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**BACK HOME FROM TRAVELS**—Family friend Reg Drolet, left, and husband Ned wrestle the fabric art 'Mended World' into position on the wall of the sanctuary of Little Current United Church last week, as daughter Grace and fabric artist Judy Martin hold the ladders steady. The quilt, one of four created by 144 volunteers under the direction of Ms. Martin, has returned home from a globe trotting exhibition. All four pieces are displayed at the church.

photo by Michael Erskine

## Judy Martin's community sewing fabric art project back home after four-continent tour

by Michael Erskine

**LITTLE CURRENT**—Like most creatives, fibre artist Judy Martin usually works in solitude, crafting her award-winning creations in her studio above the Northeast Town municipal offices. But she

describes her time with the Manitoulin Circle Project at Little Current United Church as one of the highlights of her career. This past week, *Mended World*, one of the four quilts created during that project that has toured the globe

as part of *Masterworks: Abstract and Geometric* (a Studio Art Quilt Associates global exhibition), returned to join its three sister quilts adorning the walls of the Little Current United Church ...continued on page 15

## Municipalities', First Nations' input sought on fate of old swing bridge after replacement

by Tom Sasvari

**MANITOULIN**—While council for the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is in favour of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) seeking support from the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) to remove and/or demolish the existing swing bridge in Little Current, at least one First Nation chief and a resident of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) oppose this recommendation.

Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island confirmed his council's endorsement of the request that the MTO will be making, following a council meeting last week. "We discussed the Highway 6 Little Current swing

bridge study, a heritage impact assessment (HIA) report that has been prepared. I think it is worth supporting the MTO on the recommendation," stated Reeve Hayden.

"The study also calls for measures to mitigate the loss of cultural heritage value or interest (CHVI) associated with removal of the Little Current swing bridge, including documentation of the bridge prior to removal, commemoration of the bridge, and sympathetic design of the replacement bridge, including use of salvaged materials in the new design where practicable," said Reeve Hayden. "The study went through all the stages of this whole project, before it has to be removed and as it has been indicated, the bridge has served its life and has become a safety concern and will cost a lot more in the future."

It's part of the Manitoulin Island history," stated Patsy Corbiere, chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation and chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising. "I don't know how the local people are going to react to this recommendation. I won't be agreeing to this recommendation."

"There needs to be another

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## Manitoulin Health Centre applauds province's move to speed foreign-trained nurses into the workforce

*Island hospitals need staff members*

by Lori Thompson,

**Local Journalism Initiative Reporter MANITOULIN**—Ontario's current nursing shortage is a crisis of epic proportions. Last November, the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) told Premier Doug Ford in an open letter, "the shortage of registered nurses (RNs) in our province has reached a crisis and is spiraling out of control." The RNAO has estimated that "Ontario entered the COVID-19 pandemic nearly

22,000 RNs short of the rest of Canada, on a per capita basis."

At a press conference on January 11, Christine Elliot, Ontario's deputy premier and minister of health, announced that internationally trained nurses will be allowed to work in Ontario hospitals and long-term care facilities to ease staffing challenges intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The internationally educated professionals will be deployed

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## Kenjgewin Teg receives authority to grant certificates, diplomas, degrees

*Accredited as Indigenous Institute*

by Michael Erskine

**M'CHIGEENG**—Members of the academic community celebrated an historic moment last week with the announcement that Kenjgewin Teg has been accredited to grant certificates, diplomas and degrees. The press conference was held virtually at 11 am on Friday, January 14.

The announcement means that Kenjgewin Teg is now an accredited Indigenous Institute in Ontario authorized by the Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council (IAESC). Indigenous Institutes are the third pillar in Ontario's post-secondary education sector (the other two being colleges and universities) and means that, once a successful organization review is completed, Kenjgewin Teg will be able to offer certificates, diplomas and degrees.

The press conference was

opened "in a good way" by Dr. Rhonda Hopkins, Kenjgewin Teg's first full-time faculty mem-

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## Silver Water home lost to daytime fire

by Tom Sasvari

**SILVER WATER**—A fire destroyed the home of a Silver Water resident last Thursday morning.

"When I saw the huge column of smoke when we got close to the house fire scene, I knew it was going to be a bad fire," stated Tim Mackinlay, deputy fire chief of the Robinson Township volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Mackinlay explained that at approximately 10 am (Thursday, January 13), the Robinson Township Fire Department responded

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## Island municipalities to host fun events

*Begins Monday, January 24 with Township of Assiginack*

by Alicia McCutcheon

**MANITOULIN**—The Island's municipalities are coming together to create a series of events aimed at getting all of Manitoulin involved in a friendly inter-community challenge starting next Monday, January 24.

"The municipalities got together and decided to do this to recognize that everyone is having a tough time right now—facilities are closed, sports are on hold, kids were learning from home. We thought it would be fun, plus we know it can be done through The Expositor's success with Harvest Glory Days," Jackie White, events coordinator for Assiginack, told The Expositor following a Zoom call with other municipal representatives, noting this newspaper's annual friendly fall decorating challenge. "All of the municipalities are involved."

The series of events kicks off Monday with the first challenge, offered up by Assiginack, a snow

sculpture contest that will run until Family Day Weekend (Family Day is Monday, February 21). Expect a Facebook post on Assiginack's page Monday from Mayor Dave Ham who is expected to challenge certain municipal leaders and communities.

The events are open to all of Manitoulin's communities and everyone is encouraged to participate. Prizes are in the offing, too.

The February challenge, to occur after Family Day Weekend, will be a photo contest with different age categories, so stay tuned for more information on how to get involved. Other challenges in the works are a walking challenge, and even an Island-wide scavenger hunt that will involve each of the seven municipalities.

The municipalities hope that the challenges will hit all the marks and that everyone can participate in some or all of the events, from the very young to the Island's most senior residents.

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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

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**SESSION DATES**

**Location:** Online/Remote Learning  
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Course will be held synchronously and asynchronously throughout the week, including some scheduled synchronous evenings.

Total: 125 hours\*

\*Course will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous hours to total 125 hours required for the course.

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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

## Gordon/Barrie Island, Gore Bay come to agreement on transfer station cost share proposal

by Tom Sasvari  
WESTERN MANITOULIN—Both Gordon-Barrie Island township and the Town of Gore Bay councils agree with the recently proposed new transfer station cost sharing proposal for the two municipalities.

“After a lengthy discussion at our council meeting (last) week, we decided to accept the resolution from the committee,” said Lee Hayden, reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island after a council meeting last week.

This comes after a recommendation had been put forward by the Town of Gore Bay general government committee to propose revisiting the cost sharing agreement of the transfer station with Gordon/Barrie Island. Once approved, the agreement would see the cost of operations and garbage disposal shared equally on a 50-50 basis between both municipalities, and the cost of transportation of garbage materials from the transfer station to Dodge Landfill in Espanola based on actual volumes, as identified, which would be 60 percent for Gore Bay and 40 percent for Gordon/Barrie Island.

“We have said all along if it could be shown that we are not paying our fair share and that we would take action on this. We just needed to be shown the costs,” said Reeve Hayden. “We certainly want to work with our neighbour.”

John Turner, councillor for Gordon/Barrie Island and the municipal representative on the

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Jack Brady, left, is sworn in as the newest member of Gordon/Barrie Island municipal council by municipal clerk Carrie Lewis at a meeting last week. Mr. Brady will fill the vacant position on council for the rest of this council's term.

## Jack Brady sworn in as new Gordon/Barrie Island councillor

by Tom Sasvari  
GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—A long-time member of the Gordon/Barrie Island municipal council has again filled the position of councillor for the balance of the term of the current council. Jack Brady, who has served as a councillor and had been reeve of the municipality previously, was sworn in as the new councillor to fill a vacancy on council (created with the resignation of former councillor Marian Hester last year), at a council meeting last week.

“I welcomed Jack back to council and told him we are very happy to see that he put his name forward for the vacant councillor position,” stated Gordon/Barrie Island Reeve Lee Hayden, after last week's council meeting. “It was due to personal matters that he had left council previously, and we are happy that he is now back on council.”

“It will be only for one year, in fact less than that,” Mr. Brady told The Expositor prior to the Gordon/Barrie Island council meeting last week. “I don't mind, I enjoy being on council and being involved.”

“I saw an advertisement in the newspaper that council was looking for someone to fill the vacant seat on council and decided to put my name forward,” explained Mr. Brady. He noted, “this will be just until the end of the current term of council (this year). I did this before,

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## Community Living Manitoulin welcomes Adrienne Farquhar as new executive director

by Tom Sasvari  
MINDEMOYA—Adrienne Farquhar is happy to be back home on Manitoulin Island to live and work, as the new executive director of Community Living Manitoulin (CLM).

“I'm happily coming back home to Mindemoya and Manitoulin Island,” stated Ms. Farquhar when contacted by The Expositor last Friday. “I had left the Island when I went to school (college) in North Bay and then I moved to

southern Ontario from there, working and living in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.”

“For the past 15 years, I've been in Sudbury, first working for the March of Dimes, and for the past



Community Living Manitoulin has announced that Adrienne Farquhar is now the new executive director. Ms. Farquhar, who is originally from Manitoulin Island, had previously worked at Community Living Sudbury.

three years with Community Living Sudbury (CLS) as the director of community services,” said Ms. Farquhar.

“CLM advocates for, promotes and facilitates the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of people who have an intellectual disability. This well-established organization is run by dedicated

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## On-leash park to be designated at Prov Bay beach by summer

by Michael Erskine  
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—In a motion moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt, Central Manitoulin town council approved the designation of a pet-friendly, on-leash area to be created at the east end of Providence Bay beach, directing staff to provide a plan and pricing for necessary items such as waste receptacles and signage and to create the area for consideration, with staff providing a report at the September 13, 2022 property committee meeting on the results of the initiative.

Councillor Derek Stephens noted that pets have become even more a part of people's families during the pandemic. “Pets are a big thing in our society,” said Councillor Stephens, noting that those pets often accompany their owners on vacation. “They want to be able to enjoy their vacation with all of their family members. I think this is a step in the right direction,” he said, noting the move would be a good incentive to draw tourism to the region.

Councillor Diebolt voiced some concern over the report only coming to council after the summer season was over, suggesting that an earlier update might be more in order. “Can we up the date in case we need to fix things or go back to the old days?” she asked.

Councillor Stephens pointed out that most people plan their vacations well ahead of time and it would not be wise to offer a facility only to have them arrive to find that it had been cancelled in the interim. “They would find themselves with an expense they had not anticipated were we to close it down mid-season,” he said. “If there is a problem, staff is going to bring it to us right away.”

The motion passed without dissent.

## Island physician urges province to prioritize N. Ontario healthcare

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
MANITOULIN—Healthcare

spending must be prioritized, especially in Northern Ontario. That's the message Dr. Stephen Cooper gave (virtually) to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs at the Ontario Legislature on January 11 during pre-budget consultations. Dr. Cooper is a family physician on Manitoulin Island and is currently the District 9 chair of the Ontario Medical Association (OMA).

“Lots of gaps in healthcare need to be addressed,” he told the committee. Last October, the OMA released ‘Prescription for Ontario: Doctors’ 5-Point Plan for Better Health Care’ following “the largest stakeholder and public consultation in its 140-year history to understand where those gaps are and how to fix them.”

The plan contains 75 recommendations to improve healthcare in Ontario; it also contained 12 specific recommendations for improving delivery of care in Northern Ontario. “I don't think there's anything in the report that should be surprising to anyone in the ministry or doctors or actually, people in Ontario,” he told The Expositor. “All the politicians I've spoken to and the healthcare leaders have the same story over and over again: access is an issue. Getting to see a doctor and typically since the pandemic, wait times have been a huge problem. We wanted to point out to the finance and economics committee that there's a link between a functioning healthcare system and the economy.”

The link is even more pronounced in Northern Ontario, he told the committee. “What is the health care like there, and are there human doctors available in



Dr. Stephen Cooper

the community? A strong healthcare system in the North would not only support our important resources, recreation and retirement industries but help attract new businesses, residents and investments, bringing new opportunities for young people.”

That's evident on Manitoulin Island where restaurants and businesses have been affected by the pandemic. “With wait times people can't get back to work because they have mental health issues that aren't being addressed or they have orthopedic issues that aren't being addressed. They can't get their knee fixed so they can't go back because they work in construction. So, there is a really clear link to wait lists and how the economy runs,” he explained.

Just over 89 percent of people in the Northeast report having a primary care provider, which is well below the Ontario average of 94 percent. Northern Ontario is short 325 family doctors, internists, psychiatrists, pediatricians, anaesthesiologists and other sub-specialists. Many of Dr. Cooper's patients have to travel to Barrie or Toronto for specialist care, he told the committee.

Wait times have been exacerbated by COVID-19 and the North, disproportionately affected by

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## Gore Bay council would like proposed new apartment units to be ‘family-style’

by Tom Sasvari  
GORE BAY—Gore Bay town council indicated it would like to see multi-room units included in a proposed 40-unit apartment type-structure in the town, instead of just single unit apartments.

“Short of saying what size of units the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS) are looking at, this is the only input we can provide at this stage of the project,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne at a council meeting last week. “We can say we want all family-type two-bedroom units, and some three-bedroom units but they can come back and say that's what should have been said at the start.”

Gore Bay Town Clerk Stasia Carr told council the OAHS housing proposal, “is moving forward, they have the traffic study and environment-conservation studies reports to complete. They have indicated they will not get the architectural design completed until they know it's going through.”

“I think it should be family-style housing,” said Councillor Jack Clark.

Mayor Osborne noted OAHS had originally proposed single-

unit apartment style housing. “This would not be good for us,” said Councillor Kevin Woestenenk.

Council indicated as well it would like to see a design for the building before the project continues to proceed.

“We can say we don't want all one room units, they must have an idea what we would like to see,” said Mayor Osborne. He noted the town does have a height restrictions policy for buildings to be constructed, with the maximum being between 10-12 metres.

Mayor Osborne noted OAHS has yet not carried out a water and sewer report study on the property.

Councillor Clark said, “I don't think they (OAHS) will get close to meeting the fire code standards at this point unless they make changes to their proposal.”

“So, we are going to contact them to let them know that we would be in favour of multi-units housing and see what their reaction is to that,” said Mayor Osborne.

“So, council would like more family-type dwellings,” said Ms. Carr.

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**editorial**

## No safe bastions remain for the rich and powerful

News this past week that Prince William, the Duke of York, has been stripped of his royal titles and patronages in the wake of a court case where he is alleged to have engaged in sex with a minor, is just one of the latest of the high and mighty to be upended from their lofty pedestals through their own actions. Despite being the son of the Queen, and sixth in line to the British throne, his royal imprimatur has proven no shield from the scales of justice.

Long gone are the days when members of the royal family could skate effortlessly and unscathed across ice of social and legal norms. That ice has thinned considerably over time, not only for those whose birth has placed them at the very pinnacle of privilege, but for everyone—and that is as it should be.

The Epstein scandal, where a high-flying American financier became a convicted sex offender who committed suicide in 2019 while in prison for his crimes, as many as 36 girls, some young as 14, were among that monster's victims.

Whether one buys into the many conspiracy theories claiming he was murdered in order to protect his upscale clientele, it is clear at this point that his death has not shielded at least one of his clients from the spotlight.

One by one, the bastions of entitled male privilege have proven assailable by those able and willing to stand their ground in the face of considerable resources available. From the Hollywood casting couch of Harvey Weinstein to procurement enablers like Ghislaine Maxwell, the monsters above us are being called to account for their crimes.

Invariably, but by no means always, the victims of those monsters have been women. Each is almost invariably vulnerable to the predators who stalked them. Whether on the stage, or in the office towers around the world, few have been able to escape the long arm of retribution.

It remains to be seen whether Ms. Maxwell will make a deal to lessen her own punishment by assisting in bringing the monsters hidden within her Rolodex (that's 'contacts list' for the younger generations). It is hoped that she will, for whatever might be selfish reasons, do the right thing and rip the curtains down on that odious cabal.

During these days of social media mayhem, where negativity and misinformation run rampant across our screens, it is largely social media that has been the engine propelling this narrative forward. But the fuel of those engines is the righteous indignation and outrage of a public awakened to those horrors that could once remain hidden.

"Woke culture" has its many detractors, and it is true that sometimes things can be taken too far in the courts of public opinion, but in the cases of Prince William, Jeffrey Epstein and Harvey Weinstein, it was long past time that the world awoke.

