

Manitoulin Health Centre orders ultra-cold freezer for vaccines

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is expected to receive an ultra-cold freezer later this week, a piece

of equipment that will allow the hospital to accommodate up to 22,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, enough for two doses for most people on the Island.

"It's very exciting to have this freezer coming," said MHC president and CEO Lynn Foster. "The freezer and a warming fridge have been purchased from the

COVID fundraising."

Last year, M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige initiated an Island-wide ...continued on page 8

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Little Current family experiences entire COVID-19 gamut, shaming included

'Ostracizing' is how young mother describes community pushback after health crises

LITTLE CURRENT—The Noland family of Little Current, all three generations, has experienced in recent weeks the whole COVID-19 gamut: positive testing, mandatory quarantine, a two-year-old daughter/granddaughter also diagnosed and ultimately taken to SickKids where she was intubated, away from her family, the unfortunate communication of the illness to an elderly friend, the end of quarantine and then 'COVID shaming' in public places by community members.

This is their story.

A Little Current family that has recovered from COVID-19 is urging the community to act with compassion rather than fear following a spate of unsettling events that have caused the family to feel a great disconnect from the place they know and love.

Connie Noland first exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 on December 30, one day following a negative COVID-19 test through her employer. (Ms. Noland is tested once a week through her employment as a personal support worker.) She described feeling body aches and pains, a low-grade fever and chest congestion. As she had just had a negative test the day before, Connie didn't think she had COVID-19, but naturally called in to work sick for her New Year's Eve shift. Her boss informed Connie that she would require another COVID-19 test before heading back to work, and she was tested on Monday, January 4, but by that time the writing was on the wall.

Ms. Noland's son Matt, daughter-in-law Shaelynn and their three children had been staying with them since Christmas Eve,

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The Little Current welcome sign serves a good reminder that 'we are all in this together,' especially in light of one Little Current family's recent ordeal with the COVID-19 virus and the consequent backlash from some members of the community.

Manor, Manitoulin Lodge residents, staff to be vaccinated by February 5

MANITOULIN—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is confirming that this week marks the start of the much-anticipated vaccination program for residents of long-term care and high-risk retirement homes. PHSD is receiving shipments of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine over the next two weeks in quantities sufficient to immunize all residents of the facilities in its service area, including Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current and Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay, by February 5.

"This is wonderful news for our community, and we are very eager

to immunize and protect our most vulnerable citizens," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health with PHSD. "Vaccines are a critical tool in our fight against

COVID-19. We look forward to working with our partners on a safe, effective and efficient round

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Manitoulin home to Ontario's first community-based sexual, domestic violence service clinic

by Warren Schlote
AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Noojmowin Teg inaugurated its new Sexual and Domestic Violence

Services (SDVS) clinic at a virtual grand opening ceremony last Thursday, January 21, an event that featured dignitaries from across the province who came to celebrate the first community-based sexual assault and domestic violence treatment centre in Ontario—one that also provides culturally appropriate services for its Anishinaabe clients.

The new program, called Ka Naad Maa Go (We Will Help You) in Anishinaabemowin, aims to revolutionize the care process for victims of sexual and domestic violence on Manitoulin, should they choose to access the program.

Its services are available to individuals aged 12 and older from all backgrounds. The clinic is privacy-centric and the staffers work with individuals to determine a unique healing path that addresses the victim's needs.

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Sudbury-Manitoulin medical officer of health encourages kind, respectful

COVID victim responses

SUDBURY—Last Friday, January 22, Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, PHSD medical officer of health, released a statement to the public, prompted by the Noland family's story.

"COVID-19 does not discriminate," Dr. Sutcliffe began. "Neither should our communities. Public health is supporting individuals who have been dealing with mistreatment following their diagnosis of COVID-19. We cannot and will not tolerate any form of discrimination or stigma of people who are dealing with this virus. The truth is, we are all vulnerable. Our family members, friends, neighbours, members of our close-knit communities, and strangers we don't know are all susceptible to this virus. People with COVID-19 should be treated with kindness and compassion and should not be blamed. They will benefit from our support. We all have a role in practising kindness, patience, and gratitude toward others. We encourage others not to pursue or spread information about confirmed cases. Please, be kind, treat people well, and continue to support one another."

One new COVID case identified on Manitoulin

Plus one 'variant of concern' case within health unit

MANITOULIN—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) reported one new case of COVID-19 for Manitoulin District on Friday, January 22. This brings Manitoulin District's total case count to 24 since the pandemic's spring 2020 start, 23 of which are resolved.

By press time Monday the total active case count in the PHSD catchment area sat at 77. The total number of resolved cases is 387.

This is Manitoulin's first new case of the virus since January 10.

On Monday, PHSD notified that laboratory testing by Public Health Ontario revealed a possible case of a more highly transmissible strain of COVID-19. These strains are referred to as

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Canada talks to Michael's Bay Society about disposal of historical old village townsite

by Warren Schlote

MICHAEL'S BAY—The fate of the Michael's Bay townsite in the Township of Tehkummah is edging closer to completion, as the government continues discussions with Michael's Bay Historical Society over the impending purchase of the property.

"Current discussions about the acquisition of the townsite are between the Crown and the Michael's Bay Historical Society. Other parties were consulted including local Indigenous communities and the Township of Tehkummah," stated a Public Services and Procurement Canada spokesperson in a January 20 email to The Expositor.

