

Watch for cats seeking warmth under vehicle hoods. Knock on the hood of your car or sound the horn before starting the engine. Cats hiding under hoods can be injured or killed by the fan belt.

Keep paws clean. Use a damp towel to wipe your pet’s paws and underside if they’ve walked along salted sidewalks or roads. Salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice on roads and sidewalks can irritate and burn your pet’s sensitive paws and can cause illness if ingested.

Clean up car spills. Keep an eye out for antifreeze, or other automotive leaks in your driveway. Antifreeze has a sweet taste that can be attractive to animals and can be fatal if ingested.

Know your animal’s unique needs. Cats, puppies and short-coated dogs are particularly vulnerable in cold temperatures. Some dogs, especially short-coated breeds, puppies and elderly dogs may benefit from a dog sweater or coat as an extra layer of warmth.

“Our furry friends depend on us to look out for their needs,” says Dr. Julia Hughes, shelter health and wellness veterinarian with the Ontario SPCA and Humane Society. “In cold winter conditions, it’s important to consider every part of your pet’s daily routine to ensure they are comfortable and safe at all times.”

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# Community rallies to support Orr's Valu-Mart fundraising barbecue

by Michael Erskine  
LITTLE CURRENT—It started out as just a kernel of an idea, but once that seed was planted, Orr's Valu-Mart owner Andrew Orr watched in amazement as that seed blossomed into a Christmas miracle.

As businesses from across the community came out to support the Christmas fundraising effort, volunteers were kept busy collecting donations of food, clothing and cash.

Mr. Orr and his staff got busy reaching out to local area businesses and organizations, pulling the event together in record time.

"It's amazing how much progress we can make when local businesses come

together to support a great cause like Manitoulin Family Resources," said Mr. Orr following the event. "Thank you to everyone who supported the event and participated on short notice. We have already started planning next year's event to be bigger and better."

Despite the relatively short turnaround time, this year's event raised a whopping \$3,770 over the course of the afternoon and also collected two truckloads of food, warm clothing and toys for Manitoulin Family Resources.

Although the event was promoted as a barbecue, many folks just ponied up their holiday cash.

"Some people just handed



Community volunteer Given Cortez and Orr's Valu-Mart owner Andrew Orr, right, show off some of the generous donations made by the community during a Christmas fundraiser held for Manitoulin Family Resources' Food Bank.

photo by Michael Erskine

us money and didn't even take a hotdog," said volunteer Rick McCutcheon as he helped with the barbecue alongside OPP Community Services officer Constable Tessa Kasch. CSO Kasch said that she was very pleased to be part of the effort and delighted to see the community spirit being demonstrated at the event.

"Just helping out a bit," said Given Cortez, owner of Willow's Haven Massage Therapy Clinic in Little Current as he assisted Mr. Orr in heaving large bags filled with donations into the back of a truck filled nearly to the brim.

COVID-19 protocols were in full evidence during the event. Essential businesses

such as Orr's Valu-Mart have been operating on the front lines since the very start of the pandemic and Mr. Orr had high praise for the efforts being made by his staff and customers to help keep everyone as safe as possible.

Although Christmas is the time of year when people are accustomed to opening their hearts, and wallets, to help those less fortunate the need does not disappear with the holly wreaths. The months of January and February can be challenging times for many families and donations to Manitoulin Family Resources continue to be gratefully received.

# Ontario providing pandemic supports for small businesses, workers, families

TORONTO—The Ontario government is providing targeted relief for businesses and people impacted by the current public health measures, aimed at blunting the spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant. As part of this plan, the government is introducing a \$10,000 grant for eligible businesses that are subject to closures under the modified provincial measures and is providing additional electricity-rate relief for businesses, as well as workers and families who are spending more time at home.

As part of a plan to support workers and businesses, the government has announced an Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant for small businesses that are subject to closure under the modified step two of the roadmap to reopen. It will provide eligible small businesses with a

grant payment of \$10,000

Eligible small businesses include restaurants and bars, facilities for indoor sports and recreational fitness activities (including fitness centres and gyms); performing arts and cinemas; museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions; meeting or event spaces; tour and guide services; conference centres and convention centres; driving instruction for individuals; and before and after-school programs.

Eligible businesses that qualify for the Ontario small business support grant and that are subject to closure under the current provincial measures will be pre-screened to verify eligibility and will not need to apply to the new program. Newly established and newly eligible

small businesses will need to apply once the application portal opens in the coming weeks. Small businesses that qualify can expect to receive their payment in February.

The Ontario government is also providing electricity-rate relief to support small businesses, as well as workers and families spending more time at home while the province is under the current provincial measures. For 21 days, starting at 12:01 am on Tuesday, January 18, electricity prices will be set 24 hours a day at the current off-peak rate of 8.2 cents per kilowatt hour, which is less than half the cost of the current on-peak rate. The off-peak rate will apply automatically to residential, small businesses and farms who pay regulated rates set by the Ontario Energy Board and get a bill from a utility and will bene-

fit customers on both time-of-use and tiered rate plans.

"We know that spending more time at home means using more electricity during the day when prices are higher, and that's why we are moving to off-peak electricity rates 24 hours per day, seven days a week," said Todd Smith, minister of energy. "The off-peak rate will provide immediate savings for families, small businesses and farms as all Ontarians work together to slow the spread of the Omicron variant."

Further, online applications for the previously announced Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program will open on January 18, next Tuesday. This program will provide eligible businesses that are

required to close or reduce capacity with rebate payments for up to 100 percent of the property tax and energy costs they incur while subject to public health measures in response to the Omicron variant.

Eligible businesses required to close for indoor activities, such as restaurants and gyms, will receive a rebate payment equivalent to 100 percent of their costs. Those required to reduce capacity to 50 percent, such as smaller retail stores, will receive a rebate payment equivalent to 50 percent of their costs. A complete list of eligible businesses will be provided prior to the launch of the application portal.

The government is also

improving cash flows for Ontario businesses by providing up to \$7.5 billion through a six-month interest and penalty free period starting January 1, for Ontario businesses to make payments for most provincially administered taxes. This supports businesses now and provides the flexibility they will need for long-term planning. Building on Ontario's efforts to improve cash flows for businesses, the province continues to call on the federal government to match provincial tax deferral efforts by allowing small businesses impacted by public health restrictions to defer their HST remittances for a period of six months.



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## ...MHC continues to evade case overloads

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with laboratory technicians, and ultrasound technicians, related to COVID,” said Ms. Fields. “The shortage with nurses was seen pre-COVID. But the entire hospital resource team has been stepping up to the plate to maintain our services, supporting each other and getting things done.”

“We are also guarded and monitoring the community spread, and we know pockets of communities where COVID and Omicron has been hitting pretty hard,” added Mr. Vine.

“MHC continues to be busy at both sites, offering emergency and in-patient care to COVID positive and non-COVID positive patients. This includes rapid testing in the assessment centre,” an MHC January 7 release notes.

“The assessment centre in Little Current is open for both rapid and PCR testing and by appointment only. PCR tests will only be administered as follows: for individuals who are symptomatic and are hospitalized patients, patients in emergency departments (at the discretion of the clinician), staff, residents, essential care providers and visitors in hospital and congregate living settings, including long-term care, retirement homes, First Nation elder lodges, group homes, shelters, hospices, temporary foreign worker setting and correction institutions; outpatients for whom COVID-19 treatment is being consider under housed or homeless; peo-



Manitoulin Health Centre co-CEO's Tim Vine and Paula Fields at the yet-to-be-used field hospital in Little Current.