In the past, the atrocities of the residential school system, the discrimination against Indigenous children, Missing and Murdered Women and Girls and LGBTQ+ communities have been able to fly largely under the radar. Oh wait...some of those latter examples are still going on.

It well past-time when each of those cited wrongs should elicit the same level of public outrage as that of a prince, a financier or a Hollywood mogul. What is wrong is wrong, and thankfully the castle walls are beginning to fall around royalty, Wall Street and Hollywood, but there is still much left to be done.

The attitudes that have allowed the high and mighty to elude retribution have built and framed our social, legal, political, and, yes, private institutions—systemic racism and prejudice remain ingrained within those systems and we must muster the courage, the fortitude and political will to harness outrage to make the changes necessary changes needed to create a truly free and civil society for all.

**letters**

## No matter who the culprit, justice should prevail

*They will have to face their Creator eventually*

**To the Expositor:**

I always watch the news; one thing that really gets to me is when I see people in high profile positions or the filthy rich, how they get away with things, even when they are breaking the law or roles that these law makers or policy makers need to smarten up. No matter who they are dealing with, they need to stick to their policies or law instead of just being cowards when they are dealing with these people. They are treating ordinary citizens differently because they can easily push them around.

What cowards: there should be no special privilege for anybody at all, not even the prime minister. When it comes to humans, there is no such thing as being special just because they are filthy rich or the leader.

I always hear the term "rich and powerful" but for me I really do not see them like that because when it's time to face the creator they will not be so powerful after all and like I always say, they are to face our creator someday and his judgement too. Maybe I'm looking forward to his judgement with me, that is why I'm always thinking about it.

I am a strong believer about our creator that He is watching us, how we treat each other here on earth. We are His children and that He will punish us according to our mistakes unless we smarten up.

**Ronald Osawabine  
Wiikwemkoong**

## A note about Gordon Waindubence

*A visionary with a caring heart*

**To the Expositor:**

I am very pleased with the story you ran in respect to (the late) Gordon Waindubence. However, I thought I should enlighten you that I was the other adult who assisted Gord in paddling around Manitoulin Island. Gord was a visionary as well, as he asked me three years before we did the trip if I would join him if he got a big canoe to paddle around Manitoulin Island.

Well, three years later, he called me up as he said he got the funding

to take seven young offenders around the Island. Because of my background with wilderness outings and counselling, Gord knew he could count on me to help out.

MiiGwetch for your time in addressing this additional correction. BiZhiw

**Raymond Katt  
Toronto**

## Sudbury/Manitoulin CMHA chosen for Bell Let's Talk community fund grant

SUDBURY—The Canadian Mental Health Association Sudbury/Manitoulin (CMHA-S/M) has been chosen for a \$25,000 Bell Let's Talk Community Fund grant to train six educators in three specialized mental health programs, mental health first aid (MHFA), applied suicide intervention skills training (ASIST), and safeTALK.

The grant was presented to CMHA-S/M at a presentation hosted by the Sudbury Wolves. With this grant, six additional educators will be able to expand the services to provide mental health and addictions education to nearly 690 community members in the Greater Sudbury and Manitoulin Districts.

"We appreciate the support the Bell Let's Talk Community Fund," said Patty MacDonald, chief executive officer, CMHA-S/M. "The pandemic has identified several challenges for a number of adults and youth in our community. People are struggling with increased stress and anxiety, which means suicide prevention and mental health first-aid training skills are in high demand."

"Bell Let's Talk is pleased to support CMHA-S/M in providing mental health training for more educators and to help people in these



Canadian Mental Health Association Sudbury/Manitoulin has been chosen for a Bell Let's Talk community fund grant in the amount of \$25,000. CMHA executive director Patty MacDonald, left, and Stephanie Lefebvre, programs and planning for CMHA, display the cheque that was received from Bell Let's Talk.

communities get the mental health support they need quickly," said Mary Deacon, chair of Bell Let's Talk. "The Bell Let's Talk Community Fund provides grants to mental health organizations in communities throughout the country, including those like CMHA-S/M working to expand access to mental health care for more people who need support close to home."

Bell Let's Talk has partnered with more than 1,300 organizations providing mental health supports and services throughout Canada, including local community service providers, hospitals, universities and other care and research organizations. The 12th annual Bell Let's Talk Day will be on January 26. To learn more, please visit Bell.ca/Let'sTalk.

CMHA-S/M was established in 1984 and is a not-for-profit organization with a volunteer board of directors. The branch is mandated to provide services for individuals living with mental health and/or addiction challenges within the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts. For more information, visit sm.cmha.ca.

# Hope's Path XXVII

## The new year dawns with hope on the horizon and lots of good news

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In 2013, retired nurse and midwife Mary Buie approached *The Expositor* with a mission. She had recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and was wondering whether this newspaper would be interested in following her journey as she battled the disease. It was with some trepidation that this paper agreed as the eventual outcome was far from certain to be positive. What followed was an engaging series that leavened a very serious health issue with Ms. Buie's irrepressible personality. Ms. Buie recently informed *The Expositor* that she would once again be facing down cancer. *The Expositor* continues the series 'Following Hope's Path' to relay the ongoing story of her journey.

by Michael Erskine

**KAGAWONG**—It is sometimes hard to tell when Mary Buie has good news to share—so upbeat is her demeanor even when facing the darkest of days. But her latest conversation with *The Expositor* is brimming, not only with her usual sunny disposition but with a couple of items of great news.

Those following this series will know that Ms. Buie is currently enrolled in an experimental treatment trial taking place at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto after traditional treatment regimes had not proven effective in shrinking her tumours. She began taking part in the trials 10 weeks ago at the start of November 2021.

So, to the good news. First and foremost... "So happy to have good news to report!" wrote Ms. Buie in her first email of the new year to *The Expositor*. "CT scan yesterday showed lung tumour shrunk from 23 mm to 16 mm in two months. Lymph nodes cancer also shrunk. So pill is working and I continue in trial. So, so happy to be able to come home and stay home. Will only have to come down once a month. Will be home Sunday. I have been at peace last week knowing that whatever the outcome God had me covered."

Great news indeed. But it didn't stop there. In conversation on Monday, Ms. Buie shared that her doctor, Dr. Philippe Bedard, had taken a sample of her initial biopsy



Mary and John Buie celebrate their golden anniversary with their grandchildren Juliette, left, and Charlotte.

cells and sent them to be analyzed. "It turns out that there is a pill, specifically developed for my kind of cancer," she said. "So, even if this trial didn't work out, there is still a treatment option available."

That other option may prove important, as there was a bit of a cloud casting a shadow on her silver lining.

"There are side effects to the pill I am taking," she said. "The enzymes in my liver are rising too high." She may not be able to continue in the trial should the medical team be unable to dampen that rise.

Still, the unsinkable Ms. Buie shines through with gratitude. "If I had not been part of this trial, Dr. Bedard may not have discovered the other treatment."

Whatever the outcome, Ms. Buie said that she is at peace and offers her thanks to God.

"It might sound a bit crazy to give thanks for cancer," she laughed, "but we know that it isn't God who 'gives' you cancer."

Ms. Buie said that she is thankful for her journey in life. "Ever since I was 11 years old, I knew what I wanted to do with my life," she said.

At that young age in England, Ms. Buie needed eye surgery. "The kindness and service that I received from all of the people in the hospital, I decided right then and there what I wanted to do with my life. I said to myself, 'I am going to be a nurse.'"

Ms. Buie still has to travel to Toronto once a month for treatment, once in mid-February and again in mid-March. "In March I will get another CT scan," she said.

Admitting to a bit of guilt over her own good news when so many others are facing less hopeful potentials, Ms. Buie stays focused on the road ahead and continues to pray for those others and their friends and families.

Ms. Buie and her husband John celebrated a bit of a delayed golden anniversary meal in Lindsay with members of their

family.

"I was scheduled for treatment on December 30, that was our golden anniversary," she said. "But because my son Rob took me down and then got me and brought me back on Thursday, and it was before the latest restrictions set in, we were able to celebrate our golden anniversary at our favourite restaurant in Lindsay. "It worked out really well," she said. "We will have a bigger celebration in the spring or summer when, hopefully, we will be able to gather again."

Ms. Buie said that she was grateful to be able to share the story of her journey with others, to help provide them with hope when facing diagnosis like hers. "I have received so many messages from people who have read about my story in the newspaper," she said. "Just the other day I was in Espanola when an acquaintance of mine came up to me and told me how inspired she was to read about my journey in *The Expositor*. I have had emails and letters from people who do not live on the Island, even from other countries, who have read the stories in the newspaper and contacted me. So many messages and cards, phone calls and prayers, I have been so totally blanketed in love and caring the whole time," she said. "I am so grateful to everybody."

When a diagnosis of life-threatening disease comes along, friends and families tend to rally round to provide support, but there are those who may not have that support system in their lives. Ms. Buie stressed how important it is to reach out to those in need of that support, even if they are not close relatives or friends.

"Things have evolved," said Ms. Buie. "God has worked things out beyond my imagination. He is always there and I have reached out to him when I find myself depressed. There are dark days, but he is always there for us."

Ms. Buie said she is looking forward to what 2022 will bring. "I know 2022 is going to be a good year," she said.

## Kagawong's Mike Strobel publishes Variety Village fundraising book

by Michael Erskine

**TORONTO**—Mike Strobel is a (kind of) retired Toronto Sun editor and columnist with 40-some years in the newspaper business who hangs his hat for a good part of the year in Kagawong these days. You might think all that time in the media business following stories in our nation's largest city would leave a person utterly jaded and cynical. You'd be wrong.

Mr. Strobel published 'Small Miracles: The Inspiring Kids of Variety Village,' a collection of his columns featuring the remarkable people he has met at Variety Village, just before Christmas as part of his annual fundraising efforts. Those efforts raised a record-breaking \$117,124 this year.

Mr. Strobel's fundraising co-chair, eight-year-old Madison "Madi" Ambos, perhaps said it best with his reaction on hearing the news that was quoted in the January 5 edition of the Toronto Sun: "Wow! That's a lot of money. This is amazing news because it will help me and my friends continue activities like rock climbing, going to summer camp, swimming and Volt hockey."

"I retired from the Toronto Sun in 2017, but I come out of retirement at Christmas every year," Mr. Strobel said in conversation with *The Expositor*. What draws him back is the Toronto Sun's Christmas Fund (which Mr. Strobel took over managing in 2008), well that and the kids at Scarborough's Variety Village.

When *The Expositor* caught up with him just before Christmas, the veteran journalist was setting out to meet Zach Rayment, 12, a youth with cerebral palsy whose life has been positively impacted by Variety Village.

The annual Toronto Sun Christmas Fund was founded in 1983 to bring hope to kids with disabilities and families struggling through the holiday season, explains Mr. Strobel. Variety Village programming empowers children with disabilities to be seen, participate and feel included. The organization aims to "bring accessible facilities to life with sports, fitness, activities, summer camps, skills training and



Zach Rayment, 13, is pictured with author Mike Strobel. Zach is holding a copy of 'Small Miracles: The Inspiring Kids of Variety Village.'

photo by Kaj Larsen

coaching for competitive and Paralympic athletes. Through local partnerships, Variety Village extends its reach through accessibility training and education.

Mr. Strobel later informed *The Expositor* that, upon arrival for his interview, he discovered that Zach had just taken his first ever unaided steps. "Imagine you woke up one morning and discovered you could fly," he told Mr. Strobel.

The veteran journalist first discovered Variety Village seeking to increase his own physical fitness. The innovative community centre hosts a pool and fitness centre that is open to the public but caters specifically to those with physical challenges.

"I would be swimming in the pool and in the next lane would be a kid with no legs, in the lane next to him someone with Down Syndrome, in the next someone who was

blind," he recalled. "Everyone swimming and getting along—it didn't matter."

"That is what impressed me the most," said Mr. Strobel. "Politicians tend to talk about inclusiveness, but you walk into that place and there is no difference, no stress—and no staring."

Mr. Strobel pointed out that when a person with a visible disability is seen on the street, people tend to stare at them. That peepshow fascination that afflicts even normally compassionate human beings (commercialized by the likes of PT Barnum) apparently remains strong among many of us, despite our parents' admonitions and the pain that it causes the subjects of our gaze.

The sights and sounds of people with disabilities are so endemic to the hallways and gym areas of Variety Village that all sense of "strangeness" or "other" has long since evaporated. People have simply become people; kids are simply kids.

"There are no barriers in Variety Village," continued Mr. Strobel. The entire facility is built with inclusiveness and accessibility. "That is extremely rare in this day and age," he said. "That is why I am still doing it."

Mr. Strobel's book is a fundraiser for Variety Village. "All of the revenue, not just the 'net profits,' but all of the money that comes in goes to Variety Village," said Mr. Strobel. The book can currently be purchased exclusively from the Variety Village website (varietyontario-sunfund.square.site) and retails for \$35 for the softcover and \$45 for the hardcover edition. "Apparently my signature on the book is worth another five bucks," chuckles Mr. Strobel, noting the price set on a signed edition.

Mr. Strobel has started up his own publishing company as part of another "retirement" project. "Well, 'publishing company' is a bit of a grandiose label," he laughs. His plan is to publish titles linked to Manitoulin Island and the North Shore, hence the title of the house North Channel Press. The new Island publisher pointed out

that (full disclosure) *The Expositor* was heavily involved in both the design of the book cover and the logo for the publishing house. Kendra Edwards (Kendra Edwards Design) designed both for Mr. Strobel and the printing was done by Espanola's OJ Graphix. Former *Expositor* copy editor Kate Thompson of M'Chigeeng is even the final editing of the book. There is even an Island connection inside the covers. "Tom Imrie, my neighbour in Kagawong, his grandson is one of the youths featured in the book."

"Kendra did an amazing job," said Mr. Strobel. He said that he intends to keep as much of the publishing process going forward as local to the region as possible.

"There is an amazing amount of talent here on Manitoulin," he said. "I want to include as much of that as I can." He notes that there are many fascinating stories here on Manitoulin that the outside world is just waiting to discover.

Meanwhile, within a few days of its publishing, his book has already sold over 50 copies, but don't despair. "We can print more on demand when needed," Mr. Strobel assured *The Expositor*.

'Small Miracles: The Inspiring Kids of Variety Village' can be purchased online at varietyontario-sunfund.square.site, but you will want to reserve your copy soon, they are almost sold out.

Over the years the Christmas Fund has raised over \$1.7 million and Mr. Strobel explains that this year's record haul is especially timely. "COVID has hit Variety Village and people with disabilities everywhere, harder than most," wrote Mr. Strobel in his Christmas Fund column. "So before I slink back up to my retirement cabin on Manitoulin Island, let me thank the kids—and kids grown up—we profiled and the Sun news staff, Post Media's marketing team and the Village elves, notably Erin Rivet, Chris Yaccoto and Judy Black. Mostly, let me thank you readers who donated to the fund or bought books and rooted for these kids."

# Support sought to establish Project Lifesaver program on Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While members of the Manitoulin Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC) strongly support efforts to have the Project Lifesaver program established on the Island, members say that establishing an administrator for the program, and funding, may be the biggest obstacles initiated on the Island.

"I'm here to talk about the Project Lifesaver program," said Manitoulin OPP Provincial Constable Tessa Kasch at a CPAC meeting last week. "The program was founded in 1999 and provides for a radio frequency-based tracking system. It emits radio data 24 hours a day, so the signal is always on. The system is for people of all ages who are high risk for a vulnerable person who has a tendency to wander and who might be diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other dementias, autism, down syndrome and other forms of cognitive delay."

OPP Constable Kasch explained, "clients wear a personalized wristband that emits a unique tracking signal. The wristband is a one-ounce, battery-operated wrist transmitter emitting on FM radio frequency-based signal that will emit a signal every second, 24 hours a day. The signal can be tracked on the ground for approximately 2.5 kilometres or in the air by helicopter for approximately 8-10 kilometres."

"Each wristband has a unique radio frequency, allowing officers to positively locate and identify the person who has wandered away from home using portable directional antennae to locate the signal," continued Constable Kasch. She pointed out there are two different types of antennae; one is secured to the roof of responding OPP vehicles (less range but will allow for the transmitted signal to be received from any direction). Once the signal is detected, officers switch to the second one that allows them to make use of maximum range of the bracelets and has the advantage of being directional."