The federal government expects that the parties in this agreement will sign a purchase and sale agree-

ment in the coming weeks.

The government already sold off the former Royal Michael's Bay Resort property last year to a private owner. The townsite is under a separate sale process, in part because of the presence of burial sites on the land.

The Township of Tehkummah has previously expressed interest in acquiring the burial sites with access rights in perpetuity, and has supported Michael's Bay Historical Society's lobbying to purchase the former town plot.

Details of the sale are not yet available, but The Expositor will provide any such information as it becomes public in the near future.





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Pilot project underway to recover previously unrecyclable ag plastics

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—A pilot project to manage the growing problem of agricultural plastic across Northern Ontario is under way. Almost 520 tonnes of linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE) is generated each year in Northern Ontario. LLDPE includes bale and silage wrap and accounts for an estimated 70 percent of plastic waste generated by farms in Northern Ontario. Manitoulin, Algoma, Temiskaming and Rainy River districts generate higher levels of the LLDPE plastic that is the focus of this project.

The pilot will use on-farm compactors to create dense, four feet square bales, thus reducing transportation and storage space while creating a product for recycling (composite lumber products) and resource recovery (energy). Compacted bales are a more manageable and environmentally sound option than current practices of burying, burning or dumping loose plastic in the landfill.

Agriculture in Northern

Ontario is a key economic driver, according to a report prepared by Stephanie Vanthof, member services representative with the Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA). The sector supports over 12,000 jobs and contributes more than \$587 million in GDP to the provincial economy. Northern farm cash receipts increased from \$182 million in 2006 to \$206 million in 2017. However, these activities are estimated to generate over 819 tons of recoverable agricultural plastic waste annually, with an expected increase to 941 tons by 2022.

Agricultural plastics don't yet fall under producer responsibility legislation, said Ms. Vanthof. She does anticipate some regulation in the future but notes there are currently limited options. Some townships still pick up agricultural plastic curbside. "Farmers roll it up and leave it with their garbage to be picked up but that's very infrequent. Some landfills still take agricultural plastic, and burning and burying are the other two options. They're not

encouraged but they are a necessity. Some farmers might put their plastic in a pile to deal with at the end of the year; often, this plastic ends up blowing into their neighbours' yards."

Unfortunately, there aren't really any viable alternatives. "Some farmers store the hay in a different way instead of making hay bales but for a lot of farmers the plastic is a necessity for keeping their hay at the right moisture level, maintaining the right quality and longevity. There is some research being done but we're years away from that becoming a viable market solution."

In the Temiskaming area there

are many farmers growing corn and soybeans under plastic. People drive by, see a lot of plastic strips and start asking questions, she said. That plastic does biodegrade but people are also asking more and more questions about wrapped hay bales. "It's not great optically if we don't have any solutions. People will start to put pressure on us and we'll end up in a corner we can't easily get out of."

Farmers want to tell a better story, she said, and this project has been years in the making. The idea has been on the radar since 2014. In 2017, they gathered data and in 2018, began to build the

pilot. The funding request was approved in early 2020, allowing for a soft launch in April/May 2020. Two farmers had started even earlier, in 2019; currently there are about 20 compactors in use with between 90 and 100 tonnes collected and ready to be shipped.

Farmers that are already proactive and environmentally conscious are excited about the project, she said. Others are waiting to see how it works and will join once they see it moving smoothly. "There will always be a number of farmers that, unless we pick up the bales for them or pay them to

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Year ends in surplus for Manor, despite COVID-19

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The COVID-19 pandemic has ravaged the budgets of both private and public services this year, with the requirements for extra staffing and extreme sanitization measures playing a key role, as well as personal protective equipment needs that far exceeded those of the past. Despite those challenges, Manitoulin Centennial Manor anticipates ending 2020 with a healthy budget surplus.