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ple who are from First Nation, Inuit and Metis communities and individuals travelling into these communities for work; symptomatic elementary and secondary students and education staff who have received a PRC self-collection kit through school; people on admission/transfer to or from hospital or congregate living setting; high-risk settings, including hospitals, long term care, retirement homes, other congregate living settings and institutions, and other settings as directed by the local public health unit,” the release continues.

“Appointments are necessary at the assessment centre in Little Current. To book an appointment, call (705) 368-2300 or (705) 377-5311. Please note, you may experience longer than normal wait times as the lines are very busy. If possible, leave a message

and someone will call you back.”

Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) has announced that, effectively immediately and until further notice, all PHSD clinics will offer the Moderna Spikevax vaccine as the only mRNA vaccine for those people aged 30 and over. This is taking place due to current shortages of the adult Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

PHSD indicated that the mRNA vaccines are interchangeable, and you can receive Modern Spikevax regardless of which mRNA vaccine you have already had.

“The best COVID-19 mRNA vaccine to receive is the first one that is available to you,” the PHSD states. “COVID-19 vaccines protect you against severe illness from the highly transmissible Omicron variant.”

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## Regional chief calls for COVID-19 spread curbs

TORONTO—Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare is calling for urgent action to curb the spread of COVID-19.

“Confirmed cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 in First Nations communities in Ontario are continuing to climb due to overcrowding and unsustainable housing and lack of testing,” said Regional Chief Hare in a release January 7, “leaving behind a significant strain on the healthcare system and reduced capacity of essential workers and health care providers.”

“I am urging all First Nations people to reduce their contacts as much as possible by staying home to keep infection rates down and for those who have not received a vaccine to do so, and for others to get a booster to slow the spread of the



Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare

Omicron variant in their communities,” stressed Regional Chief Hare. “As well, those with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are presumed to be positive. I encourage anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, to stay home and follow isolation and self-monitoring guidelines.”

“Additionally, I would like to commend Chief Lefty Kamenawatamin of Bearskin Lake First Nation for his leadership in keeping his community safe

while they respond to a COVID-19 outbreak. I also acknowledge the leadership and efforts of the many individuals and communities who have mobilized to provide Bearskin Lake with support, resources and donations of critical supplies.”

The Chiefs of Ontario and Regional Chief Hare will continue to monitor this changing situation closely and support communities throughout this crisis, as requested.

“I know how difficult this pandemic continues to be, but I am urging all to not let your guard down and continue to practice preventative measures, such as mask-wearing and physical distancing, to keep our elders, families and communities safe. We are all in this together and we will weather this storm.”

## ...The Odawa woman who wasn't: Margaret's story

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Brunswick where he's been a longtime resident with his wife, Colleen.

Melody, born 1955, served by working in a Salvation Army restaurant in 1977 in Germany. She and her husband, Charles, operated Spruce Hill Nursery in Bristol for 27 years. She recently retired in Bath, New Brunswick.

On September 19, 2007, the Canadian government implemented the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement and subsequent Common Experience Payment Program to compensate residential school students for the egregious treatment they suffered under government policies for over a century.

On June 11, 2008, Canada's then-prime minister, Stephen Harper, offered a full apology on behalf of Canadians for the

Residential School System which began in 1870 as a way for the government to meet its obligations to educate aboriginal children. From 1870 to 1996 when the last residential school closed, Indian Residential schools separated over 150,000 aboriginal children from their families, their community and their heritage.

Margaret was one of those children. She overcame many different hardships, suffered every indignity with compassion and grace and kept her sense of humor. Though deprived of her birthright, she lived an authentic life of service for which her children and all who knew her can be grateful and proud. The Canadian government's settlement and apology came too late for Marguerite Gabow Wassegijig – this Odawa woman and countless others.

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## Part I of a series

# Women remembered at candlelight vigil amid calls for prevention, elimination of gender-based violence

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is Part I of a series. Statistics and stories of gender-based violence and violence against women make it clear that remembering lives lost or harmed is important but in itself is not enough. The series will explore the causes of gender-based violence, examine one or more issues in depth, and provide actions each of us can take to help prevent and eliminate gender-based violence.

by **Lori Thompson,**  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

**MINDEMOYA**—December 6, 2021 was the 32nd anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. On that day in 1989, 14 women were murdered, and many others injured, when a man entered an engineering classroom at Montreal's École Polytechnique, asked the men to leave the room and began shooting the women left behind. Canada's Parliament has since designated December 6 as the National Day of Action on Violence Against Women. Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) again held a virtual candlelight vigil to remember those women and to call for the prevention and elimination of gender-based violence.

MFR outreach worker Nicole Jol began by remembering those 14 women: Annie-Marie Edward, Anne-Marie Lemay, Annie St-Arneault, Annie Turcotte, Barbara Daigneault, Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz, Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Maud Haviernick, Maryse Lananière, Maryse Leclair, Michèle Richard, Nathalie Croteau and Sonia Pelletier.

That action was misogynistic, fueled by a hatred of women and a desire to see them subordinate to men, Ms. Jol stated. "The man entered an engineering classroom. He asked the men to leave the room and then started firing upon those women. After, he then roamed the corridors of the university, searching for more women to kill before he ended his own life. In a letter, he stated his frustrations about women who took opportunities from men, and shared further names of women he planned to kill."

The violence hasn't stopped since 1989. Ms. Jol asked attendees to also reflect on those lost during the Toronto van attack on April 23, 2018. The van driver was part of the 'incel' movement, she explained. Incel refers to 'involuntary celibacy' and it's a movement motivated by revenge, based on perceived social and sexual rejection by women.

We should turn our mourning for the tragic loss of life into a commitment "to fight the systematic hatred and oppression that leads to gender-based violence and violence against women," she said. December 6 is part of the 16 days of activism against gender-based violence. It's an annual and international campaign that starts on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against

Women and runs until the tenth of December, Human Rights Day. The campaign was started by activists at the Global International Women's Institute in 1991 and is coordinated each year by the Centre for Women's Leadership.

Gender-based violence are those actions that are taken by one or more people to intentionally cause harm to someone based on their gender and can take physical or emotional forms. It can be name calling of someone based on their gender, or it can be hitting, pushing, shoving, stalking, harassment, control, manipulation, preventing someone from leaving a space, or sexual assault. Gender-based violence can happen anywhere, within families or romantic relationships, at home, work, school or within communities.

Sixty-seven percent of Canadians know a woman who has experienced physical and sexual abuse, noted Ms. Jol. "The risk of gender-based violence increases with additional discrimination barriers, such as having disabilities, being Black, Indigenous or a person of colour, or marginalized by being homeless or underhoused and without access to services that meet their needs, especially in rural or remote areas. Women living with a disability are three times more likely to experience violence."

In domestic violence situations, women are more likely to experience more severe forms of domestic violence than men. "Men are more likely to initiate violence to dominate and control whereas women are more likely to use violence to protect themselves," Ms. Jol explained. "Four out of 10 women have experienced some form of intimate partner violence in their lives."

Sexual assault is another form of gender-based violence, with women representing 92 percent of police-reported sexual assault. People who identify as homosexual or bisexual have higher risks and experience six times higher rates of sexual assault. It's the only violent crime in Canada that is not currently in decline, Ms. Jol said. "Approximately 4.7 million or 30 percent of all women aged 15 and older have been sexually assaulted outside of a sexual relationship at least once since the age of 15."