Constable Kasch pointed out most people who wander are found a few kilometres from their home. Search times, when using Project Lifesaver, have been reduced from days to minutes. And recovery times for Project Lifesaver clients average 30 min-

utes, significantly less than through standard operations.

"Manitoulin OPP will be in charge of the search and the emergency response (ERT) and the canine unit, and helicopters are still deployed," Constable Kasch told the meeting.

"This program would provide a lot of benefits if it was implemented on the Island," said Constable Kasch. "With anyone that is part of the high-risk population it is important to find them as soon as possible. From a policing standpoint in the case of someone who has wandered off, the Lifesaver would be an additional tool we would use to try and search for someone who is lost."

An administrator for the program would oversee signing up clients and taking care of making sure the batteries in the radio frequency tracking system were changed on a regular basis, said Constable Kasch. "The OPP would house the equipment and the approximate cost of the program-system is between \$14,000-\$16,000. Each bracelet is approximately \$600. Battery changes would need to take place every two months and cost approximately \$10-20 each."

"What we need is an administrator for the program," said Constable Kasch, who noted that with the large geographic area of Manitoulin, it would be ideal to have administrators in the east and west ends of the Island. She has reached out to the Manitoulin North Shore Victims Services group (among others) based out of Little Current to see if they would be willing to take on administrative duties. Along with the need for an administrator for the program, "our other hurdle is the cost of the equipment, one reason being that this is an American program. It would be a one-time cost to outfit the (OPP) detachment."

Constable Kasch noted, "no one would be



turned away for the program if they can't afford the cost of a bracelet and we would endeavour to find funding resources. The program is definitely important and we are trying to get funding so we can get it up and running on Manitoulin Island."

In talking to the North Shore Search and Rescue group, the program has been developed in Elliot Lake, Thessalon, Sault Ste. Marie, and Sudbury, the meeting was told. "It is vital to have this type of program here on the Island as well," said Constable Kasch.

Manitoulin OPP Inspector Detachment Commander Megan Moriarity told the meeting, "this equipment would be super, and this would be a very valuable program to have on the Island. Clients who go missing would be walking with these bracelets on, but we would be able to track their location." She pointed out, "in other areas services clubs like the Rotary, Lions Clubs or Royal Canadian Legion have in many cases taken the lead on the program with the support of municipalities."

"It is a very successful program and in areas where there is a high senior population, more calls of people who have wandered off can increase," said Inspector Moriarity.

"It is a phenomenal program," stated Al Boyd, CPAC chair. "If someone wanders off, it is important to find them as soon as possible." He is vice-chair of Manitoulin North Shore Victims Services and said, "I'm sure this proposal will be brought up at our next meeting. We run a similar program, Women in Crisis."

Ms. Kasch was requested to send her presentation to the Island municipalities for their consideration in supporting the

program financially.

"This is a great idea," said Mr. Boyd. "Even if the program was partially covered by municipalities around the Island, it would be great. I agree that your presentation and letter should be forwarded to the municipalities."

In Elliot Lake, the Alzheimer's society administers the program, the meeting was told.

"The biggest hurdle is fundraising, and having an administrator of the program," said Mr. Boyd. "Our VCARS group will look at it and possibly service clubs would donate funds toward the program. And municipalities might consider provided support as well. As Inspector Moriarity has said we have a high senior population on the Island, and as this population increases, a program like this becomes more important," said Mr. Boyd. He explained, "What happens with Alzheimer patients is that if they wander off, they will travel in a straight line, and then hunker down somewhere and will remain very quiet. Officers can be close to them on a search and calling out to them, but they will not respond."

"I echo a lot of what we have heard tonight. I don't think it will be a big issue in terms of the costs of \$14,000-\$16,000 that has to be raised. In the case of municipalities, making a contribution in this program could be looked at being more of an investment towards reduced police costs. What I see is finding an administrator for the program as the big stumbling block," said Steve Shaffer. He suggested that the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) does home care work and could be contacted, along with possibly local nursing homes, although it might fall outside of their mandate, I'm not sure."

Constable Kasch agreed that the biggest hurdle will be finding an administrator for the program. She is preparing something to be sent to VCARS in February and will be in contact with other organizations as well.

Mr. Boyd said the VCARS group will have a look at all of this at its next meeting. "I think establishing this program (on the Island) is doable."



## Law & Order

### Manitoulin OPP lays nine impaired driving charges during festive ride campaign

MANITOULIN—The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has wrapped up the annual Festive RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) program for another year, and the statistics are now in. The program ran from November 18 to January 2.

Tessa Kasch, provincial constable with the Manitoulin OPP detachment told The Expositor on January 14 that officers laid a total nine impaired driving charges and issued one warn range suspension following checks of 59 vehicles as part of the program.

Provincially, the OPP charged a total of 655 drivers with impaired driving. Over the 46-day campaign, OPP officers conducted 8,370 RIDE events across Ontario.

Over and above the charges laid by the OPP, officers issued 236 warn range suspensions to drivers whose roadside breath tests registered a blood alcohol concentration of between .05 and .08.

The OPP would like to thank citizens for making 3,147 calls to police to report suspected impaired drivers during the annual campaign. The OPP also thanks all those who stepped up as designated drivers or

took other measures to ensure family and friends did not get behind the wheel while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

The OPP also reminds drivers that the OPP conducts RIDE events throughout the year on roads, trails and waterways. Citizens are encouraged to continue reporting suspected impaired drivers to police. By doing so, you could be saving a life.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

There once was a duo from Billings,

Who found that reporting was thrilling!  
When news items were light  
They made it up on sight!  
Either way they found it fulfilling.

Since both members of Team Fergmeijer are somewhat vertically challenged, and since February has fewer days than any other month, we are launching a new challenge for you, dear readers. We present to you, Short Poems for a Short Month! We are now accepting short forms of poetry for inclusion in this column - limericks, haikus, rhyming couplets, sijos, or even very short odes, should the mood strike you. Send them our way via email (kagawong@live.ca) or via the Kagawong Facebook page. There are no set topics, but keep them PG. Don't make us blush. Or get us fired.

Many happy returns go out to Lisa L who celebrates her birthday this week. They say that age is just a number... living in Billings means your number is 29!

Students are back in class after a two-week stretch learning remotely. There are new processes in place for Rainbow District schools that parents should be aware of. Elementary schools will be emailing parents if a class is not able to be staffed, and the school bus consortium will be emailing

if your bus route is not able to run. Make sure your email contact information is up to date with your school(s) and the consortium to be sure you are getting these important updates. And it goes without saying, be sure to check your email each morning! More specific information can be found on RDSB website ([www.rainbowschools.ca/](http://www.rainbowschools.ca/)) and on the bus consortium website ([businfo.ca](http://businfo.ca)).

A reminder that the Municipal Office is closed to the public, and the staff are working remotely for the time being. Drop-offs of documents can be made using the after-hours slot on the employee entrance door. 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 3 patrons at any given time.

A friend of ours called us the other day, so excited that she had finally finished writing her book on penguins! Though she did admit that in hindsight, it would probably have been a lot easier on paper.

The weather has been a bit uncooperative for ice development at the rink, but we are optimistic that Mother Nature will start playing nice, so we can get our skates out. Thanks, as always, to the volunteers who are working to make the rink happen!

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. Quick question: are tectonic plates dishwasher safe? We

aren't sure and were hoping to use them for a continental breakfast. Have a great week!

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Last Tuesday was my errand day to Mindemoya and back. I brought my niece, Larissa Chevrette home with me. She does not return to in-person learning at university until the end of January.

Around 3:30 am, Wednesday, the fire radio woke everyone up. The fire team was required to assist with an ambulance call.

On Thursday morning close to 10:30 am, a fire truck drove past our house with all the lights flashing. The other two trucks followed soon after. Larissa looked out the living room window and pointed out the huge plume of black smoke rising not far away. Matt Blue's house was burned by the end of the day. No one was hurt. The fire team all turned out to put their training into practice. Larissa and I took them some freshly baked muffins at noon. Gladys Duncanson and I delivered hot coffee and sandwiches in the afternoon.

Get well to Susan Slomke.  
Condolences to the family of Yvonne MacDonald Eadie.

# Island hospitality industry welcome Ontario's new staycation tax credit concept

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Tourism accommodation businesses are pleased with the establishment of the new Ontario staycation tax credit which aims to get people travelling in Ontario this year, but at least one local businessperson would like to see a system in place that would see more being provided to entice visitors to travel in Northern Ontario, rather than visiting the southern part of the province.

The "Ontario Staycation Tax Credit" program to support Ontario tourism applies to overnight stays between January 1 and December 31, 2022. Originally announced November 4, the staycation tax credit is now in effect for Ontarians who plan getaways within the province this year.

This means a return of 20 percent on accommodation expenses of up to \$1,000 per person to \$2,000 per family, for overnight stays in Ontario booked this calendar year. This works out to a maximum return of \$200 per person or \$400 per family.

The Ontario Staycation tax credit "is a good idea," stated Corey Stacinski, general manager of the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current last Thursday. "The idea originated in Northern Ontario, through Destination Northern Ontario, but we wanted to see double tax credits being provided for any resident who travelled north of Barrie."

"This would get people get people to travel past Barrie and will benefit tourist operators in the North and decrease the congestion with already highly populated areas in southern Ontario. They don't have as much of a need for further promotion to get people to visit there," said Mr. Stacinski. "We still want see the amount doubled (for anyone who travels to the North)."

"Anything that helps domestic or international travel will help," said Kevin Eshkawkogan, president and chief executive officer of Indigenous Tourism Ontario. "We would always like to see more but this is an incentive that definitely helps."

"It would benefit if the credit targeted regions of Ontario and sectors of the tourism industry hardest hit," said Mr. Eshkawkogan. He said one of those sectors is Indigenous tourism providers, pointing out 60 percent of Aboriginal tourism operators in the province are from northern Ontario.

Mr. Eshkawkogan cautioned, "we have to be respectful and mindful of the fact that some places don't necessarily want more people visiting their area. It's a balancing act, and in a nutshell we in the North could use an extra push in getting people to travel to Northern Ontario."

Dave MacLachlan, executive director of Destination Northern Ontario, told The Expositor the tax credit, "is geared in a way to help in the recovery of the Think Ontario tourism market which is so important. It is meant to get people and families travelling, when the time is appropriate, to places they may not have travelled before."

"It is for accommodation, but once a family for example travels to a certain area, they will also be looking for restaurants and things to do in an area that they can visit," said Mr. MacLachlan. "Obviously right now we are in a tough situation in the province with the pandemic, but hopefully by spring things will have improved some," said Mr. MacLachlan. The staycation tax credit, "may keep people in the province at home instead of travelling to another province."

"The staycation tax credit is good, but I would have liked more financial help for businesses in Northern Ontario," said Mr. Stacinski. He said that the COVID-19 outbreak is a challenge but over the next year it will be the third most challenging issue affecting the Ontario tourism market. "We're not currently busy with the shutdown, but even if we were, we don't have the number of employees that we need (to operate at full capacity). I was at a meeting earlier this week and it was said that we need to see an increase of 50 percent in the workforce on Manitoulin Island."

"Its going to be a tough year," said Mr. Stacinski. He outlined the three main challenges facing the tourism industry are the lack of employees to fill staffing vacancies, the increasing cost of doing business (especially with significant increases in the cost of food), and the pandemic.

"Our cost across the board the costs are five to sometimes as much as 25 percent of an increase for food products," said Mr. Stacinski. This includes an increase in cooking oil of 25 percent, he said.

Mr. Stacinski doesn't think the current provincial protocols in place will be lifted by January 26 and said one of the most frustrating issues for businesses is the lack of information and communication coming from the province.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha said the tax credit, "is a well overdue response to the tourism sector. "But it doesn't go far enough. Receiving a tax credit of \$200 for having to spend \$4,000 in accommodations for a family will not help the tourism sector much."

"What should have been in place, as was presented by NDP MPP Wayne Gates in a private member's bill, was a tax credit of \$1,000 for every \$1,000 spent," said MPP Mantha. "And with this new tax credit it only is in place for accommodation. A staycation can take in many things including fishing, boating, hiking, bicycling and many more things. This should have been included as it was in Mr. Gates' private member's bill."

Ontario residents can apply for the staycation refundable credit when they file their 2022 personal tax returns and will benefit even if they do not owe any tax.

According to the government, an eligible accommodation expense has to be for a stay of less than a month at an eligible accommodation such as a hotel, motel, resort, lodge, bed-and-breakfast establishment, cottage or campground in Ontario; for a stay between January 1 and December 31 of 2022, incurred for leisure, paid by the Ontario tax filer, their spouse or common-law partner, or their eligible child, as set out a detailed receipt. The credit is subject to the Goods and Services Tax (GST)/harmonized Sales Tax (HST) as set out on a detailed receipt.

# Second Annual Virtual Youth Hockey Challenge being held on Manitoulin

by Delaney Campbell

MANITOULIN—Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is welcoming 2022 with a Virtual Youth Hockey Challenge, running from January 7th-31st. The challenge calls on young hockey players, Island-wide, to submit videos that display their hockey skills, offering a variety of prizes for top talent.

All participants will benefit from a chance to virtually meet former NHL-er, Brandon Nolan, of Garden River First Nation. This will be the second annual program of this nature. Last year, Noojmowin Teg similarly adapted their programs to virtual platforms and saw considerable success. This year, with similar restrictions on in-person events, organizers are prepared to adapt to virtual platforms once again.

Healthy Living Youth Program Coordinator Mark Peltier organized this event and reflects on the need for continued physical activity while being mindful of COVID-19 restrictions. "Getting outside and being active is impor-

tant for kids' mental health," states Mr. Peltier, mirroring concerns that many have voiced regarding the impacts of staying indoors and/or being isolated.

Many health organizations, including SickKids and Children's Mental Health Organization (CMHO) have explored the ways in which children have managed pandemic restrictions, confirming Mr. Peltier's belief that a focus on mental health is important. The virtual youth hockey challenge demonstrates community efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID 19 while providing opportunities to validate the importance of mental health. Virtual platforms, of course, have been a considerable part of this effort.

"It's definitely tough," Mr. Peltier shared in reflecting on the difficulty of switching to predominantly virtual platforms, especially in such interactive sports-based programs. He fondly recalls the days of teaching skills in person, which is preferable.

"However, virtual platforms have expanded rural communities' access to guest speakers. Mr. Peltier noted that some speakers have been made available to Island communities via Zoom and this would have been previously impossible due to travel costs.

The challenge anticipates more than a dozen participants and encourages young players (ages 6-14) to submit videos until the January 31st deadline. Prizes are awarded for top skills, speed, saves and any hockey-related drills. For more information, visit the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre facebook page, website, or contact Mark Peltier at 705-368-2182.

If you are concerned about the mental health of youth in your community, resources are available.

The telephone contact for Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (Intensive Child & Youth Counselling Program) is 1-705-368-2182 and for Compass (formerly known as Child and Family Centre), 1-800-815-7126.

# Little NHL tournament cancelled for third year

NIPISSING FIRST NATION—Nipissing First Nation (NFN)

has announced the cancellation of the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) tournament it planned to host in Mississauga, from March 13-17. This is the third consecutive year tournament has been cancelled.

"This decision was made in response to the surge in COVID-19 activity across the province, resulting from the highly transmissible Omicron variant and is fully supported by the LNHL executive committee. The return to modified step two measures, including restrictions on recreational facilities and gatherings as well as limited testing capacity and data reporting due to recent changes in provincial guidelines, signals that we are not moving in the right direction," the LNHL explains in a release.

"The continued uncertainty around aspects of daily life that we used to take for granted, from schools being open to participating in hockey tournaments and simply the ability to come together without worrying about the safety of our families and communities, makes it clear that cancelling the tournament is the right decision to make at this time."

"While this isn't the kind of three-peat anyone aspires to, the decision to cancel the tournament for the third year in a row was made entirely out of concern for the health and safety of First Nation communities across Ontario, especially those unequipped to deal with increased demands on already very limited resources," said NFN Chief Scott McLeod.

"Although we remain hopeful that the situation will improve in the coming months, this pandemic continues to teach us that we can't predict what will come next. We all hope that this will come to an end sooner than later, but as many have noted, 'hope is not a strategy' and holding a huge hockey tournament amidst an ongoing global pandemic is not a risk that Nipissing First Nation is willing or prepared to take," Chief MacLeod added.