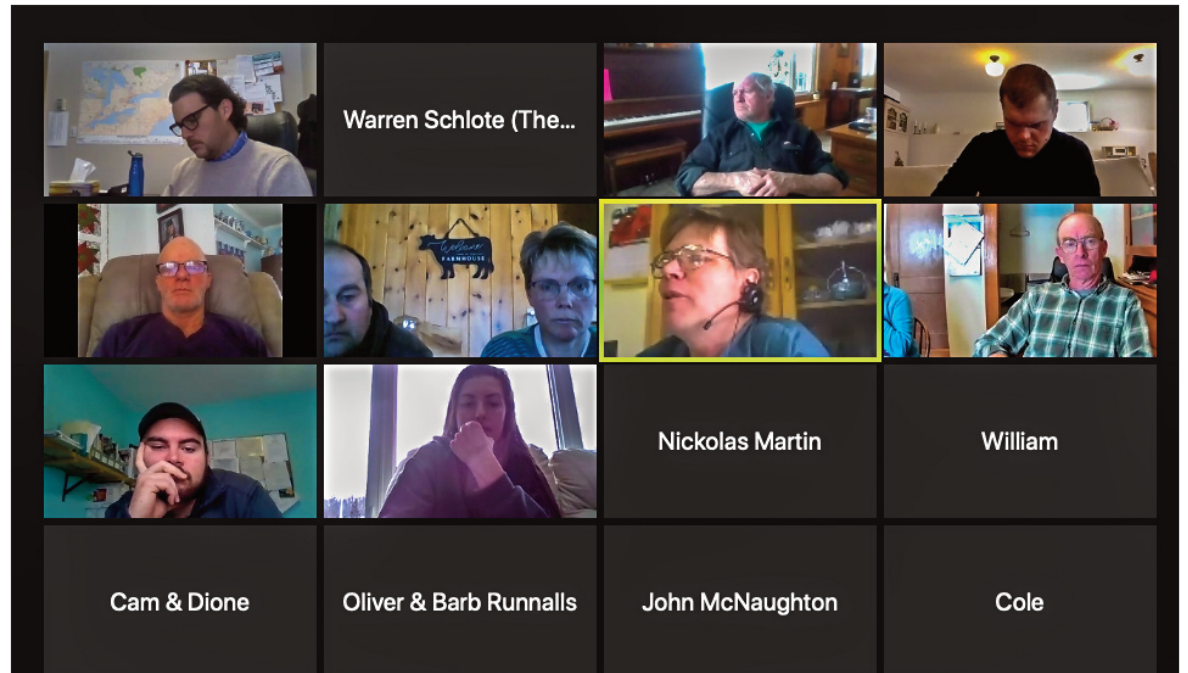
Extendicare general manager Keith Clement explained that although the numbers are preliminary and have not yet gone through the audit process and the Manor had budgeted for a slight deficit of roughly \$3,000, it appears the year 2020 ended with a surplus of slightly over \$9,000.

This was accomplished even though the \$93,000 in COVID-19 related funding received from the province did not cover the added expenses associated in dealing with the pandemic.

Efforts to determine what, if any, further COVID-19 dollars will be forthcoming are ongoing, he assured the Manor board.

He also cautioned that the ongoing expenses related to the pandemic have not yet abated and can be expected to continue well into the 2021 budget cycle.

The Manor will also be benefitting from a significant GST rebate, likely in the range of \$45,000 to \$50,000, thanks to the efforts of accounting firm Deloitte Canada who had been retained to complete the application on behalf of the Manor. The long-term care home will be the beneficiary of the bulk of those funds once the accounting firm's fees have been deducted.



This year's Manitoulin Cattlemen's Association and Manitoulin Soil and Crop Improvement Association joint annual general meeting, like so many other gatherings over the past year, went online.

Cattlemen's, Soil-Crop AGM features updates in Ontario agriculture sector

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—The combined annual general meeting for Manitoulin Cattlemen's Association (MCA) and Manitoulin Soil and Crop Improvement Association (MSCIA) took place on Wednesday, January 20, with representatives from both associations sharing updates in their respective sectors with fellow Island farmers and Jim Martin taking over the president role from John McNaughton.

First on the agenda was a review of the financials. MCA ended the year with an approximate \$720 surplus, but secretary-treasurer Brent Best had not yet taken out his travel expenses from last year's Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) AGM in Toronto, which will match the other attendees at \$584.

On the MSCIA side, the group raised \$240 from membership dues but faced expenses of \$250 from provincial membership, another \$25 from regional membership and bank fees of \$43.50 for a year-end net loss of \$77.

Jeff Hietkamp suggested that MCA should increase its annual bursary to a Manitoulin Secondary School graduate, saying it has been frozen at \$200 for a long time. He suggested a new value of \$300 or \$500; at a directors' meeting after the AGM, the directors voted to double the bursary to \$400.

Birgit Martin noted that Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association has begun to accept membership dues electronically through its website. The portal officially launches on February 20 but is now open for testing purposes.

MCA president John McNaughton shared an update on his association, beginning with a recognition of BFO's bi-weekly Friday updates to keep members informed and host discussion forums.

He noted new livestock trans-

port regulations in England, including an allowable ambient temperature range for transport as being between -5°C and +30°C. He said he was pleased that such regulations do not presently exist in Canada yet, as they may require the purchase of climate-controlled trailers.

Ms. Martin spoke next to introduce a brief video from the provincial soil and crop body. Highlights included a new online-focused newsletter called The Innovator, a note that a few large-scale research projects are concluding this year and a new set are being launched, a strategic planning update from the board, updates on continued soil health advocacy work and finally, updates on last year's app launch called 'Soil Test Manager.'

More details about the association's research is shared at OSCIAresearch.org, including a Northeastern Ontario project that

tested inoculating certain plant species to enhance health and growth rates by creating mycorrhiza (a symbiotic pairing of fungi with roots to benefit their respective health).

The inoculation test showed that oats could improve yields by 1.5 percent or \$10 per acre, soybean yields increased by two bushels (or \$22.38) per acre and potatoes were estimated to fetch 15 percent higher yields, though the data was not entirely certain due to challenges at harvest time.

The Northern Ontario soil and crop group is seeking input from farmers on what barriers they may have to access funding, because intake has been lower in this region than elsewhere, said Emily Potter, executive director of Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance.