Sexual assault refers to "sexual assault contact behaviour that occurs without the express consent of the victim," said Ms. Jol. "When I say consent, I mean verbal and more or less enthusiastic consent for an explicit sexual act or touching. Not saying anything is not a yes. No is not a yes. Moving away is not a yes."

She also spoke about human trafficking as a form of gender-based violence, largely affecting women, girls and sexual and gender-diverse people. Human trafficking includes the grooming,

recruiting, transporting, holding, isolating victims to exploit them or to help someone exploit them, generally for sexual purposes or for work. Sex trafficking affects all demographics but particularly impacts people who lack support networks, have fewer economic opportunities, or who have previously experienced violence.

The majority of human trafficking in Canada occurs in urban centres but in Ontario, it mostly happens on our 400 series highways. "Victims are moved from hotel to hotel, being sold to different people who are buying sex along the highway," Ms. Jol said. "We are located between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury, which are two very large hotspots for human trafficking and within the community, Indigenous women and girls and the LGBTQ communities are overrepresented in human trafficking."

Why does gender-based violence remain so prevalent in our society? "Gender inequality, unequal power relationships, widespread sexist sociocultural ideas and structures that reinforce the idea that needs and structures, rights and beliefs of men are more important and are more current those of women, girls, and gender-diverse populations. Gender equality is not only fundamental to human

rights but a necessary foundation for a stable world."

Colonial systems and laws which especially affect First Nations people, Metis and Inuit women are also contributing factors, she said. Indigenous women are seven times more likely to be killed compared to non-Indigenous women.

Many lives have been lost to gender-based violence. Approximately every six days, a woman loses her life in Canada, killed by her intimate partner. Between 2019 and 2020, 37 Ontario women lost their lives to

gender-based violence.

"Working in this violence against women work for quite a while and being a feminist my whole life, it's still overwhelming seeing everything that has happened and all the work that needs to be done to reduce gender-based violence in our communities," Ms. Jol said.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only amplified the gender-based violence we see in our community, she added. "I see it in the work that I do, and I want to take a moment with all of you who

were able to join us this evening, to take a few moments to remember those who have lost their lives, those who continue to be harmed by gender-based violence, and to reflect upon our role as we move forward in reducing GBV in our community and in Canada and the world."

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

**notice**

**Kevin and Mr. Mel Presents**

**DONATE YOUR EMPTIES EVENT**

**When:** All January/February long  
**Why:** Raising money for a deposit for a new therapy dog.

**Where:** Empties (LCBO or Beer Store products, cans or bottles) can be dropped off at 10 Cherry Lane or a pick up can be arranged.

Call Kevin at 705-822-9937  
*Looking for a hand up not a hand out.*

*Anything you can donate will be much appreciated, thank you in advance from Kevin and Mr. Mel.*



**KENJGEWIN TEG**

*Inspired Learning for everyone!*

**Check out the upcoming courses at Kenjgewin Teg on page 2.**

**WWW.KENJGEWINTEG.CA**  
**705-377-4342**

**The Cutoff for Boxed Display Ads is Friday**



Students have been back in school online for over a week now. Not being able to do face-to-face learning has its challenges, including the common problem of poor internet, but everyone is trying their best.

After all day of sitting inside looking at a screen, make sure to get some fresh air during lunch or afterschool. It has been a little chilly lately which has made this more difficult. A cold weather joke for you:

How do you search Google on freezing cold days?  
The Winternet.

As of press time, students are still set to return to in-class learning next week, on Monday, January 17th. This is subject to change based on epidemiological data, public health trends, and operational considerations (preparedness for the safe return of staff and students). More information on student's return to school will be available as soon as it is announced by the provincial government and local school boards.

## M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



**Rachael Orford**

Due to the move to online learning and uncertainties that we face, the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) has decided that there will be no final exams or culminating activities for all secondary students. This means that there will be no 30% final evaluation tests or assignments. The original examination days scheduled from Friday, January 28th to Wednesday, February 2nd, will now be instructional days. This maximizes instructional time for classes and allows students to catch up on anything they may have fallen behind on.

Joining me in The Expositor is another new column from MSS! The new Eco-Hero program brought to you by the SHARE/Go-Green club will have its own column out-

lining MSS students who are making a difference environmentally. Along with this, the extracurricular club will be sharing some of the group's activities in the column. SHARE/Go-Green set up the Eco-Hero program with the intent to inspire and encourage other students to

become more eco-conscious in their daily lives. In order to be a part of the program and featured in the student focused part of the Eco-Hero column, MSS students must fill out a Google Form online. On the form, students can check off all of the eco-actions they make in their everyday lives. Some actions could include taking shorter showers to reduce the use of water, reducing plastic use, or avoiding single-use gift wrap.

Joke of the week: What did the icy road say to the car "Want to go for a spin?"

Upcoming events include more online learning! Until the next time, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"





**Conseil des Services du District de  
Manitoulin-Sudbury**  
District Services Board

210 boul Mead Blvd  
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9  
Telephone/Téléphone: (705) 862-7850  
Fax/Télécopteur: (705) 862-7805  
<http://www.msdsb.net>

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The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Social Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.


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The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

**Administrative Assistant**  
**Permanent Full-Time**  
Competition #2021-11-AD  
Closing date: January 13, 2022  
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at  
[www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

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

**Part-time positions available**




is seeking individuals with layout/pagination/desktop publishing skills and a knack for design and demonstrable skills in the use of

- Quark Express
- Adobe InDesign

The newspaper has part-time positions available to assist in the paper's Monday night layout in preparation for printing. (In the event of holiday Mondays and other occasions, newspaper layout will sometimes occur on Fridays.)

*Please send your resume and relevant details to: [editor@manitoulin.com](mailto:editor@manitoulin.com).*

PLEASE NOTE: Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.



**Children's Community Network**  
**Réseau communautaire pour enfants**  
is currently seeking a  
**SERVICE COORDINATOR & FGDM/ ADR COORDINATION**  
for the Manitoulin office

Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week  
Salary range: \$26.67 to 40.08 per hour

The successful candidate will provide screening for service eligibility/priority for a range of children's services and provide information about services and supports available for children and youth in the assigned area. They will provide Coordinated Service Planning for families of children and youth with complex needs, refer children and youth to appropriate services, link children and youth to initial services and, activate crisis services when required.


The successful candidate will also provide coordination for the Child Welfare Alternative Dispute Resolution Services that Children's Community Network (CCN) provides. The candidate will coordinate and lead Family Group Decision Making conferences with extended family members, community members, child protection workers, and service providers to develop plans that address identified protection concerns. The incumbent must be a member of the Ontario Family Group Conferencing Coordinator Roster, or be able to obtain CCN provided training to become a qualified member of the Roster.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention. He/She must possess a BSW or equivalent degree in a related profession. Experience in and ability to coordinate services, to empower clients and conduct comprehensive needs assessments is required. The candidate must be self-motivated and able to work independently. Exceptional leadership, inter-personal, problem-solving and organizational skills are further requirements for this position.

A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle, and current insurance are required, travel throughout the assigned area may be expected. The successful candidate must provide a clear vulnerable sector criminal reference check. The potential candidate will be expected to work from home at this time.

Those interested in this position should send their current resumes to:  
Mary-Katherine Howe - Executive Director  
Children's Community Network  
Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547  
Fax: (705) 521-7376  
Email: [mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca](mailto:mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca)  
Posted: November 26, 2021- January 14, 2022

Children's Community Network 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 would like to thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



**Noojmowin Teg  
Health Centre**  
A place of healing

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre 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.

*Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage, and cedar, may occur within the work setting.*

*NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.*

**Available Positions:**

- Withdrawal Management Services – Addictions Worker (1FTE Contract)
- Custodian (Contract position)
- Land Base Lead Facilitator (1FTE)
- Mental Health & Addictions Counsellor (1FTE)
- Cultural Support Worker (1FTE)
- Firekeeper/Harvester (1FTE)
- Registered Practical Nurse (1FTE)
- Aging at Home Van Support Drivers (Casual/On-call)
- Physician (1 FTE)
- Traditional Knowledge Keeper (1FTE)

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

**Submission Pre-Requisites:**  
Please submit a cover letter, resume, registration, and 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](mailto:info@noojmowin-teg.ca), by facsimile at (705) 368-3922, or by mail:

Attn: Human Resources  
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540  
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

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





**Employment Opportunity  
CHILD & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH &  
ADDICTIONS WORKER**

Under direction and accountability to Wikwemikong Health Centre, the CYMHAW will provide clinical assessments, planning, treatment and counselling to children and youth of Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve 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 Wikwemikong 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.

Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. 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 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: January 21, 2022 @ 4:00pm**

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

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

ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
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 contact information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

**Deadline: January 21, 2022 @ 4:00pm**

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

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



**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 **January 28, 2022 @ 12:00 NOON**. The successful candidate must provide an acceptable Police Record Check (C.P.I.C.).

*Manitoulin  
Centennial Manor*

has the following positions available

**Two Full Time Cooks**

One of two positions must be filled by a graduate of a culinary course at an approved college (Ontario college or equivalent). Second position but have current Safe Food Handling Certificate. Preference to those with Food Service Worker Certificate and those with food service cooking experience.

**Part-time dietary aid**

Must have current Safe Food Handling Certificate. Preference to those with Food Service Worker Certificate.

**Casual, part-time activity aid**

Must be fully vaccinated for any of the above positions.

Come and join our professional team providing top quality care to our Residents.

Please send resume to:

Manitoulin Centennial Manor  
Postal Bag 460  
Little Current, ON  
POP 1K0  
or email DoCook@extendicare.com





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### KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCSF) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCSF honours and supports our families' and community's inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs.

We are now accepting applications for the following Full-Time Permanent positions which are located on Manitoulin Island:

- Case Aide
- Specialized Services Coordinator
- Child Well-Being Worker

**Closing Date: January 21, 2022**

For additional position details and detailed job description, visit Employment Opportunities on our website at <https://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities>

KGCSF offers competitive wages, immediate and generous benefits package, and an employer matched OMERS pension plan.

At KGCSF we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. KGCSF services are based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify).

AUNDECK OMNI KANING • M'CHIGEENG • SHEGUIANDAH • SHESHEGWANING • WHITEFISH RIVER • ZHIIBAHAASING



### UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING

#### INDIGENOUS RE-INTEGRATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

**Location:** United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Tribal Council – M'Chigeeng First Nation  
**Duration:** Full-time Permanent (pending funding)

The Indigenous Re-integration Supportive Services (IRSS) Program worker provides support to the Manitoulin Youth Justice Services Probation Officer with respect to Indigenous youth aged 12-17, at the time of the offence, who have been found guilty and are currently on probation, conditional supervision or community supervision. Through this program, services will be provided to youth primarily from the six UCCMM member First Nations, as case management directed, and any off-reserve First Nation population in the District of Manitoulin.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Meet regularly with the Youth Probation Officer and the UCCMM Justice Manager to discuss clients, cases, community supervision plans, evaluation of progress and develop treatment plans for youth;
- Work closely with home communities of clients in developing re-integration plans, case management conferences, and ensuring all potential community supports are secured before discharge;
- Liaise with community service providers (i.e. Elders, Social Service and Health Service providers, cultural programs, youth programs, UCCMM Justice Program) to identify resources for youth on Probation;
- Develop community profiles which highlight existing supports and resources, gaps and plans to develop programs and services for youth;
- Maintain client files, database, and quarterly activity, statistical, and financial reports;
- Follow all monitoring directives as laid out in the service contract;
- Maintain strict confidentiality of client identity and information at all times;
- Develop an evaluation tool to solicit feedback from Youth Justice Services, and resources utilized within the six First Nation communities and justice stakeholders (UCCM Anishinabe Police, Manitoulin OPP, Courts, and service agencies, etc.);
- Provide the following supports to youth, as referred by the Youth Probation Officer: Mentorship, Anger Management, Community Service Hours, School Support, Re-integration Support;
- Participate in the Child and Youth Service Providers' Network of Mnidoo Mnising;
- Attend and participate in activities and programming related to the UCCMM Justice Program including but not limited to the U-Turn Program;
- Other related duties as required.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum, post-secondary Social Work diploma or degree, Child and Youth Worker diploma, or equivalent in a helping field;
- Minimum of two years' social services work experience with Indigenous youth;
- Must have knowledge of local Anishinaabe teachings, culture, communities, history, elders and local issues facing Indigenous people;
- Must follow Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles;
- Must have ability to maintain administrative instruments (workplans, reports, files, correspondence);
- Must have knowledge of services available in the Districts of Manitoulin/Sudbury/Algoma for Indigenous people;
- Available to work evenings and weekends as required;
- Valid driver's licence (proof must be provided with application) and access to a vehicle;
- Up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening check if selected.

**Remuneration: \$42,000.00**  
**Closing Date:** Until Filled

#### To Apply:

Mail or deliver a complete package which must include the following:

- 1) cover letter
- 2) resume
- 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence
- 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager.

*Incomplete, emailed or late packages will not be considered. Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.*

Mark "Confidential-IRSS" to:

Hazel Recollet  
Chief Executive Officer  
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising  
Box 275  
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0



MCFHT is looking to fill the following position:

### REGISTERED DIETITIAN CONTRACT POSITION FOR 1 YEAR

The successful candidate will be required to:

#### Position Summary

- Provide Outpatient Dietitian Services across Manitoulin Island
- Provide assessments and counselling related to diet and lifestyle to patients
- Provide health teaching to patients and their family
- Assessing, planning, implementing and evaluating the care of patients
- Collecting and reporting of program statistics

#### Qualifications

- University Degree in BSc in Nutrition and an accredited internship or practicum
- Current membership with the College of Dietitians of Ontario
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Satisfactory criminal reference check
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records is an asset
- Driver's Licence in Good Standing, reliable vehicle and willing to travel
- Full COVID Vaccination Status required

Please submit resume to:

Manitoulin Central Family Health Team  
P.O. Box 150  
Mindemoya, Ontario  
P0P 1S0  
Attn: Lori Oswald  
Fax: 1-855-908-2517  
Email: [manitoulincentralfht@amtelecom.net](mailto:manitoulincentralfht@amtelecom.net)

Please reply in writing no later than 4:00pm, January 21, 2022

\*Only those selected for an interview will be contacted\*



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOUR (4) EMERGENCY SHELTER WORKER CONTRACT

#### Summary

The Emergency Low Barrier Shelter is designated to provide safe and warm lodging for individuals who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves to be homeless. This shelter aims to provide a real need for safe beds for individuals who do not meet the intake standards laid out by other shelter programs.