LHNL president Marian Jacko said, "In these rap-

idly changing and unpredictable times, your health and safety has always been our top priority. I would like to thank the NFN LNHL host committee and the NFN chief and council for their leadership, their support, and their resilience. On behalf of the LNHL executive, we express our heartfelt gratitude for their unwavering dedication and support for the Little NHL."

The LNHL host committee and the LNHL executive discussed the possibility of postponing the tournament until later in the year or hosting a regional format. "Having considered the many factors involved with these options, we have agreed that a postponement or alternate format is not feasible," the committee wrote.

"We have also taken into consideration the vast amount of time and resources that NFN staff has devoted to planning this event since 2019," the LNHL executive said. "We are mindful and respectful of their other duties as NFN continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the community."

"NFN's chief and council will discuss the possibility of Nipissing hosting the LNHL tournament at a later date. However, no decision has been made at this time," wrote the LNHL committee. "We will contact our sponsors, partners, volunteers and special guests in the coming weeks to discuss next steps. We appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we work through this."

"We know many will be saddened by the cancellation of LNHL 2022, but we trust that the rationale behind our decision is clear and sound. Our leadership, the LNHL host committee and executive are equally disappointed, given how much time and energy we've invested into hosting what would have been an amazing LNHL experience," the committee states.

The LHNL committee added, "Our theme, 'All Nations, One Family,' was intended to be celebrated together. Until we can do so safely again, please keep it in mind as we work together through these difficult times, even if it means staying apart for a little while longer."

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## ...urges province to prioritize N. Ontario healthcare

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mental health and addiction challenges pre-pandemic, now faces a significantly worse situation. "I can say from my shifts in the emergency department that the challenges in mental health and addiction are the most common problem," he said.

Expanded mental health and addiction programs was one of the recommendations made in October. The other priorities brought forward in the plan

## ...agreement on transfer station

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transfer station committee told The Expositor last week, "the long and short of it is that after a lengthy and lively discussion by council at our meeting (last week) we decided to accept the recommendation from the transfer station committee for the new proposal on a 50-50 cost sharing basis split."

"There has been give and take back and forth, and we have been at this issue for quite some time," said Councillor Turner. "We felt that this was a fair agreement. We could split more hairs but there comes a time when an agreement needs to be reached. The administration staff (Gore Bay) will now prepare an amended draft of the agreement for the committee to consider and review and then go to council for ratification." He said wording on the lease agreement is many years old and "no longer works" and the agreement will need to include the point that it (the agreement) will be reviewed on a more regular basis.

At a Gore Bay council meeting last week, "there is a motion in place for our consideration for the cost sharing agreement," said Mayor Osborne.

Councillor Kevin Woestenenk put forward the motion for Gore Bay to accept the cost sharing agreement, with Councillor Paulie Nodecker seconding the motion.

"In the (transfer station) committee minutes it notes that the committee is looking at hiring another person to help out whenever needed at the transfer station. I'm just wondering why a second person is being hired," asked Councillor Jack Clark.

Mayor Osborne said, "a member of our (town) public works staff is taken off their job to help out at the transfer station when it is needed. The concern is that when this takes place, we are pulling them off work they are already doing in town." Roger Chenard, Gore Bay town public works foreman "had asked if Gordon (/Barrie Island) could step in and take turns in helping out with members of their public works department. They are willing to help with the costs of hiring another person to work at the transfer station when needed instead of pulling a person off public works to help out."

"My concern is if this includes two people full-time it will mean a signifi-

were reducing wait times, improving home and community care, strengthening public health, and giving every patient a healthcare provider and linking them digitally. Those five priorities "resonate from our own experience over the many years of talking to patients and healthcare administrators," said Dr. Cooper.

The intent of the presentation to the committee was, "when the government was making budget decisions, to make sure they

cant increase in costs," said Councillor Clark. "I don't think the volume of work out there warrants having two people out there," he said.

It was pointed out there have been no final decisions made.

"We are in favour of hiring a second person at the transfer station and paying our share of the costs for this, but this hasn't been totally discussed at the transfer station committee level," said Councillor Turner. "This will be part of the discussion the committee will be having and working on a budget. And we (Gordon/Barrie Island) are proposing a two-year agreement with a review of the cost-sharing to take place in two years."

"I think this cost sharing agreement is something both municipalities can live with," stated Councillor Turner. "It's a good

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prioritize healthcare," he added. "That was the big ask. For the North specifically, and across Ontario, the OMA would like to see more permanence for codes for managing patients virtually. Currently those are limited codes and many of them are going to expire in September. Personally, I would be very surprised if the ministry was to cancel those codes. It's not a done deal so we want to make sure that isn't the case."

The other big ask from Northern Ontario was for a stronger medical education program on the North. "It would be helpful in recruiting physicians to the North," Dr. Cooper said. "We know much of Ontario is short of physicians and I think the North is in particular trouble."

The OMA would particularly like the ministry to consider residency programs. A student who is just beginning a residency program has anywhere between six and 10 years of training to go. "During the first year or two, they're pretty wide open on where to live but I think when it gets closer to the end of training, which is the residency, it's really important that they have an opportunity to work in the North and get comfortable working in the North so that they would consider the North as a place to live," he said. "We're asking the ministry to make it easier for residents to do rotations in the North. It's currently a challenge. That challenge

is accommodation and travel. It's one thing if you're living in Mississauga to do a rotation in Orangeville, but quite another thing if you're living in Mississauga and doing a rotation in Timmins."

Dr. Cooper was joined by Dr. Sarah Newbury of Marathon. Other organizations at the Northeastern Ontario session were the Beef Farmers of Ontario and the Ontario Association of Prosthetics and Orthotics. Many of the follow up questions by MPPs were directed at Dr. Cooper and Dr. Newbury. Dr. Cooper wasn't surprised. "Mostly because I know from speaking with MPPs. When they speak with their constituents, healthcare is often the number one priority."

MPP Michael Mantha thanked the doctors. "You guys are highlighting exactly what's going on as far as challenges throughout Northern Ontario," he said. "Across the North Shore, we are in crisis with the doctor recruitment program here. We're very much aware of what's going on in Thessalon, in Bruce Mines, and so on."

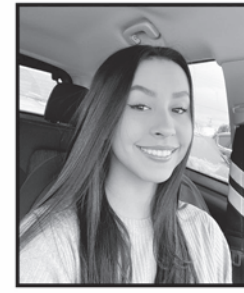
"The OMA is interested in ensuring that during the election and also between elections, in the discourse between the people and the government, that our healthcare remains a top priority," Dr. Cooper said. "We're obviously biased on that kind of thing, but we do think it's important."



Manitoulin Secondary School

## PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige



SIENNA MCGRAW

CONGRATULATIONS, SIENNA!



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Growing up in Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK), Sienna McGraw attended Little Current Public School. Here is where she started to play a competitive version of some sports including basketball and soccer. After trying out and making the Mustangs basketball and volleyball teams in her first two years she took a year off from playing competitively. The covid pause must have triggered her desire to get back on the court as she rejoined the Mustang volleyball squad this year. Sienna is really looking forward to contributing to the team's success. Her fingers are crossed in hopes that the entire season isn't a bust.

Sienna has proven to be a competitive force on the volleyball court. She admits to being an athlete who has always had a passion for sports. She loves them because they are a great way to keep her mind and body healthy throughout the year. It is a common belief among active people that maintaining the 'movement oriented' lifestyle has positive effects on all quadrants of their medicine wheel: emotional, physical, mental and spiritual. This has become especially evident to Sienna over the last two seasons as covid restrictions have made it difficult to fuel her passion.

Sienna has found that she enjoys volleyball over all other sports. She likes it because it brings her joy and she also appreciates the team aspect. Where players create a bond amongst themselves and strong enough connections that they know they can rely on one another, trust is important in all team sports. In the past she has played in the middle position but her coach believes that she is versatile enough to be a right side hitter as well.

The two year hiatus would typically have major negative impacts on most athletes but somehow Sienna has not let it affect her abilities on the court. From the very first practice this year, Sienna has demonstrated that she has retained her muscle memory and ability to hang on to her swing form. Her long reach and good vertical jumping ability is what makes her a versatile player in both the middle and right side position.

Sienna hopes that retaining and demonstrating this skill set will earn her a starting-line spot on the court so she can create some new, favourite memories in her senior year. One of Sienna's fondest memories in high school thus far is when her volleyball team qualified for NOSSA in 2019 and went to Sudbury to compete. Although they did not win at NOSSA she is still very proud of the gold at NSSSA the same year.

Through the years Sienna has found people who she can count on, look up to, and find inspiration in. One of her best friends is someone who she can trust and she says she is one of her biggest inspirations as she has always been there for Sienna, pushing her to do her best no matter what. Sienna also enjoys watching the Japanese men's volleyball team as she learns something every time she sees them in action. Their playing style and unpredictableness make them some of the greats in Sienna's book. She also finds inspiration in words and something draws her to keep coming back to a quote by George Bernard Shaw: "Life isn't about finding yourself, it's about creating yourself."

In Sienna's spare time, you can find her going for drives and listening to music to help clear her head. In the summertime she enjoys playing beach volleyball as well as gymnastics. To keep active she often goes for workouts at the AOK gym and she takes her dog, Zola for daily walks. She has worked in retail positions at several stores including Dreamer's Cove in Little Current. She can also often be found helping set up events in her community and has earned many volunteer hours towards Ontario Secondary School Diploma. When considering post secondary options she would like to go to college to study mental health and addictions. She wants to help others get through their own struggles as much as she can.

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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# Public input sought into developing strategic plan for Manitoulin tourism

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Island and La Cloche partner communities are creating a comprehensive strategic plan to explore and outline post-pandemic tourism adaptation opportunities and they want input from businesses, communities, events and attractions in developing this strategy.

Two 60-minute workshops are to be held today, Wednesday, January 19 at 2 pm and 6 pm. For those who would like to participate you can register by going to 'Manitoulin & La Cloche Tourism Strategy article at [www.centralmanitoulin.ca/news](http://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/news) and select the registration time you prefer.

"The experience and feedback participants provide during the workshop will assist in outlining the future for the local tourism industry," said Marcus Mohr, community development/outreach coordinator for the municipality of Central Manitoulin. "What will a tourism strategy for Manitoulin and La Cloche accomplish? What does better wayfinding signage look like in Manitoulin and La Cloche? What must happen for the tourism industry to move forward in a sustainable way? Outside Manitoulin and La Cloche, who else can help us maximize our tourism potential?"

Participants "can shape recommendations on how the tourism sector can become more resilient," said Mr. Mohr. He explained that the Municipality of Central Manitoulin on behalf of Manitoulin Island and La Cloche partner communities, Destination Northern Ontario, and support-

ed by the government of Canada has hired consultant MDB Insight to create a comprehensive strategic plan to explore and outline post-pandemic tourism adaptation opportunities related to Indigenous and non-Indigenous operations in the Manitoulin and La Cloche areas.

"MDB Insight has multi-disciplinary skills and has demonstrated experience in economic development, tourism development, in-depth knowledge of the regional tourism industry through its sub-consultants and by way of the steering committee input," said Mr. Mohr.

The purpose of the strategy will be to gain expertise on how to adapt to sudden tourism growth in the region in a COVID-safe manner and to reduce conflicts and negative impacts of this growth on communities, residents and the environment. The study aims to provide the necessary expertise to successfully adapt to these changes, identify new opportunities from tourism growth, as well as to immediately implement some first steps that will have an impact.

Identifying gaps in tourism operations will allow the region to adapt to tourism trends that continue to evolve, particularly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This will contribute to a higher quality tourism experience for visitors, increase the number of visits and encourage visitors to stay longer, thus contributing more to the regional economy.

## ...CLM welcomes Adrienne Farquhar as new executive director

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board members and staff are thrilled to announce that Adrienne Farquhar is joining their team as the new executive director. Adrienne has returned home, to Manitoulin, where she was born and raised, to fulfill this role," a CLM release explains.

"Adrienne has dedicated her entire career to assisting people in the health, mental health and developmental services sectors. Her strengths in collaboration, advocacy and person-

centred planning will only benefit the services that (CLM) provides," according to CLM.

Ms. Farquhar has already started in her new position with CLM and stated, "I look forward to continuing my career at Community Living Manitoulin and working closely with the board and staff who have successfully proven how to support all the people they provide service to. I look forward to seeing what amazing things we can accomplish together. There

is no better feeling than being able to do the work I love in a place that I love."

CLM "envisions a society where everyone belongs, has equality, respect and acceptance. With Adrienne leading the organization as the executive director, the organization will continue to grow and thrive with a future full of possibilities," said Pamela Lambert, board chair, who added, "Welcome Adrienne Farquhar."

"Today, I'm finishing the

end of my second week here (CLM)," said Ms. Farquhar. "I am enjoying it very much, it is exciting and interesting and the staff and board members have been so welcoming. This is a fantastic organization run by tremendous people." The board of CLM thanked Louise Laplante, who served as interim executive director as well as the management and staff who supported the smooth operations of the organization in its transition to a new full-time executive director.

## ...agreement on transfer station

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starting point. This has been a contentious issue for many of Gore Bay and our councils. One thing that we have definitely been successful at carrying out the past year or so is eliminating waste being brought in by residents of neighbouring municipalities. The way things are now, the site attendant knows that if someone goes to the transfer station they have a green tag if they are from our municipality and a yellow tag they are residents and ratepayers in Gore Bay. That wasn't in place two years ago. This has helped in eliminating waste being brought to the site by people who are not ratepayers from the two municipalities."

## ...Jack Brady sworn in as new councillor

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where I put my name forward for the last couple of years on council to fill a vacant council seat."

"It is interesting, everyone should take their name forward to be a member of council at least one time," said Mr. Brady.

In November 2020, Mr. Brady had announced that he was resigning his position as a councillor at the end of that year. He has previously spent two terms as a council member and served one four-year term as reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island.

## ...proposed new apartment units

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"We would prefer that," added Mayor Osborne.

As was reported previously, Gore Bay council gave its approval to amend a zoning bylaw toward the development of a proposed 40-unit apartment building in the town (with conditions) in consideration of the main concerns raised by residents on Hall Street. The considerations include studies on mitigation to flooding, conservation at Bickell's Creek, an environmental study to be carried out, approval of the building design, water-sewer capacity report and a traffic study. All have to be in place and council has to be satisfied with the information provided for the project to move forward.


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# ...Municipalities', First Nations' input sought on fate of old swing bridge after replacement

...continued from page 1 solution to this," said Chief Corbiere. "This bridge has been here for over 100 years and is the first thing people see when they are coming on to the Island. What they (MTO) would be doing is tearing down history."

Chief Corbiere said that with the amount of funds that have been spent over the years on the bridge, "They practically rebuilt it. They spent money to fix it then they want to remove or tear it down? It's part of the history of Manitoulin Island. We shouldn't destroy it. There are other options. Wouldn't they want it for sightseeing? They could put it somewhere where everyone could use it."

"New is not always good," she said. "It's the gateway to Manitoulin Island. It

Manitoulin Island and the mainland areas of Northern Ontario. As the existing bridge is nearing the end of its service life, the purpose of this study was to identify a recommended option that addresses current and future transportation needs at the bridge crossing," Ms. Addley wrote in a January 7 letter to Island municipalities and First Nations.

The recommended plan includes the removal of the existing Highway 6 Little Current swing bridge following construction of the new bridge, Ms. Addley wrote. "The existing bridge is the oldest and longest known example of a swing bridge within the province and has been identified by MTO as a Provincial Heritage Property of Provincial Significance (PHPPS) under section 25.2 of the Ontario Heritage Act

the impacts associated with the removal of the bridge and recommends options and mitigation measures to reduce negative impacts and conserve cultural heritage value or interest.

The eight conservation options considered under the OHBG included: retention of the existing bridge with sympathetic modification; retention of the existing bridge with sympathetically designed new structure in proximity; retention of the existing bridge no longer in use for vehicular purposes but adapted for a new use (e.g. as a pedestrian bridge, cycling bridge or scenic viewing platform); retention of the existing bridge as a heritage monument for viewing purposes only; relocation of smaller, lighter single-span bridges to an appropriate new site

ated with the bridge, preferably close by the crossing, and is publicly accessible. It will record the history of the bridge and its impact on the area, and include interpretive materials such as display panels and, if feasible, the entire bridge or significant components of it such as the gears and the control booth."

"This report is going to be coming before the MMA (Manitoulin Municipal Association)," said Reeve

Hayden. "Hopefully, it gets endorsed there."