Ms. Martin suggested that farmers should have potential expansion

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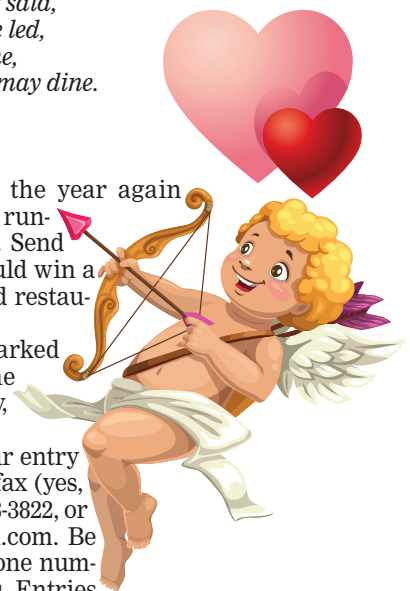
It's poetry contest time again!

*The time has come, The Expositor said,
To rhyming phrases our hearts be led,
Set pencil, quill or keyboard to line,
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But only if, we must relay,
Your masterwork you don't delay.*

MANITOULIN—It's that time of the year again folks, The Expositor is once again running our Valentine Poetry contest. Send in your heartfelt poem and you could win a gift certificate for two at the Island restaurant of your choice.

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There are lots of ways to get your entry to us. By phone to 705-368-2744, by fax (yes, we still have one of those) to 705-368-3822, or by email to expositor@manitoulin.com. Be sure to include your name and phone number so we can get in touch with you. Entries will be published in the February 10 edition of The Expositor.



Ashley Taylor greets all of her customers with a masked smile

Visitors to the Guardian Pharmacy in Mindemoya, next to Island Foodland, will recognize the familiar, friendly 'hello' from store manager Ashley Taylor, who ensures her customers feel welcome even if they cannot see her smile behind her mask.

Ashley has been working as the store manager in Mindemoya for the past four years, coming to the retail world from a stint in an office setting.

"I'm originally from here, but I moved away and came back for a job at Manitoulin Transport. I really missed retail though, because I was a manager at Pier One, so when this job came available I went for it," she said.

Taking care of the store's gift shop is a favourite part of her job, tied to her past retail experience, but some supplies have been limited during the pandemic. Ashley also said she was missing some of the regular customers who have either paused their trips or switched to infrequent visits during the pandemic.

Knowing that her store is still

there for community members during these challenging times is fulfilling, but Ashley said she's been really enjoying spending time outdoors this winter with her family.



Ashley Taylor

This is the first year in a few years that her almost-12-year-old son Chase hasn't played with the Manitoulin Panthers, allowing the family some precious downtime. They have cleared some ice for a rink behind their house on Lake Manitou to take in the best that winter has to offer.

Remember that when you shop locally, you're supporting your friends and neighbours like Ashley Taylor at Mindemoya Guardian Pharmacy.

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'We're all in this together' must be our positive mantra

What great news it was earlier this week when Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) announced (some will say 'finally') that residents and staff at long-term care homes in Manitoulin and Sudbury will receive their initial jab of the COVID-19 vaccine by the end of next week, February 5.

That will certainly be a weight lifted from the collective shoulders of residents' families and community leaders throughout our region.

What a relief that these particular groups of vulnerable folks will have a leg up on the infections that have been so devastating in similar facilities in southern Ontario and in nearby Sudbury as well.

Given the present circumstances, events are unfolding remarkably well.

Later this week, for example, Manitoulin Health Centre will take delivery of and install one of the ultra-cold (to -70°C) freezers required to keep the Pfizer vaccine healthy and stable and ready for injections.

And how was this expensive freezer paid for? With surplus funds from a campaign initiated last spring by M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige when she challenged other Island First Nations, municipalities, businesses and individuals to donate to a fund in order to purchase four new ventilator units (two each for the Mindemoya and Little Current hospitals) in the event these were required locally for seriously-afflicted COVID-19 victims.

The campaign far exceeded its goal with surplus funds enough to purchase this vital freezer.

(And, for the record, none of the few adult COVID-19 diagnoses on Manitoulin have so far required the services of a ventilator nor the use of the field hospital established for Manitoulin residents at the outset of the pandemic at the Northeast Town recreation centre.)

Hopefully the program to vaccinate residents and staff at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current and at the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay will be extended to include institutions such as the TLC residence in Little Current and the Manitoulin Community Living residences in Mindemoya as well.

Residents and staff of Wikwemikong Nursing Home, who received their initial injections of the Moderna vaccine (that doesn't require such a cold environment to remain viable) on January 13 can look forward to receiving the necessary booster shot, granting them nearly full immunity, in two weeks' time.

All of these imminent targets are quite remarkable when we consider that, precisely one year ago Monday of this week, the first diagnosis of a case of COVID-19 was made in Canada and only one month earlier this new coronavirus was initially identified in Wuhan, China.

And now, the world's brightest and best scientists have rolled out several vaccine options, in a timeframe that far outstrips any other vaccine for any other virus.

While we must consider this pandemic an international tragedy that has cost hundreds of thousands of lives so far, we must also be thankful to live in the times that we do when science can produce something that will interrupt the horror of COVID-19's quick spread.

We must also remind ourselves that we are at our best when we display empathy—and at our worst when we don't.

The COVID-19 shaming experiences of the Little Current family, also profiled in this paper (along with the good news about imminent vaccination dates at Island long-term care facilities and the new and necessary ultra-cold freezer) comes out of fears that the constant barrage of COVID-19 horror stories has engendered.