#### Responsibilities

1. As part of a team, be responsible for the day-to-day operations;
2. Supervise individuals accessing services;
3. Provide a safe, accessible and trustworthy space;
4. Complete intakes/discharges and referrals;
5. Establish and maintain rapport with individuals accessing the service;
6. Implement policies and procedures and residency agreements in the spirit of fairness and respect;
7. Support individuals' efforts to attain their goals through advocacy, research, and appropriate referrals;
8. Work as a resource for individuals, particularly around housing issues, support and advocacy;
9. Participate in on-going team building, to ensure peer accountability, strong communication and support;
10. Use intervention and mediation skills to defuse potential conflicts;
11. Perform light housekeeping and maintenance duties to ensure a safe work environment;
12. Administrative duties, including case management, record keeping;
13. Participate in team activities, training and decision-making;
14. Provide programming supports as identified;
15. Shift work that includes nights, evenings, and weekends;
16. Encourage and promote life skills within individuals.

#### Qualifications

- Have an intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people
- Knowledge of traditional wellness approaches to healing
- Effective communication skills, both written and verbal
- Strong conflict resolution, and organizational skills
- Creative problem-solving and solution focused
- Certificates in: Safe Food Handlers, Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, First Aid, CPR, Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (willingness to obtain)
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work
- Ability to work in a team approach and with minimal supervision

As per WUT policy, this position is open to members of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, and 2 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, Ontario P0P 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164  
Fax: 705.859.3300  
Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: January 21, 2022 @ 12:00pm**

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







## Request For Proposal

### SALARY, BENEFITS AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE REVIEW

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) is seeking proposals for professional services to conduct a comprehensive salary, benefits, and organizational structure review for the Band Administration. This includes the Wikwemikong Board of Education (WBE), the Wikwemikong Health Centre (WHC), and all other departments within WUT administration. The review would occur for the period from appointment to March 31, 2022.

**MINIMUM CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS AND COMPETENCIES:**

The Proponent's team must have the cross-functional expertise necessary to provide appropriate recommendations. This includes relevant expertise within the following fields at a minimum:

- Health care
- Education
- Indigenous language education and preservation
- Finance and Accounting
- Social services
- Public works / infrastructure
- Residential construction


**Deliverables**

- Final report with the work product that includes recommendations on:
  - Modifications to WUT and WBE's total compensation and benefits, including proposed salary grid revisions and an incentive compensation program
  - Revisions to job descriptions
  - Detailed methodologies for:
    - Periodic ongoing job evaluation, as part of ongoing maintenance of the proposed classification and compensation system
    - Evaluating employee performance under the proposed classification and compensation system
  - Revisions to compensation policies that support the proposed classification and compensation system
  - A transition plan for such modifications
  - An analysis of emerging trends and total compensation for WUT and WBE to consider
- Presentation of the final report and final work product to Chief and Council

**For more information:**

- Requests for a full RFP and any inquiries may be addressed to Bryan Wakegijig, Director of Finance, [bryanwakegijig@wiikwemkoong.ca](mailto:bryanwakegijig@wiikwemkoong.ca)

**DEADLINE: Monday, January 31, 2022 @ 2:00 p.m.**



## MANITOULIN PLANNING BOARD

40 WATER STREET - UNIT 1 - P.O. BOX 240 - GORE BAY - ONTARIO - P0P 1H0  
705-282-2237 705-282-3142

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
Concerning a proposed plan subdivision

Take notice that the Manitoulin Planning Board will hold a public meeting to consider a proposed plan of Subdivision under section 51 of the Planning Act  
Via teleconference at the Manitoulin Planning Board Office  
40 Water Street, Unit 1, Gore Bay, Ontario  
Tuesday, January 25th, 2022 at 7 pm

THE PURPOSE of this application is for a Plan of Subdivision consisting of thirty-five (35) lots for seasonal residential uses. The draft approval for the proposed new lots will be conditional on provisions of the Official Plan for the Manitoulin District, the Provincial Policy Statement 2020, and the Zoning By-law No. 343 for the Township of Barrie Island.

The land subject to the Plan of Subdivision is described as Lots 24, 25, and 26 Conc. VIII and Lot 26 and 27, Conc. VII and Lot 25, Conc. VI and Part of the Municipal Road Allowances within the Township of Barrie Island, Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island, District of Manitoulin.

ANY PERSON may make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed plan of subdivision and may participate in the electronic meeting. If you wish to participate in the electronic meeting, a written request must be received by the Planning Board Office, no later than January 24th, 2022.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to The Manitoulin Planning Board in respect of the proposed plan of subdivision before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of subdivision, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of The Manitoulin Planning Board to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

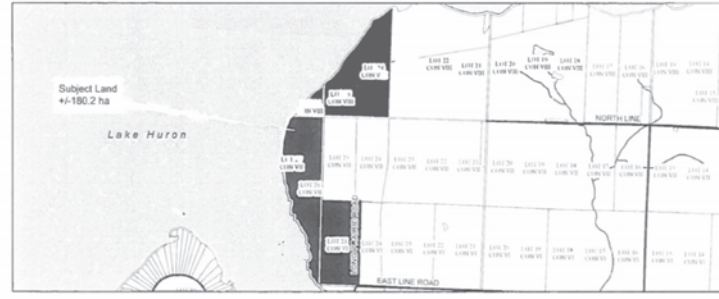
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IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Manitoulin Planning Board in respect of this proposed plan of subdivision, you must make a written request to the Manitoulin Planning Board, P.O. Box 240, Gore Bay, ON, P0P 1H0.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed plan of subdivision is available by contacting the Manitoulin Planning Board in Gore Bay between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. [Ref. File No.: SUB2022-01]

Dated at Gore Bay  
This 5th Day of January, 2022

Theresa Carlisle, ACST  
Secretary-Treasurer  
[mpbcarlisle@bellnet.ca](mailto:mpbcarlisle@bellnet.ca)



## HELP WANTED

United Manitoulin Islands Transit is seeking an experienced environmental engineer with expertise in contracting and procurement, to research, and advise on a project development framework to transition our local transit system to electric vehicles and charging stations that will serve customers on an on-demand basis. The successful candidate will:


- Evaluate sustainability (financial, social and environmental) of UMIT's current gas-powered bus services
- Execute a gas-powered on-demand rideshare field study to validate Blaise Transit software for Manitoulin Island
- Use field study information to evaluate sustainability of a capital project to introduce a network of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, paired with an electric fleet to immediately transition gas-powered on-demand rideshare to a community-owned electric rideshare system
- Deliver a shovel ready capital project plan to execute the transition to an electric sustainable, affordable, accessible and clean public transit system for all residents on Manitoulin Island by end of 2026
- Prepare a strategic plan to transition UMIT's gas-powered transit services to a fully electric transit service by 2030

Please submit a resume outlining relevant experience and an expression of interest to [info@umit.ca](mailto:info@umit.ca) by **January 20th, 2022 at 4:00 pm.**

## Death Notice

### TERRENCE CRAIG JOHNSTON

"Terry"