In a January 13 email, Jaclyn Lytle, communications coordinator northeast operations of the MTO told The Expositor that, "Following the completion of the Little Current Swing Bridge Heritage Impact Assessment process (after the comment period), the next step will be to complete the Transportation Environmental Study Report."

Circulation of the HIA to key local and heritage stakeholders and interest parties is required under the standards and guidelines. Any public or stakeholder input or comments will be considered as part of the request for minister's consent. The 30-day review period ends February 7. Questions or input can be forwarded to project-team@swingbridgestudy.ca



A Henley boat is tested in the waters of the North Channel with the swing bridge in the background.

photo by Michael Erskine

could be used as a walkway. Life changes when things are torn down, and the bridge is significant for Manitoulin Island."

"Oh, God," was the response of Bill Caesar, a huge fan of the bridge who has written a book about its first 100 years. "This is a lot of people's heritage and they are going to be very upset with this decision." When consultations had taken place as to what the bridge could be replaced with, Mr. Caesar suggested an immersion tunnel. "Build a tunnel on land and let the old one sit there."

"When this hits Facebook, it's going to be brutal," Mr. Caesar said.

Al MacNevin, mayor of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) stated, "At this point, the MTO is just asking for comments before going to the minister. Our council hasn't seen the report yet."

Mayor MacNevin said the issue and report would be on the NEMI council meeting agenda this week. "In my personal opinion, the option they have chosen seems to make sense, but it is the ministry that has the last say."

Dianna Addley is a senior environmental planner with Stantec Consulting Ltd., which was retained to undertake a planning preliminary design and class environmental assessment (Class EAO) study for the Highway 6 Little Current Swing Bridge located in the Town of NEMI.

"The bridge provides the only year-round highway access between the community of Little Current and

(OHA) and MTO must comply with the 2010 Standards and Guidelines (standards and guidelines) for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties pursuant to Part 111.1, section 25.2, of the OHA."

"Under the standards and guidelines, removal or demolition of all or part of a provincial heritage property should be considered as a last resort, having considered all other alternatives, subject to HIA and community engagement. The standards and guidelines also requires the consent of the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries be obtained prior to the demolition or removal of any building or structure located on a PHPPS."

In addition, MTO must also adhere to the MTO's Ontario Heritage Bridge Guidelines (Interim 2008) (OHBG), which sets out eight conservation options that must be considered for its bridges.

After considering all other options, MTO has concluded that removal and/or demolition of the existing bridge is the best alternative and a last resort. The HIA report noted that, "At 108 years of age, the structure is beyond the end of its expected life. In total, expenditures for bridge rehabilitation are approximately \$17.6 million (approximately \$500,000 annual average) over the past 35 years. As bridge deterioration generally increases exponentially with age, a continual increase in rehabilitation costs is expected."

The HIA documents how the conservation options were considered, identifies

for continued use or adaptive re-use; bridge removal and replacement with sympathetically designed structure, where possible salvaging elements/members of the bridge for incorporation into the new structure for future conservation work or displays and undertaking a full recording and documentation of the existing structure.

It was determined that the first six options were not viable because the transportation needs could not be met, leaving removal of the existing bridge (after the new structure is constructed) as the only viable option. According to the HIA, "This is the only viable option which satisfies the transportation objectives to improve traffic capacity, safety and reliability at the crossing, reduce maintenance costs, and improve access for boats and emergency services."

Part of the measures to mitigate the loss of heritage associated with removal of the bridge includes a commemorative plan, to be completed following the preliminary design phase, Ms. Addley explained in her letter. Relocating the historic bridge, in whole or in part, will be investigated (including technical and economic feasibility studies) to determine if it is physically possible to do so. MTO will consult with the municipalities, First Nations and others to develop the commemorative plan. "The proposed plan will commemorate the bridge at an appropriate location that is associ-



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### ... MHC applauds speeding foreign-trained nurses into workforce

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 “where extra help is needed,” said Minister Elliott. The province will run the program with Ontario Health (which oversees healthcare in the province) and the College of Nurses of Ontario.

Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Co-CEO, Vice President Corporate Support Services and Chief Financial Officer Tim Vine said that in terms of foreign-trained nurses, “we’re really excited the government is taking some steps to fast-track those 200 nurses and I understand there’s another cohort of several hundred more possibly starting later in the year.”

Mr. Vine hopes the initiative brings more personnel into the system but added, “We know that across the province, there are thousands of vacancies for nurses. It’s not likely to be a panacea.”

MHC has “quite a few” vacancies in the organization on the nursing side. “Our staffing pressures are not all caused by vacant positions,” he noted. “We have some folks who are away due to illness and some long-term issues. Those create difficulties in

backfilling, especially when we don’t know the duration.”

There aren’t a lot of nurses out in the community who are applying for these positions but acknowledged Director of Human Resources Samantha Smockum for her diligent work to get all positions filled.

“The hospital is a cross-section of our broader community so it’s very likely that we’ve got folks that are isolating due to COVID-19 exposure that’s causing the challenge, but we also fall prey to other types of illnesses that happen within the workplace,” Mr. Vine said. Someone could be isolating because of COVID, “but maybe they have an injury because they’re working short, or maybe they’re off with a mental health issue that was exacerbated by the stress and tension of the pandemic.”

Family physician Dr. Stephen Cooper has seen those shortages first-hand during his shifts at MHC. “I do know that the nurse managers were putting on their scrubs over the Christmas holidays and joining the front lines. That’s not what they signed up as. They signed up to be

administrators, not nursing staff, but they’re being pressed into work.”

“Over the last 20 years that I’ve been involved in medical leadership, the College of Physicians and Surgeons Ontario (CPSO) and the ministries have opened the door to getting more physicians and that is making a big difference in access to physicians in Ontario, so it does help,” Dr. Cooper said.

It’s a short-term solution, however, he noted. “We need to think about these things in advance. The career of a clinician is 30 to 40 years. If you bring in lots of foreign-trained clinicians, that’s reducing opportunities for students in the North and across Ontario in the long run. In the short run, it’s a great solution. In the long run, we missed an opportunity 10 years ago.”

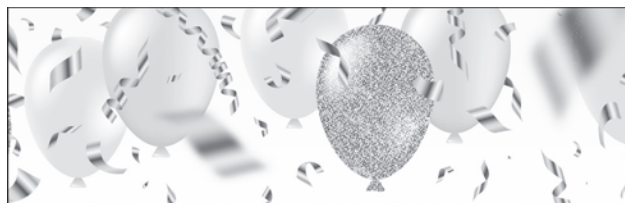
“We’ve got to work more closely with our partners like ONA (Ontario Nurses Association) and post-secondary institutions in order to have a more robust healthcare human resources strategy for the province to make up these shortages,” Mr. Vine said.

The ideal long-term solution would be opening up

additional training spots in Ontario, but there’s a caveat: it takes a great deal of planning and thinking about where you want to go, explained Dr. Cooper. Healthcare has changed a lot in the 29 years he’s been practicing. He tells his students that what they’re learning and doing now is going to be completely different at the end of their career in 30 years time.

“I don’t know what the numbers needed in the future really are,” he said. “There have been a lot of changes in healthcare over the past 30 years but we can expect that in the next 20 years, there’s going to be even more change in the way healthcare is delivered and the roles of physicians and nursing staff will change greatly.”

One thing that won’t likely change is nursing and bedside care, he believes. “We can think all we want about what the future of medicine is going to look like but we will need compassionate hands at the bedside and the people that are skilled staff delivering that, which is what a lot of front-line physicians and nursing staff do. That part won’t go away.”



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### ...Silver Water home lost to daytime fire

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to a structure fire (a house owned by Matt Blue) on Highway 540 (beside the Stop 540 Restaurant) in Silver Water.

“Upon arrival of firefighters, the building was fully engulfed in flames,” said Mr. Mackinlay. He said the cause of the fire is unknown and fortunately no lives were lost as there was no one in the home at the time of the fire.

A dozen (Robinson township) firefighters responded to the fire, said Mr. Mackinlay who had, “a big shout out to the Burpee and Mills Fire Department who stood on standby to respond, through the Manitoulin Mutual Aid program. And a big thank you to Jerry Martin for his service in providing a backhoe to knock down one of the structure’s walls. And a big thank you to members of the community for feeding the firefighters muffins and sandwiches.”

“Approximately 30,000 gallons of water was used to put out the fire,” Mr. Mackinlay told The Expositor. “This was a very stubborn fire to put out,” he said, pointing out firefighters used two tanker trucks and one pumper truck at the fire. As well, one portable pump was deployed.

“Our figures show that the two tankers each made 10 trips to Silver Creek to get more water. Each tanker was driven about 100 kilometres in total, shuttling water from Silver Creek to the scene of the fire,” said Mr. Mackinlay, pointing out that each

tanker can hold 1,500 gallons of water.

After putting out the blaze, “the last tanker returned to the Robinson fire hall at 5:30 pm. “This was the second call our fire-fighting team had responded to in a 48-hour period,” said Mr. MacKinlay.

“Our firefighting team worked very well, like a well-oiled machine, in putting the fire out,” said Mr. Mackinlay. He pointed out that as well as the house, an adjoining shed at the back of the house was destroyed in the fire.

Hydro One crews responded to turn off the breaker at the pole on the property, and tripped the power, so power was turned off at houses in the area of the blaze.

An online Go Fund Me fundraising campaign has been initiated by Sara O’Connor on behalf of Matt Blue. The page reads, ‘Help Matt Blue with housing and necessities.’ “Hi everyone, as most of you know Matt has recently lost his home to an unexpected fire this morning. I am making this go fund me to hopefully help him restore some belongings and work towards building a new place to call home!”

“He appreciates any little bit of help, as especially around this time of year things tend to be a little harder. Thank you so much in advance, and trust me, it truly means the world to him!” wrote Ms. O’Connor.

A fundraising campaign goal of \$10,000 has been set.

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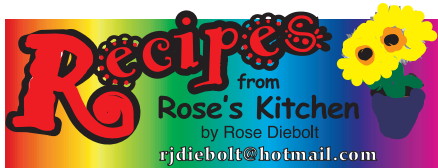
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The following recipes have a bit of freedom in them, especially the quesadillas. The soup definitely needs the orange juice but you can omit the rum. Both make a great Sunday dinner and in fact, since it is January with lots of chilly weather, it would be great anytime.



Cut the avocados in half, remove pit, scoop from shell with a spoon and cut into thin slices. You can still use an overripe avocado. The difference will be a slightly mashed avocado on top of the cheese. Either way works. I don't like to waste!

Place a tortilla on a flat surface and spread grated cheese over half of tortilla. If you are using refried beans spread them on the tortilla before the cheese.

On top of the cheese sprinkle green onions, diced peppers, a few slices of avocado and cilantro. I added just a little bit more cheese on top. Fold the tortilla in half very gently. Don't press because you don't want to crack the fold! Repeat until you have the right amount of tortillas you need and you can either use them right away or put them in the fridge for later (up to a couple of hours).

Place some oil in a frying pan or griddle and add the tortilla. Add a lid and cook until golden brown on each side. Serve with salsa but they are so good on their own.

#### Orange and Chia Seed Cake

The cake is not sweet and you can dress it up with yogurt, whipping cream, fresh fruit, ice cream or whatever you like.

1/4 cup chia seeds  
1/2 cup milk (coconut, almond, soy etc.)  
125g or 1/2 cup butter, softened  
1 Tbsp finely grated orange zest  
1 cup raw sugar (I used coconut sugar)  
4 eggs  
2 cups almond meal (ground almonds)  
1 cup spelt flour  
1 1/2 tsp baking powder

#### Orange Syrup:

1/2 cup maple syrup or honey  
2 Tbsp orange zest  
1/2 cup orange juice

Preheat oven to 325°F. Lightly grease a 9-inch round cake pan or use parchment paper.

Place the chia seeds and milk in a bowl and set aside to soak for 10 minutes.

Place the butter, orange rind and sugar in a bowl and beat with a hand mixer or electric until light and creamy. Add the eggs one at a time until well combined. Add the chia mixture, almond meal, flour, and baking powder and fold to combine.

Spoon the mixture into the baking pan and bake for 50 to 60 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean.

While the cake is baking make the orange syrup. Place all three ingredients in a small saucepan and over medium heat simmer until the syrup has thickened a little. About five minutes.

When the cake has baked let it cool in the pan for about 10 minutes and while it is still warm, turn it out onto a plate and pour the syrup over top.

Serve warm.

#### Black Bean Soup

I am done with soaking beans then cooking them forever! Either buy canned beans or precook your beans in the Instant Pot. This will cut down on your time in cooking the soup. You can use your favourite kind of broth. I used Miso. The onion and garlic amounts are important for the flavour. The recipe calls to puree all of the soup but I used my immersion blender and only pureed about half. All up to you.

3 cups dried black beans cooked or 3 large cans (28 fl oz) black beans drained  
6 cups of broth (vegetable, chicken, beef)  
3 Tbsp olive oil  
2 large onions, diced, about 3 cups  
5 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/2 tsp cumin  
1 tsp dried mustard or 1 tsp Dijon mustard  
2 Tablespoons grated orange zest about one orange  
1/4 cup dark rum optional  
1/2 cup fresh orange juice (use juice from a fresh orange, it makes a difference in taste)  
Salt and pepper

In a large pot, heat the olive oil. Add the onions and cook until very soft and tender, about 15 minutes. Watch that they don't burn! Add the garlic, cinnamon, cumin, mustard, and orange zest and cook for two more minutes.

Add the broth, black beans, rum and orange juice. Simmer the soup for about an hour. Test taste in adding more salt, pepper, cinnamon or cumin.

This is your judgement call—add more broth if the soup is too thick, puree all of the soup, puree only half or leave as is.

#### Quesadillas

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# Evansville powerlifter ranked among best in Canada

by Tom Sasvari  
 EVANSVILLE—While relatively new to competing in the sport of powerlifting, Robert Maxwell is already among the top 20 in Canada in his weight class.

“I’ve been training for strength for almost 14 years. But it wasn’t until 2019 that I was persuaded by a friend of mine, Malcolm Noland,

than he attained at a higher weight “is not easy. The two seem to be opposites. I feel a lot of athletic feats are lost due to an athletes’ mindset. Although I’ve decreased my body weight, I believe I can attain the weights I’ve set as a goal. I’ve done my training and will continue. I will do absolutely everything I can to attain these goals

custom workout programs, nutrition plans, weight loss plans and how to gain more muscle. “You don’t become good in this life without knowledge about nutrition,” he said.

“I have a deep passion, almost a deep obsession, with powerlifting and strength, and want to pass on my knowledge to other

ments of Mr. Maxwell’s younger brother Joseph, in shotput, have been noteworthy. “My younger brother Jacob, who is studying to become a veterinarian, is also passionate about long distance running,” said Joseph Maxwell. “It seems all three of us have the

drive to excel in physical activities and this goes beyond our generation. Our great great grandfather, Robert Maxwell, in the early 1900s ran 100 metre races and at the time was very close to attaining the world record. The record at that time was 10.1 seconds for

100 metres and he posted a mark of 10.3 seconds in a competition.”

For those who would like more information on the training programs Mr. Maxwell can provide, visit his website at maxwellstrength.com



Evansville powerlifter Robert Maxwell, who is 20th in Canada in his weight class, is shown at a competition held last August in Orangeville.

about taking my interest to the next level,” Mr. Maxwell told The Expositor. “I was reluctant at first, nervous, and didn’t think I was ready to take part in a competition. But I decided to sign up for my first competitive powerlifting competition in the summer of 2019.”

Mr. Maxwell explained that at a competition, each powerlifter lifts the barbell in the squat, bench press and dead lift. “At these competitions, you have nine attempts in total (three in each of the three exercises) and the judges take your best lift (weight) in each of the three, and the lifter who lifts the highest total weight wins the competition.”

In the competition held in St. Catharines in 2019, Mr. Maxwell finished fifth in his weight class. “Since then, I have only taken part in one other official competition. I was supposed to compete at an event in 2020 but it was cancelled due to COVID-19.”

“The most recent competition I took part in was held in August (2021) in Orangeville,” continued Mr. Maxwell. “In that competition I was able to win in my weight class. My numbers included my best squat lift being 574 pounds, 365 pounds in the bench press and 628 pounds in the deadlift. Those results were good enough to win in my weight division and also in the Canada Powerlifting League in that federation.”