From the outset of the pandemic, we have been told, and have ultimately reminded one another, that, 'we are in this together.'

Well, we are. And some of us have had the misfortune, through no fault of our own, to fall victim to this new virus.

Canadians are by and large a caring people and the interesting microcosm that is Manitoulin Island is in virtually every endeavour a mirror of the national picture.

People don't want to contract this illness. They don't want to spread it. They are diligent about obeying the rules of quarantine and hygiene. Of course there are exceptions; there always are.

But in our small communities on Manitoulin it is reasonable (and empathetic) to assume that these public health rules won't be willingly and knowingly broken.

To make the assumption, without seeking the facts, that people among us would ignorantly and willfully spread the virus is the opposite of the empathy that is the glue that lets us live together in what we call 'society.'

We can do better.

After all, we're all in this together. How does public shaming square with this statement to which most of us, in our own ways, have pledged allegiance?

Reuse, recycle, repurpose the Old School

Council should re-evaluate its plans

To the Expositor:

Being well acquainted with the historical relevance of bricks and mortar and so many firsts, the Mindemoya Old School has a plethora of existing value and extensive viable uses. It has garnered support, interested groups and financial aid all being relevant by today's climate, "reuse, recycle, repurpose," not to mention the public support. I would

ask you to please re-evaluate your plans for this solid building and its land.

Sincerely,

Brenda Edington

Six generations of family in Sandfield

Kudos to Mayor Stephens and Councillor Tribinevicius

The rest of council owes the mayor an apology

To the Expositor:

Congratulations must go to Mayor Stephens and Councillor Al Tribinevicius for standing up for their values against the other angry councillors! In the January 14 Central Manitoulin council meeting, Mayor Stephens took great criticism over the fact that he had announced his disagreement with the majority council decision to destroy the historic Old School building. Councillors had received letters and emails of disagreement with the demolition decision, which some interpreted as harassment, and not as sources of enlightenment. Mayor Stephens reported the stack of requests he had received to save the school. He compared this with the total of three he had received asking for its demolition.

Many in the municipality are under the false assumption that the building is nothing but a money pit. On the contrary! Keeping the building for another 10 years as a monument to its own past would entail construction of a new roof. This was estimated in 2018 to cost \$26,000, let's

say now to be about \$35,000 with today's inflated cost of materials. Add to that the yearly cost of hydro (\$400) and insurance (\$1,200), making a total cost of \$51,000 for keeping the building. On the other side, demolition cost was estimated by Tulloch Engineering to be \$120,000 to \$150,000, plus another \$60,000 or more to pave the area for parking. It would cost taxpayers about \$100,000 less to stay the execution.

Council members, in my opinion, it is you who owe the mayor an apology for your bad decision to lay waste the school! Open your eyes and see what your electorate wants. Send out a referendum with this year's tax statements if you must. Rescind or at least defer your motion to destroy the building. Keep it, at least for the time being, if only for what it stands for, the heritage of our municipality and the origins of our sense of values. Please think again!

Respectfully submitted by,

Jim Smith
Mindemoya

'Friends' should stop wasting their efforts on council

It's time for an appeal, or a community vote of 'no confidence'

To the Expositor:

Kudos for the excellent op-ed piece 'Central Manitoulin rule-breaking motion rooted in cultivated culture of secrecy' (January 20, Page 5) by ex-reeve, journalist and experienced senior civil servant Perry Anglin. Appears Mayor Richard Stephens has caught himself between a rock and a hard place with his gambit of playing both sides against the middle. The recent months of community kerfuffle over the sneaky and questionable motion to seek tenders for the demolition of the community owned Old School in Mindemoya has prompted concerned citizens to finally question activities by the mayor and his cronies on council for not passing the smell test. Ironically, after last week's published comments by the mayor, claiming to be against the council's motion, Councillors Derek Stephens and Steven Shaffer immediately called for the mayor to resign. Strangely, this was for breaking council "rules of procedure," to keep his opinions to himself, rather than for not re-considering the constructive suggestions made by the Property Committee, including the well-researched presentation by Jim Smith.

Am also impressed by the excellent letter to the editor by Judy

McAulay. She cuts through the baffle-gab and focuses on the core issue of the council's responsibility for the conservation and protection of its community assets and the need to consult relevant government legislation, such as the Ontario Heritage Act. Ms. McAulay astutely recognizes the "conflict of interest" in the position of the council. She makes the important point that the government provides "an appeal process through a Crown agency, comprised of the Ontario Heritage Trust and the Conservation Review Board, a tribunal that hears objections to municipal and provincial decisions. It's time for concerned members of the community, such as the Friends of the Old School, to stop wasting their efforts on this unreceptive amateur cast from a Manitoulin production of Nikolai Gogol's brilliant satirical play, 'The Inspector General,' and appeal to this Conservation Review Board tribunal. If council rules of procedure do not allow for a community vote of no confidence, someone needs to donate a vaudeville hook to yank this embarrassing 'Gong Show' act off the stage.

D.S. McPhail
Mindemoya

more letters

Perhaps Councillors Shaffer and Stephens should resign?

It was they, after all, who made the motion to demolish the Old School

To the Expositor:

Central Manitoulin Councillors Steve Shaffer and Derek Stephens are the two who should do the right thing and resign.