Terry was born and raised in Sudbury and married to the love of his life and soulmate, Paula. He was looking forward to retiring with her in their home on Manitoulin Island and fighting over who would spoil their future grandchildren. He loved music, cooking, and travelling to sunny destinations to enjoy the sun and sand. He worked for Vale for 32 years and spent most of his career in transportation. He was well known by many as "60", and his shift will all tell you they looked forward to storytime with Uncle Terry. Dearly loved son of Betty (nee Hembruff) and Clive "Pete" Johnston (predeceased). Brother to Carol Ferguson (Jamie), Chris (predeceased) (Joanne). Loving father of Delaney (Alex) and Ryder, step-father of Daniel, Stephanie (Mike), Sarah, and Renee-Lise. Greatly missed by his in-laws Paulette and Larry Belleville, special brother-in-law to Tammy Belleville and Raymond Belleville (Miriam). Lovingly remembered by his nieces and nephews, Jeff (Kayla), Jennifer (Clifton), Kyle (Karlie), Brady, Michelle (predeceased), Jesse (Ekaterina), Kaiden, and Memphis. Thank-you to the Sudbury Fire Department, EMS, and HSN ER staff, for your kindness and support during Terry's sudden passing. You gave us space and time and the family is forever grateful. Memorial Service in the R.J. Barnard Chapel, Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home, 233 Larch Street, Sudbury was on Sunday, January 2, 2022 at 3 pm. Friends gathered after 1 pm Sunday, January 2, 2022. For those who were unable to attend, the service can be viewed by livestream: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1640664154156013>. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Northern Cancer Foundation would be appreciated. For donations and messages of condolence, [LougheedFuneralhomes.com](http://LougheedFuneralhomes.com).

## Death Notice

### MARGARET LOUISA WALKER

(nee Smith)

December 1929 - December 25, 2021



Margaret Louisa Walker (Smith) passed away in peace and comfort at the age of 92 on Saturday, December 25, 2021 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. She joined her beloved late husband, Douglas Walker, for Christmas Day. Cherished mother of Brenda Arrowsmith (Donald) and Bruce Walker (Lorraine). Proud grandmother of Jamie Arrowsmith (Katie Schell) and Dana Arrowsmith, and great-grandmother of her precious Elizabeth and Douglas Arrowsmith. Predeceased by much loved siblings and their spouses, Grenville Smith, Mervyn Smith and Muriel Talcott (Smith). Survived by brothers Harold Smith and Lawrence Smith (Sandy) and sister-in-law Deanna Walker (late David Walker). Predeceased by parents Chester and Florence Smith. A special aunt to several nieces and nephews and two generations of great-nieces and nephews. Margaret was born on the family farm near Manitowaning on Manitoulin Island in December 1929. She met her life-long sweetheart, Douglas, while working in Little Current. Married in 1950, they reached their 70th wedding anniversary in 2020. The young couple moved to the Sault in 1951, although 'The Island' remained dear to her heart. Marg and Doug enjoyed a happy life, made rich by fast friendships, community service involvements, extensive travel, skiing, ballroom and square dancing, and their much-loved congregation at The Community of Christ Church. Margaret also enjoyed her years of association with the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. She was blessed with many talents. Everything she did was representative of her best efforts and high standards. She loved to cook for people, often providing meals for neighbours in times of need. Above all, family came first. The family would like to thank the staff at Maple View Extencicare for their care and compassion over the last four years. Memorial contributions to the The Community of Christ or a charity of your choice are much appreciated. Family and friends were invited to visit at the Arthur Funeral Home - Barton & Kiteley Chapel (492 Wellington Street East 705-759-2522, COVID restrictions were followed, masks were required) on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. Cremation followed the visitation. A Graveside Service to be held at Hilly Grove Cemetery, Manitoulin Island will be announced in the spring of 2022. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [ArthurFuneralHome.com](http://ArthurFuneralHome.com) for the Walker family.



## Death Notices

### BRUCE DUNCANSON



Bruce Duncanson of Gore Bay and Silver Water, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at the age of 91. Survived by his loving wife Irene, for over 63 years. Cherished father of Jeff (Judy) and Glenn (Robin). Special grandpa to Grace and Owen; uncle to nieces Debbie Brotherston and Judy (Frank) Nocera. He will also be sadly missed by his sisters-in-law Alberta Graham, Ardith Cull and Gladys (Murray) Duncanson; brothers-in-law Oliver (Sue) Coburn and Hubert McGibbon; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Predeceased by his parents Arden and Ruth (Buck) Duncanson, sister Norine (Emil) Bub, brother-in-law Jack Cull, sisters-in-law Frances (Chesley) Wallace, Betty McGibbon and Barbara McCannell. Bruce lived for family and community. He was a charter member of the Robinson Local Services Board. He was a volunteer with the local fire department until the age of 80, as well as a member of the Community Hall board and the local school board. He was a steward at St Andrew's United Church for over 60 years. He also found his singing voice later in life and joined the choir. From an early age, Bruce worked the family farm with his father, while (like Glen Campbell) he worked as a "Lineman for the County" doing line repairs. He spent many years doing road construction and plowing snow. He also had a hand in the construction of many of the cottages still enjoyed around Silver Lake, including his own retirement home. Bruce was an avid antique car enthusiast and a talented artist. His hand painted signs were seen all over Manitoulin Island, and Manitoulin Transport continues to carry one of his designs as their logo. Bruce was a well-known fixture at his grandkids' events, rain or shine. He took great pride in their accomplishments, whether it was public speaking, track and field, school plays or hockey games. If there was an event that was important to the grandkids, Grandpa was there. Bruce loved nothing more than meeting new people, and was famous for learning the life story of complete strangers in just a few minutes. He called this the "Duncanson gift." A graveside service will be held at Silver Water Cemetery in the spring of 2022. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Andrew's United Church, Silver Water (cheque to funeral home) or the Mindemoya Hospital (Let's Emerge Together) as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

### RODERICK "RORY" MUTCH

November 21, 1946 - January 5, 2022



Rory, as he was known to friends and family, passed away at home, as per his wishes after a long and difficult journey with vascular disease following an Aortic Dissection in 2013. Rory is survived by his wife Kathryn, of 51 years; daughters Carly and Linsey (Marcel MacDonald) and grandchildren Rowan, Amelia and Rory who called him papa! He leaves behind his siblings Elaine (Tony) Petermann, Linda (George) Seaden and Douglas Mutch and was predeceased by his mother Dinah and father Alexander (Sandy) Mutch. The 15½ years of retirement that Rory and Kathy have lived on Manitoulin Island on Nameless Lake and now in Gore Bay, is the longest that either one has lived anywhere. Rory drove a school bus for six years which gave him lots of time between runs for golf and playing on the property with his chainsaw and tractor. He volunteered at the Visitors' Centre and as treasurer at Misery Bay Provincial Park, on the council of Lyons Memorial United Church and as treasurer of the Gore Bay Curling Club for several years. Rory studied Mining Engineering at University of New Brunswick and then Commerce and Economics at Laurentian University before launching a career in underground mining which took him and his family on some interesting adventures to Ontario mining communities, Onaping, Dowling, Marathon, Timmins and Thunder Bay. The family lived in Queensland, Australia for over three years while his daughters attended high school and he worked in Papua New Guinea, his last overseas job was in Zambia, Africa. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date via the Zoom platform. The family would like to thank Dr. Shelagh McRae, Dr. Maryna Harelnikava and Rev. Mercedes Hughes for their care and compassion during his illness. Donations may be made to the Gore Bay Medical Centre, Mindemoya Hospital (Let's Emerge Together) or the Lyons Memorial United Church and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