“As of last August, I was 20th in the country in my weight division (under 275 pounds),” he said.

Mr. Maxwell has signed up for another competition, scheduled to take place in Orangeville, in May. “In this one I have trimmed my weight down to 240 pounds, so I will be competing in a lighter body weight division. My goal for this competition is to lift 600 pounds in the squat, 402 pounds in the bench press and 700 pounds in the deadlift.”

Decreasing body weight and competing in a lower body weight division while setting goals that are higher



Evansville powerlifter Robert Maxwell is shown taking part in a competition held last August in Orangeville where he took first place in his weight category.

with belief in myself, my training, working on my mobility, proper nutrition and making sure I get proper sleep (the latter which is crucial to allow the body to recover from lifting weights of this size).”

All of Mr. Maxwell’s powerlifting training has taken place in his families’ home gym, in the basement of his parents’ home in Evansville. “Joseph, my younger brother, and I trained for many years together working with a regulation-sized deadlift platform in the basement of my parents’ home. We have accumulated quite a bit of equipment including many adjustable barbells, 1,500 pounds of weight plates, and squat rocks.”

“I have been lucky enough to have the permission of my parents to have the space and resources to set up this type of thing here on the property,” said Mr. Maxwell, who is 31 years old.

With his passion for powerlifting and strength, Mr. Maxwell wants to share this with others. “I’ve recently started a service on the internet to coach people how to get stronger. I can train and help someone who wants to get in shape to enhance their quality of life and those who want to take part in competitions and everyone in between,” he explained.

“I already have several clients,” Mr. Maxwell told The Expositor. He provides

people,” said Mr. Maxwell. As has been chronicled in The Expositor and the former Manitoulin West Recorder, the accomplish-




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# ...Billings council supports renewing power plant contract

...continued from page 1 last week to discuss the matter. The issue went back to council at its next regular meeting, which was scheduled for January 17.

In his report to council, Mayor Ian Anderson explained the current power generating lease is set to expire on December 31, 2029. OEC is faced with funding significant repairs and refurbishments required by the power plant and are requesting that council consider a 10-year extension of the lease period, to December 31, 2039. "The rationale is to extend the time through which OEC might recover its investment," Mayor Anderson said.

In the late 1980s, Kagawong Power Incorporated (KPI) acquired a power purchase agreement under Ontario's non-utility generators program and negotiated the right to operate the station under lease with the Township of Billings. The first lease was signed almost 35 years ago, in 1987, the mayor noted. At that time, the terms were negotiated at 15 percent of gross revenue paid to the township. In 2010, KPI renegotiated the lease for a term extending to December 31, 2029, at a rate of 23.5 percent of gross revenue.

OEC bought the business (including the lease) from KPI in 2013. The lessee (now OEC) is responsible for all aspects of operations, maintenance and repair of all structures and equipment, and is also responsible for relations with the Independent Electricity System Operators (IESO), now under a hydroelectric

contract initiative, and for the operation of the power plant in accordance with the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forests (NDMNRF) water management plan (WMP). The WMP dictates Lake Kagawong water levels as well as the minimum year-round flow rates to be maintained at the dam for aesthetic purposes and downstream for ecological reasons (aquatic life including fish spawning habitat).

The Kagawong generating station has the capacity of about 725 KW and produces just over 3,000 MWH annually. A megawatt hour (MWH) equals 1,000 kilowatts, KW of electricity generated per hour. It is a relatively old station; the turbine dates from the 1920s or 1930s, and has been operated in its current configuration with little in the way of refurbishment for over 35 years, Mayor Anderson explained.

Mayor Anderson noted that Bill Touzel, a consultant to OEC, has reported the Kagawong generating station will need between \$500,000 and \$1 million to ensure it will be fit for continued service past 2030. OEC plans to make at least some of the investment before then.

"Most of the major equipment components are showing obvious signs of being old," Mayor Anderson said. "Maintenance and repair costs and downtime have risen significantly over the last few years. It was recently learned that these costs were approximately \$120,000 in 2019 and approximately \$200,000 in 2020."

The plant seldom runs to the maximum level of output; it is often closer to 50 percent capacity, so the total annual generation averages roughly 3.1 million KWH per year, or roughly \$260,000 per year before operating and maintenance costs. Billings Township receives 23.5 percent of the gross revenue, or an average of approximately \$60,000 per year, with no exposure to operation and maintenance costs, he noted.

Mayor Anderson spoke with three individuals with experience in similar operations. He met twice with Paul Young, vice-president of generation development for Orillia Power Generation Corporation, a municipally-owned company with a handful of operating waterpower stations in central Ontario. Mr. Young confirmed that with the age of the plant infrastructure, it would be reasonable to expect major replacement or refurbishment costs of \$750,000 to \$1 million over the next 10 years. "Mr. Young said that this is very reasonable and that he wouldn't be surprised if the total costs exceeded the \$1 million amount, particularly if there has been no major maintenance done in a while," Mayor Anderson told council.

Mr. Young estimated average annual maintenance and operational costs for dams, reporting, licensing and staffing would be about \$70,000. Revenue charges paid to the province and insurance rates would bring that amount closer to \$100,000 per year. "We have found

that this method underestimates costs for smaller plants so costs would likely be higher," he cautioned.

The 23.5 percent revenue sharing agreement and the short remaining length of the contract could be cause for concern by other potential operators, as would the possible zero terminal value at the end of the existing contract. "It is nearly impossible to attract a secured tender to a project that doesn't have a contract," said Mr. Young.

He told Mayor Anderson that risks for a small municipality such as Billings were high. Operating the plant themselves would require relying on outside help, particularly for maintenance activities and safety assessments. "For older plants, there is considerable structural and mechanical risk. There is also a public safety risk. The plant should be reviewed to make sure it meets current public safety guidelines as published by the Canadian Dam Association and MNRNRF," Mr. Young said. He added that a costly dam safety assessment should be undertaken and updated every five years to look at the risk associated with dam failure.

None of the three other examples of a similar lease or profit-sharing agreement within Ontario that Mr. Young was aware of

included revenue sharing in excess of 23.5 percent. "You have a very good arrangement with virtually no risk to the municipali-

ty," he told Mayor Anderson.

The same questions were asked of Chris Handley,

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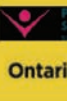

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On Dec 8, 2021, we received official news that Kenjgewin Teg has met the quality assurance standards of an organizational review by the Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council

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All our valued college and university partnerships will continue for community-based access post-secondary learning.

We will celebrate this milestone together in 2022!

# ...fabric art project returns home

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"I'm very, very proud, this is the high point of my career," she said. "I am very proud of the exhibition it was put in. (Although) this is probably not my best work, my individual self, but just generally, to work with those people and sort of, not change the world, but to do something with a group of people. I didn't think I would like it as much. It just seemed to make a big difference in everybody's lives."

There were 144 contributors who worked on the Manitoulin Circle Project, people who would drop in through the day to add a few stitches or just to chat with Ms. Martin or connect with each other. Sometimes it would be a group of 10 or 12 people at once. "They would have a bit of a party," said Ms. Martin. "It went on all day. I felt...not important...but needed, necessary." Stopping proved to be a challenge as even after the project had been completed and the quilts hung, many in the group found themselves casting about for another purpose. "The project had a definite end point," recalled Ms. Martin, "so we had to start something new."

The genesis of the project started with a university course that Ms. Martin was engaged in at the time. That course called for the creation of a 'liturgical work' something that had, at first, given the artist some pause. So much of religious-themed art, with its focus on crucifixion or martyrdom can be somewhat gruesome in its realistic depictions. "Quite horrific, actually, and realistic," she said, going on to clarify that "This is not my 'school project'."

"I was getting into more abstract work at the time," she said. Her instructor told her "I looked at your work, it is already spiritual, follow what you do," recalled Ms. Martin. "I became so inspired."

She pointed to the thematic circles that feature in the work. "Within the square, the square means the world and the circle means the people," she said. "The meditation panels kind of hold people's thoughts. They come back to the work and their thoughts start back where they left off."

Manitoulin Circle Project was promoted and nurtured by then-Little Current United Church Rev. Faye Stevens, who was very supportive of the project. "And Julia and Rick McCutcheon, who were also very supportive and helped get the project off the ground," said Ms. Martin.

Following its completion, Mended World was selected to join a travelling exhibition that started out in Houston, Texas and then exhibited in several locations around the world, an invitational exhibition of one work each by of 29 artists featured in the book 'Art Quilts International: Abstract & Geometric' by Martha Sielman. The engaging works of art in the show represented a range of styles across the abstract art spectrum and the participating artists came from Australia, Canada, Europe, Japan and across the US and was displayed in those countries, as well as China.

Upon its return to the Island, Mended World needed a bit of tender, loving care before once again taking up its place of honour on the walls of Little Current United Church.

"After its three-year adventure with the Masterworks: Abstract and Geometric exhibition, I completely cleaned and locked Mended World," shared Ms. Martin.

At 240 cm in height and 240 cm in width and one centimetre in depth (94" x 94"), the work joins its similarly monumental sisters in the church. The materials used in its construction include re-cycled linen and cotton damask, new silk, light weight cotton, sewing and quilting thread, linen yarn, bamboo batting, backed with linen damask pieced with cotton designed by internationally renowned fashion house Marimekko.

The techniques used in its construction include hand piecing using foundation cloth, machine piecing, hand quilting and hand embroidery/quilting.

Once in-person attendance at church resumes (Little Current United Church is currently holding virtual services), visitors will once again be able to enjoy the complete collection as they hang on the walls of the sanctuary.

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## Victim Services seek to proof kids against trafficking

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Living in a rural community can be tranquil. It is wonderfully peaceful to be able to raise a family far from the hubbub and stress of big city life, but that largely peaceful existence can sometimes lead to a dangerous complacency—nowhere is truly safe from the dangers of human trafficking.

Manitoulin-North Shore Victim Services (MNSVS) held an online workshop on how to proof your children against human trafficking and some of the statistics they provided are truly alarming. It is never too early to start arming your children against the wiles of traffickers.

“MNSVS is currently working with five victims of human trafficking,” revealed Victim Support Specialist Jessica Summers during her opening presentation, although she noted none of the five had been trafficked on Manitoulin Island.

Human trafficking is defined as “recruiting, transporting, transferring, receiving, holding, concealing or harbouring a person, or exercising control, direction or influence over the movements of a person, for the purpose of exploiting them or facilitating their exploitation.”

Ms. Summers broke that definition down further, saying that it involves the use of force or coercion to obtain some type of labour or commercial sex act.” She noted that, “it can happen in any community and victims can be of any age, race, gender or nationality.” The average age of a trafficking victim is 13. “Traffickers might use violence, manipulation or false promises of well-paying jobs or romantic relationships to lure victims into trafficking situations,” continued Ms. Summers.

“Anyone can be at risk,” she said, “but there are risk factors that can make someone more vulnerable.” Those risk factors of being sex trafficked include women and girls (although boys and men who are LGBTQI2S are also targeted); homeless and marginalized youth; youth struggling with self-esteem, from bullying, discrimination, poverty, abuse, isolation and other social or family issues (although as the keynote speaker later pointed out, even apparently well-adjusted middle class youth can be vulnerable); Indigenous women and girls; and people with addictions, mental illness and developmental disabilities.

If your children do not fall into any of these categories, do not be complacent. Ms. Summers pointed out that there are cases where none of these risk factors are present. “Traffickers often target very young people, identify their needs and then use their dependence to control and exploit them.”

Not all vulnerabilities are equal either. Ms. Summers noted that Indigenous women are at higher risk of human trafficking. “Indigenous women make up four percent of the Canadian population,” she said. “Yet they make up roughly 50 percent of trafficked vic-

tims, according to a 2016 study.”

Factors behind this startling statistic can be traced to the ongoing impacts of colonialism and discrimination, as well as intergenerational violence and trauma stemming from the residential school system, the Sixties Scoop and the impact of child welfare institutions, offered Ms. Summers.

Many Indigenous women and girls have experienced unstable living conditions, poverty, a lack of social services, family issues, identity issues and a general lack of opportunities, she noted. “This creates more vulnerable people who could be at risk of human trafficking.” The ongoing travesty of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls being a case in point, she noted.

There are a number of “red flags” that can serve as a warning that someone may be a victim. Ms. Summers listed some of those red flags for which parents and other caregivers need to be on alert: Do they have freedom of movement? Are they not in control of their identification, bank card or money? Are they working long hours, exhausted or hungry? Is there a new (possibly abusive) boyfriend? Are there visible signs of abuse or malnourishment? Do they have bruises at various stages of healing? Do they know their address? Are they living in hotels? Are they carrying their ‘life’ in one bag or purse? Are they showing signs of mental abuse? Is there fear, anxiety, trauma, or resistance to speaking with support workers or police? Do they avoid eye contact or social interactions? Is their hair, nails, makeup being done constantly and not consistent with how they did it before? And has there been a sudden or drastic change in their behaviour?

There are patterns in the stages that traffickers use in capturing their victims. Those include luring (assessing the victim, collecting information about them and making the victim feel special), grooming and assisting (a honeymoon stage, the victim thinks they are in love with the trafficker and the trafficker’s promises make the victim think their dreams are coming true, this may include new clothes, cars, housing and such, and the victim may begin illicit drug use), then comes coercion and manipulation (lots of mixed messages such as putting the victim down and then praising them to the skies, then withdrawing their affections and sex acts where compliance is rewarded), exploitation follows (those can include threats to the safety of loved ones, the victim may be in debt to their trafficker, financial pressures, confinement and isolation along with emotional and physical abuse); finally comes the recruitment stage where the victim is so captured by her trafficker that the victim is set to teaching other victims, recruiting victims (which makes the victim feel powerful), a reduction in the

number of clients they must serve and generally making the victim believe they have regained control over their lives.

Common channels for recruitment include: airports, community members, family members, friends, hitchhiking, significant others, social media and the internet, school, shelters and stores or restaurants. It isn’t all just stranger danger.

Ms. Summers advises those being approached that, “if something seems too good to be true, it likely is, even if it is someone you know—be aware and trust your instincts.”

The victim support specialist explained the concept of a “trauma bond,” wherein the trafficker imposes alternating periods of love and affection with devaluation and physical and/or emotional abuse. “A person may develop a trauma bond because they rely on the abusive person to fulfill emotional needs,” said Ms. Summers. “After causing harm, an abusive person may promise to change, be especially kind or romantic to make up for their behaviour. This gives the abused person hope that their suffering will end and they will one day receive the love or connection that has been promised.”

Even when they do escape their traffickers, there is still an 85 percent chance the victim will return to their trafficker,” shared Ms. Summers. It

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Rachael Orford

As the cold weather settled in last week, students continued to plug away at online learning. Sadly, we are still due for more bone-chilling days ahead.

A cold weather joke for you: What is the cosmetic product that has been manufactured in the Arctic for a long time? It is a cold cream!

But on the bright side, students are now back to in-person learning! Beginning Monday, January 17, students participating in in-person learning in the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) returned to the classroom setting and transportation resumed. This return comes with enhanced safety protocols in school. The "COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children

in School and Child Care" online survey has been updated to include more symptoms of COVID-19 and new guidance on testing and isolation. Please refer to this online tool in order to screen before attending school. Students at MSS and across the RDSB will confirm that they have completed the screening tool with their teachers in home-rooms. The students' daily attendance will serve as confirmation to this. If you are ill, with any symptoms, stay home. See the RDSB website for more information.

Sudbury Student Services Consortium released a notice that they expect higher levels of driver absenteeism that may affect

busing. School bus route cancellations will be posted every morning on their website ([www.businfo.ca](http://www.businfo.ca)) by 6:30 am. Parents will not be notified of cancellations by phone or email.

Even with the return to in-person learning, indoor high contact and high intensity extra-curricular activities are not taking place at this time. In-school support through teachers, the guidance office, the main office, and the social worker are still available for students to reach out to.

Just a reminder that there will be no exams, culminating activities, and/or evaluations worth 30 percent of a student's final grade this semester. Friday, January 28 to Wednesday, February 2 are now instructional days which will maximize learning time for students. Friday, February 4 will remain as a Professional Development (PD) Day.

On Thursday, February 10, MSS is hosting a Grade 8 virtual parent and guardian information at 6:30 pm. Stay tuned for more information.