I'm shocked that they would make a motion for the mayor to resign; angry they would have the audacity to do something like that; and ashamed of the other councillors that followed their lead. These two are

the ones that made the motion to demolish the Old School. They are the ones that caved to the minor hockey people on the arenas.

Shocked and angry,

Harold Dewar
Mindemoya

The Old School's possibilities are endless if one puts one's mind to it

The power to imagine the positive is a win-win

To the Expositor:

Imagine a community where everyone's opinion was equal in weight, where opinions that mattered included taxpayers, residents, even tourists. Imagine a community where all residents were heard when providing input into expenditures and plans. This would mean that their opinions were acknowledged and valued. This would be an amazing thing.

Then imagine a fantastic realization where compassionate people in a community with a single mission work with a council and develop a plan for an historic site where it is a win-win situation for all. Where some parties swallow a little bit of pride, set aside their egos and just decide to

do the right thing. What a media splash that would be.

Imagine this as a future media release: 'Municipality of Central Manitoulin agrees to relinquish financial responsibility for 100-year-old building to locally incorporated group passionate about the heritage of this building. Together they will work together to best facilitate the transition of ownership. Local council and committee members agree to assist where and when possible. Both groups are excited about the new possibilities open for discussion.'

Fast forward. The Old School house currently houses six new businesses in the town of Mindemoya which include a full

bakery and coffee house, a lawyer's office, and an engineering firm. A portion of the building is available for tourists to view and appreciate both the historical value of the building itself and the historical items kept within. Special attention has been paid to encourage tourism and business within the municipality as these are items identified in their 2016 Central Manitoulin Official Plan.

Some thought the building no longer had value, but once co-operation prevailed the sky was the limit, the old building has proved and re-proved its worth. 'Friends of Mindemoya Old School,' a successful charitable organization continues to improve the building as a viable business centre and

a tourist destination for Central Manitoulin. All businesses within the building report that they are thriving and are thrilled to be in such a beautiful building with such heritage value. 'Friends of the Old School' thank the municipality for their reconsideration of demolition as it has proven to be a co-operative effort and a complete success.

We did it, together.

Although the present reality of the Old Mindemoya School House is tenuous the power to imagine the positive might just be the win-win for everyone.

Alison McAllister
Spring Bay

Demolishing the Old School would be a tremendous loss to the community

There are many potential uses for the historic building

Dear Mayor Stephens and Councillors of Central Manitoulin,

I urge you to reject the Central Manitoulin Property Committee's recommendation to destroy the historical Mindemoya Old School, 100 years old in 2021. Now, during the pandemic, when it is difficult to rally opposition, the committee has chosen to wield the wrecking ball. The Old School wasn't even on the committee's December agenda, it came up under "New Business," out of the blue.

Despite what some say, council has not exhausted all alternatives. The feasibility study by Tulloch that was completed in September 2019 zeroed in on one option only, an option that did not qualify for grant money. Before that study was even completed, an opportunity arose for a building infrastructure grant, but instead of applying for the grant for the Old School, the municipality kept news of this opportunity hidden from the Old School Repurposing Committee, and instead hired the same company, Tulloch, to put together a grant for a multiplex which as envisioned would entail the demolition of the Old School, as well as the adjacent park! Now that the \$15 million multiplex application has failed, it appears you would rather have it destroyed than look further or let someone else take it

over.

I sat on the repurposing subcommittee, which council disbanded in November 2019. Some of us have carried on. Architects from ERA Architects in Toronto answered our plea for help from the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, coming here in January 2020 to assess the structure, the heritage value and the potential of the Old School, pro bono. They prepared a Statement of Significance which I forwarded to council in April 2020, and they offered to make a presentation. You may not remember that you did not even reply. The ERA covering letter concluded, "It's our opinion that the Old School, as well as its neighbouring arena, hall and church have inherent cultural value and would likely meet the criteria in the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA) for listing or designation given its civic contribution to the area... Additional time may be required to comprehensively study various uses for the building, such as the potential location for start-up businesses or student housing for the local college, for example ... ERA understands the value of the Mindemoya Old School, and together we believe we can realize the full potential of this built asset as an important component to the town's and Island's civic commons."

Last August, when we learned that the \$15 million multiplex proposal was rejected, we felt a sigh of relief! In the midst of the pandemic, we did not expect you would want to spend the \$115,000 to \$150,000 Tulloch estimated would be needed to demolish the building.

Honestly, if the Old School was just a wooden frame building, I would not be fighting to save it even considering its 100-year history. But it is solid brick, well-constructed, built to last! Consider the Old School's brick exterior. Clay brick is inert, naturally fireproof, it emits no gases, needs no maintenance, and is impervious to chemical leaching. It lasts almost forever, and that means it has a very low environmental cost over its life-cycle. Brick buildings in Europe are hundreds, even thousands of years old.