### PASTOR MAXINE ELIZABETH McVEY, D.M.

November 2, 1947 - January 6, 2022



In loving memory of Maxine McVey (nee Stewart), who passed peacefully at Health Sciences North on Thursday, January 6, 2022 in her 75th year, with family at her side. Beloved wife of Doran McVey; loving mother of sons Christopher (Clare), Jody (Chantale) and daughter Amanda (Greg). Grandmother of Justin (Brianna deceased), Adam (Katelyn), Logan, Danika, Alyssa, Zachary, Jacob, Aidan and Eric. Daughter of Cecil and Martha Stewart (predeceased). Dear sister of Victoria (Beverly deceased), Gerald (Julia) and Chris (Lorraine). Maxine will also be missed by her extended family, friends and colleagues, especially her dear friend Bea Arnill. After raising an active, engaged family, Maxine pursued her calling and returned to school to become a commissioned Minister in the United Church of Canada. She returned from the Centre for Christian Studies in Toronto to Northern Ontario, where she led congregations at St. James in the Valley United Church and Lyons Memorial United Church in Gore Bay. Many looked to Maxine for spiritual guidance and to conduct their families' baptisms, marriages, and funerals. For her selfless contributions to the community, she was awarded one of the first Order of Ontario Medals in 1986. Maxine was also dedicated to leadership in the wider United Church of Canada, serving on various committees of Sudbury Presbytery, as President, Manitou Conference, as a delegate to General Council, and most recently she helped lead the restructuring of the Church in a time of dynamic social change on the Transition Team and Executive of newly formed Canadian Shield Regional Council. Her work extended beyond the United Church when she was chosen to sit on the Roman Catholic/United Church Dialogue. Maxine's legacy of justice and healing was shown in her strong support of right relations with Indigenous people, both locally in the Sudbury Manitoulin area and in her work with the wider United Church of Canada. She was instrumental in the construction of the Apology Cairn at Laurentian University in Sudbury, marking the site of the 1986 United Church Apology to Indigenous people. She was a most respected and valued member of the Right Relations Resource Team for Canadian Shield; her work in this area profoundly affected her life and spirituality. Maxine loved her family, friends, the Church, her camp, boating, fishing, playing cards and enjoying life. She will be missed by all who knew her. "What we will become we do not yet know, but we need to trust and have faith like Paul so we may say at the end of lives, 'I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race and kept my faith'." Maxine McVey A graveside service and Celebration of her Life will be announced in the Spring/Summer 2022, as circumstances allow. Please share your thoughts, prayers, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca. In lieu of flowers, donations to Lyons Memorial, Little Current or St. James United Churches would be greatly appreciated.

### MARLENE JEAN SPRY (nee Campbell)

June 17, 1949 - January 8, 2022



In loving memory of Marlene Jean Spry (nee Campbell) who passed away peacefully at the Mindemoya Hospital on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the age of 72. Beloved wife of Lee Spry. Loving mother of Leigh Ann (Bob) Phillips, Michael (Carrie) Spry and Kevin Spry. Cherished grandmother of Marshal Spry, Colby Spry, Adam Spry, Erin Spry and Leah Carrick. Dear sister-in-law of Stewart (Mary) Spry, Carol (Jack predeceased) Love, David Spry (predeceased) and Bernard Spry (Georgina Holmes) (both predeceased). Sister of Theresa (Howard) Elliott. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Cremation has taken place and a graveside service will follow in the spring. Memorial donations may be made in honour of Marlene to the Mindemoya Hospital "Let's Emerge Together" fund or the Mindemoya Hospital Auxilliary. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

### CATHERINE IRENE (CARRENE) ENGLISH

(nee Lang)

March 25, 1942 - December 8, 2021

Catherine Irene (Carrene) English, nee Lang, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at the Margaret Bahen Hospice in Newmarket, Ontario at the age of 79. Carrene was born on March 25, 1942 in Sudbury, Ontario to John and Katherine Lang. After completing her secondary education in Sudbury, she enrolled in St. Michael's Hospital School of Nursing in Toronto, where she graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1964. In that same year, she married Dennis English; they recently celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary. Carrene is predeceased by her son, John David. She is survived by her husband Dennis, her daughter Jennifer and son Michael (Lillian), her grandsons Jonathan (Heather) and William, her brother John Barron (Reni) and sister Anita Tootsie (John). Carrene worked as a Registered Nurse for over 30 years, initially in hospital settings and later in the community where she established and maintained a network of specimen collection centres throughout Ontario for Hospitals-in-Common Laboratories. Following retirement, Carrene and Dennis moved to Mindemoya on Manitoulin Island where she was active in the parish of Our Lady of Canada, and was an executive member of the Central Manitoulin Women's Institute. Carrene was the family historian who readily recalled the dates of all the significant life events of her extended family. She was also an avid gardener who loved growing flowers; and a wise mentor to her family and friends, bringing a caring yet practical approach to solving life's problems. A Requiem Mass was held at Our Lady of Grace Church, 15347 Yonge Street in Aurora at 1 pm on Saturday, December 11, 2021. A reception followed at the Thompson Funeral Home, 530 Industrial Parkway Street, Aurora Ontario. COVID-19 protocols were in place.

### WILLIAM WALTER RALPH MOGGY

October 30, 1928 - January 3, 2022



Ralph passed away peacefully at the Wikwemkong Nursing Home early evening January 3, 2022. He was born and raised on the family farm in Bidwell by parents Reid and Nina and later step-mother Ruth, along with sisters Leona (Herb Reid) (both predeceased), Eileen (Earl Leeson predeceased), Caryl (predeceased) (Barb) and half-brothers Melvin (Linda) and Bruce (Joanne). Ralph was a farmer his whole life except for a brief stint with hydro, when the lines came through the Manitowaning area. He attended school in Bidwell and played ball at the local ball diamond there as well. Winters he helped his father logging in the bush but his passion was farming from the beginning to the very end of his life. He married Audrey Lewis (predeceased) and raised six sons, Larry (Sue), Dallas (predeceased) (Noella), Blaine (Fran), Royce (predeceased), Marvin and Terry (Joyce). He is also fondly remembered by sister-in-law Jeannine Lewis (Jim predeceased), his grandchildren Devin, Derrick, Angie, Darcie, Andrew, Amanda, Geoffrey, Melissa, Matthew, Kendra and Dylan, as well as great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. At one time Ralph had one of the largest beef herds in Northern Ontario which was a source of pride for him and a testament to his hard work and love of farming. He could often be heard singing above the sounds of the tractor as he worked the land. Ralph coached hockey for many years and was an ardent fan of "Hockey Night in Canada." He was known as a quiet, hard-working and honest man who when meeting friends and strangers alike always asked "How are you today?" Donations in memory of Ralph can be made to the Wikwemikong Nursing Home Building Fund.

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



## Smith Family Foundation will help Silver Water community hall

by Tom Sasvari  
SILVER WATER—Thanks to a substantial donation from the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation, needed repairs at the front steps of the Silver Water community hall will take place.

The Smith family foundation has again this year provided a donation of \$10,000 to the Silver Water Community Centre board. Willie Hunter, chair of the board, told The Expositor last week, “because of COVID-19 we have not been able to raise money with dinners and other events. To receive a donation of \$10,000 from the Smith Family Foundation is like a godsend.”

“It is fantastic, and we feel so fortunate to have received this support again this year,” said Mr. Hunter. He explained the funds will go toward the improvements needed to be made to replace the front steps of the community centre as well as other improvements.

Jeffrey Smith, executive vice-president of Manitoulin Group of Companies told The Expositor, “We are thrilled to continue our support of Silver Water Community Hall. The people of Silver Water and Robinson Township have always supported our company in so many ways.”