Joke of the week: A couple of icebergs in Antarctica are best friends. They grew up together and have known each other since they were ice cubes. One iceberg decides he's tired of all the cold weather, he tells his best friend he's

going on a warm vacation for a couple weeks. A couple weeks pass by and he returns to Antarctica. His best friend immediately takes notice of the amount of weight his friend lost while on vacation. He says "you look amazing my friend, you really slimmed down! Was vacation everything you thawed it would be?"

Upcoming events include Grade 8 information night.

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

## Province to provide hydro rate relief to small businesses, workers and families affected by pandemic health measures

ONTARIO—The province of Ontario has announced it is providing electricity rate relief to workers and families spending more time at home during the current provincial pandemic health measures.

As of 12:01 am on January 18, electricity prices were set at the current off-peak rate of 8.2 cents per kilowatt-hour all day for 21 days, the province announced.

The rate will apply automatically to residential, small businesses and farms who pay regulated rates set by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) and get bills from a utility and is designed to benefit customers on both time-of-use and tiered rate plans.



### HEALTH RECORDS CLERK PERMANENT PART-TIME

Manitoulin Health Centre requires a part-time Health Records Clerk to work at its Little Current and Mindemoya Hospital sites.

**QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):**

Required:

- Secondary School Diploma
- Computer experience
- Mandatory proof of fully immunized COVID-19 vaccine status

Preferred:

- Certificate in medical terminology from a recognized college or equivalent
- Medical transcription training/experience
- Experience in a healthcare office/clerical environment

**COMPETENCIES/BEHAVIOURAL:**

- Teamwork and Collaboration
- Service and Quality Orientation
- Creativity and Innovation

**COMPETENCIES/TECHNICAL:**

- Proficiency in computer software applications: Microsoft Office, Excel, Meditech ADM (Admissions), Meditech MRI (Medical Records), Meditech SCA (Scanning/Archiving), EMR; Learning Management System
- Typing speed minimum 50 wpm
- Knowledge of PHIPA (Personal Health Information Protection Act)
- Knowledge of Public Hospitals Act
- Proficiency in Med2020 WinRecs abstracting standards

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

- Please email a cover letter and resume to the attention of Human Resources at [recruitment@mhc.on.ca](mailto:recruitment@mhc.on.ca)
- Please reference Job Posting # 2021-NU-07 in your subject line and cover letter
- Applicants with the required qualifications may be interviewed. Thank you to all who apply

*"Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas."*



### Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.

#### Employment Opportunity Personal Support Worker Casual

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

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

**OBJECTIVES**

1. Provide personal support services based on the client personal care or home management needs.
2. Provide assistance to the community care program with the provision of Meals on Wheels program, Adult Day programming and may assist/provide Generic Transportation services for client caseload; friendly visits and social safety.
3. Provide respite services working flexible hours.
4. Works collaboratively with health care providers in providing holistic care that focuses on achieving and maintaining optimal health.
5. Charting in EMR and submission of required reporting to immediate supervisor.
6. May assume additional duties as assigned by immediate supervisor.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language.
- Personal Support Worker Certificate from a recognized college with a minimum of (2) years' community work experience.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Clear Criminal Reference Check (CPI/CVSS).
- Valid 'G' driver's licence and an insured vehicle.

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

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

**Human Resources**  
Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.  
Postal Bag 2003, 48A Hillside Road  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
705-368-2182 ext.271  
[hr@mnaamodzawin.com](mailto:hr@mnaamodzawin.com)  
Fax: 705-368-2229

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022 @ 12:00pm**  
*Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified and CPI/CVSS requested.*



### JAKE'S HOME CENTRE IS HIRING!

Jakes is looking to fill the following full-time positions:

**Sales Representative**  
– Mindemoya Location

**Store Manager/Sales Representative**  
– Little Current Location

**General Labourer/Delivery Assistant**

We offer a competitive hourly wage and benefits are available.

For more information or to submit a resume, please contact us by email at: [info@jakes.ca](mailto:info@jakes.ca) or call 705-377-6060.



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**Manitoulin-Sudbury**  
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210 boul Mead Blvd  
Espanola, ON P5E 1R9  
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Fax/Télécopieur: (705) 862-7805  
<http://www.msdsb.net>

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#### 2 Personal Support Workers

Competition #2022-01-PTS

Closing date: February 11, 2022

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at [www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

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**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

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**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.).



*invites applications from qualified individuals interested in becoming a part of the paper's leadership team*

**Full-Time  
position in the newspaper's  
PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT**

basic criteria:

- **graphic design skills would be an asset (willing to train)**
- **be familiar with the Adobe Suite of products**
- **familiarity with Mac OS an asset**

Qualified applicants must have the demonstrable abilities to work quickly and efficiently to deadlines, manage a large work flow, manage their own and others' time and to work in a team environment. Correct written English usage with a firm grounding in spelling, grammar and punctuation is an expectation.

*If you meet these qualifications, please apply, with references, to:*

The Manitoulin Expositor, attention Dave Patterson  
email: expositor@manitoulin.com  
post: Box 369, Little Current, ON POP 1K0

**Deadline for applications is Friday, January 28, 2022 at 4:00pm**

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**2 Patient Transportation Attendants**  
Competition #2022-02-PTS  
Closing date: February 11, 2022  
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at  
[www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

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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)

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# ...Victim Services seek to proof kids against trafficking

...continued from page 16 can take many attempts before a victim finally breaks free for good.

Among the local statistics provided during the seminar, besides the five victims being assisted on Manitoulin by Victim Services, is that there were 67 individuals involved in human trafficking in Algoma (down from 120 to 130 in previous years, probably due to COVID and a recent change in the location of the police station) and in 2019-2020 there were 61 individuals identified in Sudbury and area and 55 in 2020-2021.

Ms. Summers said that individuals can take action by spreading awareness, staying educated, helping others and sharing information on social media.

Keynote speaker Linda Harlos, a certified family coach, vlogger (video blogger), author and herself the mother of a trafficked survivor delivered a seminar on how parents can protect their children, even as toddlers, against the tactics of the traffickers. Those defences do not have to even mention sex, but rather tackle the underlying personality factors and traits those traffickers use to manipulate their victims.

"We should not expect children to know how to keep themselves safe," said Ms. Harlos. She pointed out that the brains of human

beings are not even fully developed into their mid-20s, so the term 'children' can be extended beyond what some might expect. "They do silly things," she said. "We have all seen it, been there ourselves, probably."

The first line of defence is communication. "Keep the lines open so they can come to you," said Ms. Harlos. "Secondly, train yourself and your child anyway."

Discover your child's vulnerabilities," she advised. "If we, as parents, don't then a trafficker will."

Ms. Harlos went on to relate how her daughter came to fall victim to sex traffickers. Her daughter, like many teenagers, was going through a period of rebellion. She came from a close family, with strong values. Her daughter attended a party with people she didn't know, with only one friend going with her. At the party, her daughter was sexually assaulted repeatedly.

That started a spiral where her daughter blamed herself for being at the party and becoming unable to extricate herself from the situation. Then came guilt and a textbook case of trafficking.

Her daughter was bright, well-adjusted and popular but following that incident, she became ostracized and lost most of her friends. Even though it was not

rational to an outside observer that her daughter had low self-esteem, that was the case. Insecurity among teenagers is not based solely on the criteria we might normally believe.

The number one means by which a parent can help shield their child is simply by spending time with them. "Take time to listen to them, do special events, no matter when they want to talk, listen," said Ms. Harlos. "You might think to yourself 'that is no big deal,' but it is to them." That is what counts.

Ms. Harlos suggests setting a calendar up with time set aside for each child individually. "One day a month at least for each child," she said. "Your child needs to know you care about them." That needs to be expressed in actions even more than words.

There are ways to teach a child, or maybe especially a toddler, how to respect others and, importantly, how to say 'no.'

"You need to remember, when it comes to trafficking victims, 99 percent thought they said 'yes,'" she said. "One in four girls and one in 20 boys have experienced some form of sex abuse before the age of 18, and 35 percent under the age of 12." None of those victims were competent to say 'yes'—to consent.

Consent needs to be

clear, saying "maybe" or "I guess so" is not consent. It needs to be ongoing, a person can withdraw consent at any time, and yes, that means in the middle of the act. Consent given once is not consent given forever. Consent, said Ms. Harlos, must be also ongoing.

With teens and preteens, ask them if they have permission to post or share a photograph.

One exercise Ms. Harlos suggests is getting your child to write out what they think consent means.

As for teaching toddlers, we must fight against patriarchy. So, no tickling games without consent, grandparents (who are cited as being among the most common offenders in this practice)—this extends to making children hug and kiss people they don't want to. Children must know that they have a right to speak up, and parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, everyone, must respect that right.

Assistance can be obtained by contacting MNSVS at a 24/7 monitored telephone line: 705-370-3378;

the Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-833-900-1010; Noojmowin Teg Health Centre: 705-368-2182; Manitoulin Family Resources Crisis line: 705-377-5160; the Kids Help

Phone:1-800-668-6868 (also 24/7); and the police non-emergency line: 1-888-310-1122 or for emergencies dial 9-1-1.




### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

All claims against the Estate of Robert Archibald Cadden (aka Archie Cadden), late of 464 Lighthouse Rd, Meldrum Bay, who died on or about the 29th day of September 2021, must be filed with the undersigned personal representatives on or before the 18th day of February 2022, thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

Dated this 14th day of January 2022.  
 Susan Feindell  
 c/o Counter & Mitchell  
 Barristers & Solicitors  
 PO Box 2939  
 Richmond Hill, Ontario  
 L4E 1A8





**Application for CONSENT**  
 Under Section 53 of the Planning Act  
 To be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022  
 at 7:00pm via Electronic Meeting Zoom

File No. :	Con 2022-01
Applicant:	Stewart and Roberta Watts
Location	
Legal Description:	44 Bayshore Road Howland, Concession 5, Lot 31 M 181 Part 1729
Official Plan:	Shoreline Area
Zoning:	Rural

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION**  
 This is a request for new lot creation

**CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**  
 The application is for the severance of 1 acre while retaining 4.98 acres

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.


IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.


IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Cress, Clerk and Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority, at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.

**Dated: January 19, 2022**

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands  
 14 Water St. E.; P.O. Box 608  
 Little Current, ON POP 1K0  
 Ph: (705)368-3500





**Call for Tender - Electoral Officer**

The Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve is seeking an Electoral Officer for the next election of Chief and Council on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve is issuing a tender call for interested and qualified individuals to ensure all aspects of the First Nation Election process are conducted and followed accordingly.

Preference will be given to applicants who are of Aboriginal Descent.

**MINIMUM EDUCATION - Grade 12 diploma**

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Demonstrated communications skills
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and in varying environments
- Demonstrated ability to organize teams and projects
- Advanced keyboarding skills
- Working knowledge of MS Word, Excel and database programs
- A valid Ontario driver's licence and have own transportation
- Working knowledge of elections process as it pertains to the registration of eligible voters and voting
- Demonstrated knowledge of the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve government

**DUTIES:**

- Electoral Officer is to enforce the election rules of the Indian Act
- Conduct an orderly voting process, along with the registration of eligible on and off-reserve band members
- Work independently as the senior elections officer to clarify voters' lists, identify voting anomalies, and coordinate and confirm times dates and locations for voting
- Ensure that as many eligible First Nation voters as reasonably possible are included in the voter registration process
- Maintain a system to accurately track all communications with eligible voters and voter registrations
- Ensure the capacity for handling all requirements of the election vote at the First Nation level and prepare and establish alternate voting arrangements as required
- Arrange and manage the logistics for the elections vote (i.e. renting space, printing ballots, procuring ballot boxes, etc.)
- Develop and implement contingency plans for unforeseen circumstances regarding the voters and voting process (i.e. ferry breakdown, arranging for water taxis, etc.)
- Preparing complete and accurate reports on the results of the ratification process and the ratification vote

**IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR:** Wikwemikong Director of Operations

Applications shall be sealed and delivered to the front desk at the Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve Administration Building, Executive Administrative Assistant to Chief and Council **No later than MARCH 08, 2022, @ 2:00 PM**

Tender Packages must consist of the following: **Cover letter, resume and at least two current letters of reference, proposal, workplan and budget.** Your Tender package must be clearly marked with your name Tender Reference Name. Faxed or emailed tenders is acceptable.

We thank all who apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.  
**EMAIL:** Executive Administrative Assistant to Chief and Council at marilynjacko@wikwemikong.ca

# ...Kenjgewin Teg receives authority to grant certificates, diplomas, degrees

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ber, who introduced herself in her native Cree. She provided a land affirmation and spoke of the treaties to share the land with "a dish with one spoon."

"The next generation of Anishinaabe leaders will be able to walk in two worlds. They will be strong in our Anishinaabe language, culture and connection to the land, and they will also have the education, skills and training to support community growth and healing," said Stephanie Roy, Kenjgewin Teg president. "Supporting Indigenous students in achieving culturally-relevant higher education is at the heart of what we do."

She noted that the organization team was comprised of in-house expertise, as opposed to outside consultants, and that team would now be "rolling up our sleeves to complete the quality assurance process."

The conference also heard from Austin Pangowish, a student at Kenjgewin Teg, who relayed how much he was enjoying his learning experience at the school and how "I only wanted to attend Kenj," he shared.

After years of working odd jobs and being uncertain of what he wanted to do with his life, Mr. Pangowish is now exploring the

trades. Having just completed the introductory program, he will be introduced to welding in the coming weeks. It is an opportunity he might not have been able to explore without Kenjgewin Teg.

Anishinaabe Nation Deputy Grand Chief James Marsden supplied that this was an "exciting day for everyone. First Nations have a right to self-determination in aspects of education," he said, applauding the important milestone.

Assembly of First Nations Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare spoke at length in Anishinabemowin, following up with remarks in English. "This day has been a long time coming," he acknowledged. "What a great day. We look forward to seeing Kenjgewin Teg guiding the next generation of leaders up through the ranks." Regional Chief Hare also lauded the news of long-term, reliable and sustainable funding. "You do fabulous work," he congratulated the team at Kenjgewin Teg.

The Honourable Jill Dunlop, minister of colleges and universities, also referenced the important milestone that was being celebrated. "Congratulations to you all," she said. She noted that IAESC "is a central pillar of Ontario's post-secondary educa-

tion system, assisting in culturally appropriate and safe learning meeting local needs. It is outstanding what can be accomplished."

Elders Josh Eshkawkogan and Gloria Oshkabewisens-McGregor also delivered their congratulations to the team and emphasized the importance of a traditional knowledge lens in education.

Located in M'Chigeeng, Kenjgewin Teg provides post-secondary education and training programs grounded in the Anishinaabe worldview, noted Ms. Roy. "Kenjgewin Teg recently acquired a knowledge bundle gift of 50-plus Indigenous Studies courses from the University of Sudbury and is now working to build a stand-alone Indigenous Studies program focusing on Anishinabemowin (Ojibway language), land-based learning, governance, community development, and reconciliation with its new credential granting authority."

"Ensuring that we provide the highest quality education has always been our top priority," said Patsy Corbiere, chair of the United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising. "Receiving accreditation by the IAESC acknowledges our dedication to excellence in Anishinaabe edu-

cation."

"Kenjgewin Teg is meeting the unique needs of Indigenous learners in post-secondary education and training," confirmed IAESC board chair and executive director Laurie Robinson. "High quality programs ensure that learners are prepared to meet the conditions their communities face. It is a new era in Indigenous education."

Kenjgewin Teg is now one of nine Indigenous Institutes in Ontario recognized under the Indigenous Institutes Act, 2017. Indigenous Institutes are acknowledged together with colleges and universities as part of the region's higher education system.

Although Kenjgewin Teg derives their original mandate and authority from the First Nation communities they serve, "new and supporting systems and mechanisms in place, such as the Indigenous Institutes Act, 2017 and the quality assurance body, the Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council (IAESC), together support the implementation of First Nation community original mandates and control over First Nation education systems."

With this step under its belt as a first step, the next steps require that individual programs now be

submitted and approved by IAESC. "IAESC establishes this process and all new diplomas, certificates and degrees requirements undergo a separate quality assurance process as next steps. New programs and curriculum development by Kenjgewin Teg will take time and additional resources over the next five years, with some work already being started in this area."

In the meantime, a new innovative pilot project partnership with Kenjgewin Teg's long-standing partner, Queen's University, has three Indigenous studies now being delivered to learners directly from an Indigenous Institute. Kenjgewin Teg will be seeking expanded partnerships with other higher education institutions for further innovation to impact Ontario's post-secondary learners.