Bricks are a wonderful building material, and they take a lot of energy to make. To calculate roughly how much energy is embodied just in the Old School's bricks, I estimated there are at least 12,000 bricks, that means it would take 20.4 Megawatt-hours to replace those bricks. There are many potential uses for this building, some of which would qualify for substantial grant money. Some of these potential uses—social, recreational, artis-

tic—were listed in the failed multiplex infrastructure grant proposal as things the community needs! I would add the acute need for affordable housing, which has lately become a focus of federal concern in much of the nation. For arts and culture, the federal Building Communities through their Arts and Heritage - Legacy Fund provides funding for community-initiated capital projects, intended for community use, up to 50 percent of eligible project expenses up to a maximum of \$500,000. An arts centre would be eligible, and the Weengushk Film Institute may be interested in a partnership, which would be a wonderful addition to Mindemoya. I'm sure there could be other opportunities for other projects. Another idea that council has never seriously entertained is the idea of advertising and selling this building as a heritage structure in order to save it. Initially I didn't like this idea, but it is far better to let someone else take it over than to reduce the Old School to rubble. What a loss to the community!

Sincerely,

Chelsea Dunbar
Central Manitoulin taxpayer

A farewell to Manitoulin Island from Larry Killens

'Thanks for all you have given me'

To the Expositor:

I had no idea that the day would come that I share with you a piece of news I thought would never come. My wife Shelley and I have chosen to move to southern Ontario to be closer to our children in our retirement years.

I leave with very strong feelings of hesitation and it wasn't an easy decision to come to. In short, it is not going to be a move that will be easy to settle ourselves with.

I look to our history. "Our" being the community that I served as a police officer, a director of the Children's Aid Society, past chair of the Manitoulin Mental Health Clinic, a charter member of the South East Manitoulin Lions Club, a charter board member of the Island victims' services committee, a members of various municipal committees on the Island—Kagawong, Assiginack, Gore Bay, Tehkummah—and thanks to Island citizens who, by election process, placed me for many years (four terms) as the Rainbow District School Board trustee.

I look to some success, supported by my wife Shelley. We were the persons who introduced an alternate brand of dairy products to be sold on Manitoulin Island, allowing competition and leading to immediate reduction in the retail price of milk and milk products.

With the Manitoulin Mental Health Com-

mittee, I was pleased to be part of the group that initiated the Manitoulin Island "Volunteer of the Year" awarded annually and named in honour of Vivian Levensohn, a valued consultant to our committee before she and her husband relocated to the United States.

Somewhat of a partial disappointment was my failure to bring the Sudbury-oriented Rainbow District School Board to continually keep the lifestyle and culture of the Manitoulin Island in their delivery to educational stakeholders on the Manitoulin. There were successes and changes to the Rainbow Board made where seniors were allowed to use school facilities for various health promoting uses, including the introduction, in Gore Bay, of the first seniors' centre in a school setting.

A first in Canada of a student-driven memorial placed at the Manitoulin District Veterans Memorial Gardens Cenotaph to honour our veterans and to promise to yearly honour them. This is the 'Island Students in Solidarity with Veterans' monument. Rigid rules were introduced to always consider employing and in the least, inviting bids from Island-driven service providers before turning to Sudbury providers first for services at our local schools. Sad to say, since I left office this has been lax and is returning to the way it was.

I am especially proud of what I have learned and practices I have promoted to

better understand and bring First Nations culture to our communities, i.e. the support of the M'Chigeeng fall fair, a First Nations and non-Native student centred justice system that, if not promoted by Principal Gary Chandler and Roy Eaton, would not have happened. This student-driven justice system process was dropped by the Rainbow District School Board.

I worked with the court system to create the 'Drive While Impaired' program where repeat offenders of this health disability would attend a four-week learning session in lieu of a two-week term incarceration. This would keep the offender employed (and out of jail) and families together. This program was dropped as an appeal court terminated it when an accused in another part of the province claimed breach of their rights as they could not attend the course on Manitoulin for the same offence (repeat impaired offence). These four-week sessions were entirely run by Island volunteers i.e. Alcoholics Anonymous, insurance agencies, Manitoulin mental health agencies, various victims who lost loved ones to impaired drivers and those accused who caused the loss of life due to impaired.

I served as a community member and chair of the group that worked to preserve the Michael's Bay history and heritage.

I am unable to put into words the strong and special feelings I have for the Manitoulin and all its people. Due to the nature

of my calling as an OPP officer, I have been privileged to be a part of each and every community, their celebrations, their sad times and their failures and their successes. I have cried with families, mourned with families, celebrated with families and walked beside them in times of need—all times that make up my life with the support of my family.

I thank people of the Manitoulin for who I am today through your support and, yes, love. I refer to the words of Lianne Hovingh under extremely unthinkable stress and circumstance who, at her husband's funeral, described what she and Marc thought of the Manitoulin. I agree, word for word, with her assessment of the Manitoulin and its people. I feel I owe so much to the Manitoulin community for accepting myself and my family for many years.

I borrow from the words of a close friend: If a person looks at a map of Ontario, you will readily see that Manitoulin Island is pretty much the centre of Ontario. If you look at a map of the universe, Manitoulin Island is pretty much not only the centre of the globe but definitely the centre of our universe. Enough said.

Farewell, chi-miigwetch, and from the depths of our being, thanks for all you have given me.