“Through our foundation, we are proud to support this hall that is vital to the community,” said Mr. Smith. “I’ve attended events there, my father has played in his band there many times, and I played for the Silver Water baseball team for many years so our connection is very personal.”

Mr. Hunter said, “hopefully we will be able to get a quote for the work in the spring. We are absolutely tickled pink that we received this type of support.”

## Death Notice

**VALERIE ANNE BOYTER**  
April 8, 1954 - January 6, 2022



In loving memory of Valerie Anne Boyter, nee Nahwegahbow, who began her spiritual journey in the early morning hours of Thursday, January 6, 2022. Valerie, the eldest daughter of Clarence and Marjorie Nahwegahbow, was born on Thursday, April 8, 1954 in Little Current, Ontario. Through her years as a mother, Valerie guided her four sons, Jeffrey, Todd, Shane and Tanner. Although she hesitated to fully acknowledge her impact on the lives of her sons, little did she know that her future work as receptionist for Weejeendimin Native Resource Centre in Kitchener, Ontario would become the impetus for change for them and her as well. She encouraged her sons to become immersed in their Indigenous heritage and supported them to embrace their culture and traditions in their own way, whether through drumming or learning their Ojibway teachings. As her sons grew, Valerie’s presence in the Indigenous community impacted not only the friends of her sons, but also many young people whom she encountered in her role as receptionist. In the years which followed, as her sons grew and grandchildren arrived, Valerie hoped that they too would be proud of their heritage. Gifted with eight grandchildren, she now leaves a legacy in Tanner James Christian, Maegan Boyter-Mandawoub, Montana Boyter, Kendall Boyter, McKenna Boyter, Rylan Boyter, Matthew Boyter, and Colton Boyter-Mandawoub. Valerie’s wicked sense of humour, quick comebacks and smart-ass approach to life earned her the honour as our flamboyant family historian. No visit to Valerie’s home was ever humdrum and all visits ended either with laughter or one yearning for the good old days. Whether cooking brisket for a visiting sister who was then a young mother with two children in tow or filling the request of a niece for her famous lemon cookies; Valerie cooked and baked her way into our lives, she was our Chef Extraordinaire. Our enthusiastic story-teller also held a quiet side; her voracious appetite for reading and her love of books could fill a library. She loved her books so much that even a worn out leg on her favourite reading chair did not deter her and it promptly became the recipient of her custom repair. The strategic placement of some well-loved hardcover books substituted as a new leg; thereby restoring her reading space to its former glory; renewed and ready for another session with a good book. Perhaps the most memorable story our story-teller shared was about the dream she had of her brother, in the months following his death. In her dream, Valerie’s best friend and big brother Harold came to reassure her that he was alright. She recalled how comforting his smile was as she watched him casually lean on a fence in front of an old homestead. We who love her are certain that in the early morning hours of Thursday, January 6, 2022, Valerie’s big brother Harold was waiting to greet her in this meeting place as she came to the end of her earthly journey. We will miss you dear mother, grandmother, sister, auntie, niece and friend. No goodbyes, just so long, for we know we will meet again. Visitation will be held at Island Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm, where the funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 11 am. Cremation to follow. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there is a limit of 20 people allowed in the funeral home at any given time. You must book a time slot through Valerie’s notice on IslandFuneralHome.ca. Visitors must show proof of double vaccination, wear masks and social distance. Donations may be made to the White Owl Native Ancestry Association.



### thank you

Since Be passed away on December 17, we have had so many friends and neighbours supporting us, with beautiful flowers, food, lovely sympathy cards and friendly messages. For all of this kindness we thank you very much.  
Debbie Hietkamp and family

A very special thank you to four ladies who made Christmas alot brighter for me. Jackie Legge, Janice Abbott, Erin Smith and Laura Dewar, thank you for the beautiful Christmas stocking full of goodies and the cuddle blanket. God bless you and all the best in 2022.  
Sincerely, Crystal Saumier

### in memoriam

CULIGAN—In loving memory of Ted Culigan, January 14, 2017.  
We will never forget this day when you died five years ago...but because you lived, we remember and celebrate you every day.  
Forever,  
Barb, Andy, Dawn, Willow MaryJane and Sean

### in memoriam

NEVILLS—Today marks the second-year anniversary of Marion J Nevills’ passing. I am sure that many of you have heard the saying that time heals all wounds, but so far that has not been the case for Tim and me. If anything, the passage of time has only served to magnify our sense of grief and loss.

We miss her unique spirit and attitude more and more with every day that passes. The mischievous twinkle in her eyes and wry smile were always a signal that something good was about to happen. The sound of her laugh followed by the shaking of the ice cubes in her glass signaled that it was time for another round of drinks. She was the life of the party and the glue that held us together.

I cannot tell you how many times I have reached to pick up the phone to call her for some sage advice and understanding only to realize in a second or two that she was no longer there to answer the phone. Holidays, birthdays, family anniversaries and celebrations are just not the same or as much fun without her. From the very earliest memories of my life, she was always there. She was a great mom, sister, wife and grandmother. She instinctively knew what to say in any situation and how to handle all of the challenges that life throws at you. She had a very unique combination of talents that came from a place of experience, love and wisdom. Now all that is left for Tim and me is pictures, videotapes and memories of her.

When I visit Timmy on the Island, we still feel her presence and we know that in some way she is still there, looking out for us and happy that he and I get along so well and support each other as much as possible. She lives on in our hearts and memories and will continue to do so as long as we are alive. We miss you and love you more than words can express.  
Love, Tim and Krash

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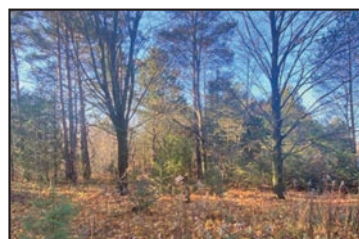
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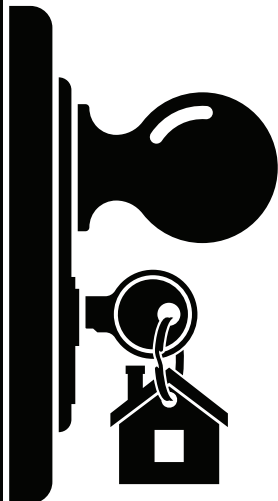


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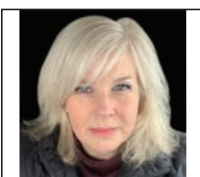


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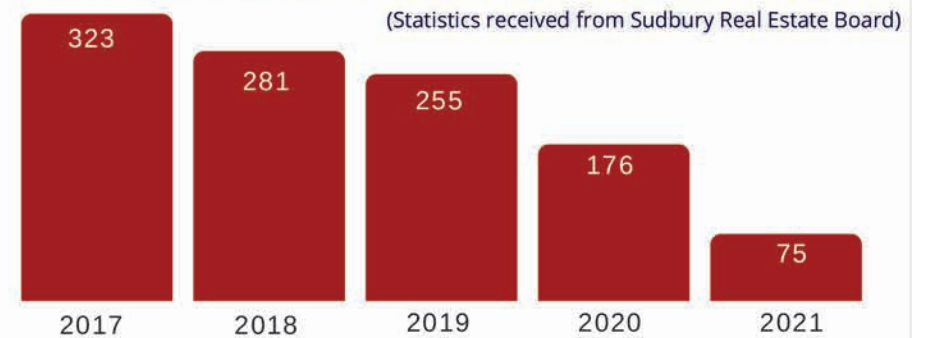


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