Chop Waindubence closed out the press conference, citing without naming his late father whose mantle he has picked up as an advisor to Kenjgewin Teg. Mr. Waindubence shared a song, played on his father's drum, a message given to him and a gift to those who helped make this day happen.

## Death Notices

### LEILA IRENE COULAM

(nee Geno)

January 20, 1939 - January 10, 2022



In loving memory of Leila Irene Coulam (nee Geno) who passed away peacefully with her family by her side at the Manitoulin Health Centre at the age of 82. Daughter of Howard and Betty Geno (predeceased). Beloved wife of Manson Coulam (predeceased). Loving mother of Corliss (Wallace) (predeceased), Darlene (Mike) (predeceased) and Beverly (Curt). Doting grandmother of Joel (Jennifer), Shane, April (Jacob), Rozalynne, Janel, R.J. and Autumn. Special great-grandma of Alec, Payson, Avery, Hudson, Greysen, Eli, Aria and Michaela (predeceased). Leila had a special bond with her twin brother Keith (predeceased). Leila loved to play cards especially euchre and if she wasn't playing she was helping out with the luncheons. She was a proud member of the Red Hat Ladies and the Women's Institute of Rockville for many years. She loved to volunteer, especially to go on bus trips. She worked at Silver Birches Resort in many different areas; most of all she enjoyed meeting and talking with the vacationers. Leila also loved ice fishing and snowmobiling on the Island. Due to COVID restrictions, a graveside service will be held in the spring at Long Bay Cemetery. Donations in memory of Leila can be mailed to Pet Save Manitoulin or a charity of your choice.

### KAREN ANNE WAINRIGHT



In loving memory of Karen Anne Wainright, her death occurred at South Muskoka Memorial Hospital, Bracebridge on Friday, January 14, 2022. Karen Wainright, dearly missed by her husband Terry and daughters Cynthia (Rod) and Carolyn (Pete). Predeceased by her parents Frank and Annie Clarke. Loved by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Karen also leaves behind friends. Karen was born and raised on Manitoulin Island, and then moved to Sudbury for a short duration, following that she lived in Toronto for many years and weekends in Port Sydney and trips to Manitoulin Island. She worked at Eaton's and Schwarzkopf as an accountant in her professional years. She enjoyed getting together with family and friends. Always maintaining her relationships with everyone. We will be having a Celebration of Life when it is appropriate, please revisit this website for further details as they are arranged. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Huntsville Hospital Foundation or Bracebridge Hospital Foundation. MitchellFuneralHome.ca.

### YVONNE MACDONALD-EADIE



Yvonne MacDonald-Eadie of Espanola passed away with family by her side in her home on January 11, 2022 at the age of 75. Dear daughter of the late Alfred and Edith (nee Frances) Gaikezheyongai. Beloved wife of Lawrence Eadie. Loving mother of Charlene Martel (Donald) of Naim Centre, Allen MacDonald of Espanola, Donna MacDonald of Naim Centre, Stephanie McCulligh (Edward) of London, Bradley Eadie (Beverly) of Sudbury and the late Kenneth (Kimberly) of Sudbury. Cherished by grandchildren Jake, Courtney, Joe, Mindey, Peyton, Alexis, Jase, late Johnathan and great-grandchildren Ryland, Jordan, Theia and Kayden. Dear sister of Norma Kagesheongai of Toronto, Leona Johnston of Woodstock and Evelyn Oskaboose of Cutler. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and interment will be at a later date. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

### DAVID JAMES STREICHER

Born: June 7, 2001

Age: 20 years 6 months 5 days

Died: January 12, 2022

Residence: 18 Smeltzer's Rd, Tehkummah, ON P0P 2C0

In loving memory of David James Streicher who passed away peacefully at home on January 12, 2022. Beloved son of Mahlon and Ruth Streicher. Dear brother to Kenneth and his wife Kathy of Newton, ON; Adam (friend Maria); Allan (friend Lacey) of Millbank, ON and Aaron (friend Kathy Lynn). David attended the Old Order Amish Faith. Lovingly remembered by his grandmother Mary Kuepfer; grandparents Ezra and Emmalene and great-grandmother Martha Kuepfer. Predeceased by his grandmother Barbara Streicher, grandfather Emmanuel Kuepfer and cousins Michelle Streicher and Ivan Kuepfer. Fondly remembered by many uncles, aunts and cousins. Visitation was held at the family residence on Thursday, January 13, 2022, from 7 until 9 pm and continued until Friday, January 14, 2022. Visitation resumed on Sunday, January 16, 2022 at Ruben Streicher, 4497 Perthline 67, R.R. #1 Newton, Ontario and funeral was there on Monday, January 17, 2022 at 9 am. A special thank you to all the doctors, nurses and caregivers and anyone who touched his life.

### ANGUS ANTHONY MARK

SOUTHWIND

(Beaudry)

January 11, 1983 - January 9, 2022



It is with our deepest sorrow that our family member Angus Anthony Mark Southwind (Beaudry) of Sagamok and Wiikwemikong passed on January 9, 2022, just two days shy of his 39th birthday, (January 11, 1983). Beloved son of Rose Ann (Shane) of Wiikwemikong and Mark (Sharon) of Sagamok. He will be missed by his children Ameerah, Lathan, AJ and Angie. Loving brother to Adam (predeceased), Virginia, Arizona, Michael, Elizabeth, Anthony, Destiny and Mark Jr. Angus is predeceased by his maternal grandmother Charlotte Beaudry, Henry McLeod, and George Beaudry of Wiikwemikong and his paternal grandfather David Southwind of Sagamok. Angus is survived by his grandmother Barbara Southwind of Sagamok. Angus will be missed by his aunts and uncles Johnee, Bernadette, Marjorie, Stanley, Stewart, Sara, Doreen, Mathew, Janet, Ann, Monica (predeceased), Ida Ruth, John, Brown, Luke and Kenny. He leaves behind many cousins whom were like siblings, he had a special relationship with his cousins Nadine, Brandon and Edward. He had a brotherly relationship with Jonathan (John Boy) who were inseparable since childhood. He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Angus was always smiling, was very fun to be around, he was caring, outgoing and an outspoken young man who always spoke his mind. He had a love for sports and followed many teams and could pull football, basketball and hockey statistics like nobody's business. He loved the Ottawa Senators. He loved and enjoyed visiting friends and family and would never turned down a ride to Tim Horton's or Starbucks to get coffee with his cousin Ari or John Boy. Family joined the wake services in Sagamok at the Multi Education Centre on Thursday, January 13, 2021. Family held a private viewing and service on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Rabbit Island in Wiikwemikong, Ontario. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.



# NDP reintroduce highway improvement bill

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—By improving winter maintenance standards on two main highways in Northern Ontario, it will also mean enhanced standards for secondary highways in areas like Manitoulin Island.

MPP Guy Bourgoïn (Muskegowuk-James Bay) held an online press conference to reintroduce his private member's bill to improve maintenance standards and make winter driving safer on Northern Ontario's main Highways 11 and 17. His bill would make it the law that the province must clear the roads within eight hours of a snowfall.

"Northerners have been waiting long enough," said MPP Bourgoïn. "(Premier) Doug Ford should have acted on my bill two years ago to clear our highways during the winter and make it safer for Northern families. Mr. Ford's refusal to act means Northern drivers keep risking their lives on poorly maintained routes in the winter."

"With this bill we can prevent highway tragedies in Northern Ontario by making our highways safer. Northern drivers and their families deserve nothing less than to know that their roads are safe during our long winter months," continued MPP Bourgoïn.

"The proposed bill was reintroduced, but it hasn't been debated," said Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha. "There are a few things this bill would do by increasing winter maintenance standards. Enhancing Highways 17 and 11 will enhance secondary highways as well." However, "in areas like Manitoulin Island, the standard in winter maintenance services needs to be followed and policed."

"The problem is not the snowplow operators," said MPP Mantha. "The men and women snowplow operators put their lives at risk every day to maintain the highways. The issue is not with them but the standard of the contracts and that they follow which needs to be policed. Unfortunately, profit margins are put ahead of the well-being of people. The

province should not always be looking for the cheapest bid on contracts because it doesn't always mean the best service."

"Our concerns are that the standards that need to be followed, and the equipment being used to maintain the highways is not always at par," said MPP Mantha. "I hear many concerns from the actual snowplow operators that the standard of equipment and resources they have is below par. This type of concern being brought to me by the snowplow drivers/operators themselves, that they are operating unsafe equipment."

MPP Mantha stressed, "not all contractors are bad or are not meeting standards. But we hear from individuals, community members and municipal leaders in the North about this situation. This needs to be addressed. We also see higher volumes of goods on highways in the North. We need better certified training for drivers, so they are better exposed to driving vehicles in the North. Winter highways and conditions in Northern Ontario are different from southern Ontario. Drivers face a lot more challenges in the North and our highways are not presently at the same standards as 400 series highways."

MPP Bourgoïn was joined by representatives from Northern communities and businesses who are calling for safer, cleaner highways to reduce winter closures. His bill will improve winter maintenance on Highways 11 and 17 by ensuring that snow is removed within eight hours at the end of a snowfall. To achieve this the NDP bill would classify northern highways the same as all 400 series of highways that have the strictest snow removal requirements.

The Ministry of Transportation's classification standards depend on the type of highway and traffic volumes, not on climate or vehicle size and weight. MPP Bourgoïn's Bill would bump up highways 11 and 17 to class one in all of their sections, whether two or four-lane, and eliminate vehicular traffic specification.

# ...renewing power plant contract supported

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chair of the Fenelon Powerline Committee, and Sherri Hawthorne, chief financial officer/deputy clerk for the Village of South River. That municipality purchased a formerly private, family-owned power generating station in 2000 and has just finished repaying the loan. South River's public works department oversees the operation of the dam and they have three contractors on call. Revenues and costs vary from year to year.

Ms. Hawthorne told Mayor Anderson the municipality would certainly be at financial risk considering the age of the equipment. "She went on to add that global warming alone is such an unknown, making it very difficult to know what the future will bring for water supply, and the old infrastructure makes finding parts very challenging. Her last advice was to keep our current arrangement," Mayor Anderson said.

Mr. Handley pointed out to Mayor Anderson, "the older the asset, the lower the efficiency." He also noted that catastrophic repairs could take years to pay off, and that repairs would be more costly on Manitoulin as skilled repair technicians would not likely be local. He also was not aware of a better financial arrangement.

Following Mayor Anderson's report, Councillor Bryan Barker initiated discussion by making it clear that the issue at hand was not a lease renewal but an extension. "We have two choices," he said. "Either agree to extend the lease with the current vendors, or deny the request and have the old, tired generation plant paid for by the

township."

"Repairs will cost up to \$1 million and could be significantly higher by 2029-2030," Councillor Barker noted. "It seems highly unlikely that any vendor will pay costs and 23.5 percent. The township receives 23.5 percent of the gross revenues now, with no maintenance and operating costs. I have reviewed the financials of the plan. OEC has provided a substantial amount. We're far better off with 23.5 percent of the revenues and no risks."

Councillor Barker pointed out that with climate change, there could be droughts occurring in the future that would affect water levels and operation of the generating station. "I think the data speaks for itself," he said. "I support entering into negotiations to extend the current lease and to have an ad hoc committee formed for that purpose."

Other councillors agreed with Councillor Barker. Billings can't afford not to extend the lease, said Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack. "As Bryan said, this is just a request to extend the current lease agreement. In looking at the proposal, I looked at the age of the equipment, and OEC has put money into the plant for updates over the years."

She added, "It would be awesome when the lease is done if we could take it over as a township, but we will see."

Councillor Sharon Jackson agreed with Councillor Barker on an ad hoc committee as well. "I assume we are continuing the Lake Kagawong Resources committee. It's really important to ensure we follow the MNR water management plan and

work in partnership with OEC. I have had feedback from people in the municipality," she said. "Some don't think the amount we are receiving is good but it is, and there's minimal risk to the township."

"This is a 100-year-old turbine and generator; refurbishment costs are big. Updating costs are high," said Councillor Michael Hunt. "Receiving 23.5 percent of the revenue is a good deal and OEC takes on all the risk. I'm in favour of keeping the arrangement at 23.5 percent and extending the current lease."

Mayor Anderson said he wasn't surprised at the thoughts expressed by council. "I'm very confident that no one I talked to was exaggerating in their responses, and am most pleased that their answers were consistent," he said. "This issue will come back to council on January 17 and we'll take it from there."

## thank you

The Golder family would like to extend our appreciation to everyone for their thoughtfulness and generosity during this time. Thank you and happy new year. Nola, Tristan, Mason and Tanner

35p

Thank you to a neighbour, Shannon Gauthier of Providence Bay. Your assistance was very much appreciated, you kept us warm and toasty after our accident. Bill Wilson and Judy Wittman

36p

## + in memoriam

LEU—January 21, 2022 marks the 5th anniversary of the passing of Jason K. Leu. Dear son, brother, uncle and friend, We treasure the memories that we have of you. We think of you often and love you always. Ken, Chris, Jarrett and Malcolm

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## + in memoriam



CORBIERE—September 20, 1958 to January 14, 2012, Orien Corbiere

Ten years since we learned of the dreadful news. Little did we know that he would be called home so soon, As a part of us went with him that day, And no one can fill that empty place.

In loving memory of Orien, who was truly an amazing person, brought us joy and touched so many lives.

The past years have not lessened the memories of his great sense of humour, his love of music, the enjoyment of visiting family and friends.

He was also well known and respected for sharing his passion for the Anishnaabemowin language.

We are very that thankful to have had Orien for a family member.

He left us a trail of beautiful memories filled with happiness. You are greatly missed.

Until we meet again...you are forever in our hearts. RIP

The Kaiser family

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## + in memoriam

RUSSELL—In loving memory of our precious mum and dad, Fred Russell, January 27, 1923 to January 19, 2007, and Beulah Russell, August 21, 1929 to January 24, 2020.

I am sending a dove to Heaven

With a parcel on its wings, Be careful when you open it, It's full of beautiful things.

Inside are a million kisses Wrapped up in a million hugs,

To say how much I miss you And to send you all my love.

Mom and Dad, I hold you close within my heart

And there you will remain, To walk with me throughout my life

Until we meet again. Always in our hearts, Evelyn, Barbara, Keith, Esther, Peter and families

36c

## + in memoriam

SMITH—In loving memory of John R. Smith, July 12 1919 to January 21, 1996.

Dear Dad Gone are the days We used to share, But in my heart You're always there.

The gates of memory Will never close, I miss you more Then anyone knows.

Gone is the face I loved so dear, Silent the voice I loved to hear.

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Missed and loved, Daughter Marilyn

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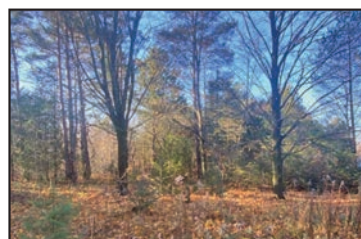
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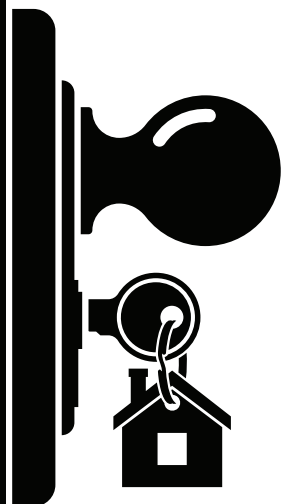


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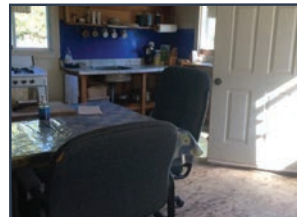
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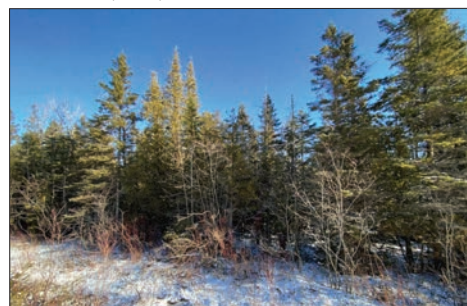
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BECAUSE OF LOW SUPPLY AND HIGH DEMAND, PRICES ON MANITOULIN HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY RISEN IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

## SALE PRICE, MEDIAN, ON MANITOULIN ISLAND IN DECEMBER

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