Larry and Shelley Killens
South Baymouth

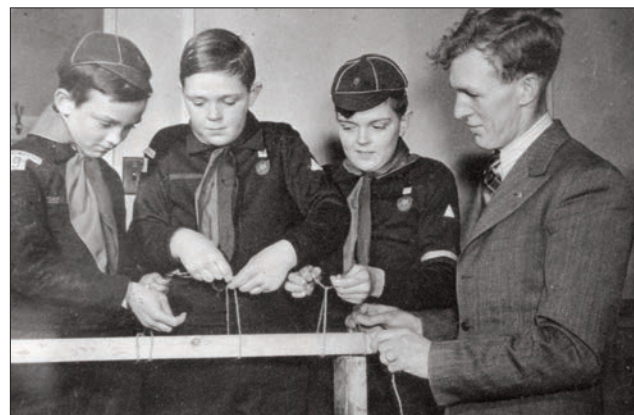
Eric Helmer

Eric Karl Helmer is a charming, self-made man. He portrays a quiet strength that still resonates of past successes, achievements reached at both a financial and a personal level. He lives modestly in Manitowaning, in a two-storey solid brick home beside the apartment building he still owns. As the writer approaches, he stands at his side entry, ringing two small Tibetan chimes, attached by a cord. "This brings all three of my cats back to the house." We stand and wait while two felines emerge, squeeze by us, and disappear into the house. "Sometimes my shy cat will not come if there is a stranger about." After a few minutes, the search for the wary cat is temporarily halted and we enter the house, sit at the kitchen table and Eric's story slowly emerges.

"My dad, Karl Theodor Helmer, born in 1906, left his hometown of Metzingen, Germany in a bit of a hurry. As a fun-loving bon vivant, he had burned a few bridges and was hopeful of a new life in Canada. He sailed from Bremerhaven in April 1929 with one contact name in Kirkland Lake, his cello and \$100. He wound up on Pier 13 in Halifax just prior to the stock market crash and the



Betty and Karl.



Eric, far left, learning the ropes with the Boy Scouts.

Great Depression. He moved to Kingston where he played cello in pit orchestras for the silent movies. As a machinist, he found work at A. Worthington, building steam locomotives for Canadian National Railways."

"He found a boarding house owned by Alma and Heinrich Webber. They had a pretty daughter, Mary Anne (Betty). During the depression years and before the time of unions, layoffs were common at A. Worthington. Karl was single at the time, so he was one of the earliest to be laid off. In 1934, the Webber's daughter, Betty, became Karl's bride."

"Karl had heard about good job prospects at Kirkland Lake where much gold had been found in 1911 and he had a contact person. After the wedding, Karl and Betty went north to the Macassa Gold Mines where he soon became superintendent of the machine shop. I was the first born of five sons, on December 4, 1936 in Kirkland Lake," Eric adds. "I have had some profitable businesses in the past, but I would like to

share that my brothers have reached higher levels of success in their own chosen professions."

"Brother Paul, born in 1938, is the family historian. He was also a child piano prodigy, starting at age five. When Paul was eight, we were still living in Kirkland Lake, but the tide was changing." The CEO of the Robert Simpson Company, Edgar Burton, had

winning awards at the same level as Glenn Gould," Eric injects. "His son Sebastian

is a classical violinist today. One of his daughters, Stephanie, was a heart sur-

geon in Florida. She once saved youngest brother Ricky's life. He had fallen off a ladder and was in an induced coma to prevent him from removing lifesaving lines. The doctors felt they couldn't operate. Stephanie called from Miami and convinced them that the required surgery was frequently done and normally successful in Florida. The reluctant doctors subsequently operated and saved his life."

"Third son Terry was a classical violinist and a founding member of the popular Orford String Quartet. He and Paul performed as a violin and piano duo in many locations including Massey

Hall, a concert for which Terry had borrowed a Stradivarius. Terry lives in the restored old Westwood Grist Mill, built in 1840 in that town. He is a Renaissance man of the 20th Century," Eric concludes, as he reveals a heavy pewter mask made by his brother." It is the face of a Danish wood nymph. Terry's wife Katherine had also been endowed with an artistic spirit, as a painter and illustrator of books. She died recently."

"Fourth son Mark, of Calgary, is a professional engineer with two tickets, one for electrical and another for mechanical engineering. He worked for many years at Precision Drilling in Alberta, drilling oil wells and here at Domtar. He was also well-versed with the cello. Today he is a gentleman farmer. The fifth and youngest son, Ricky, is a self-employed electrician who lives in Richmond Hill with his three sons."

"We were living on the Macassa Gold Mine property, one of six mines, and it's

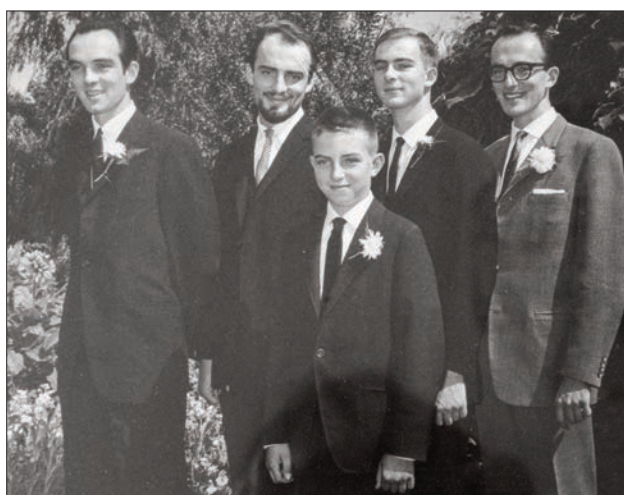
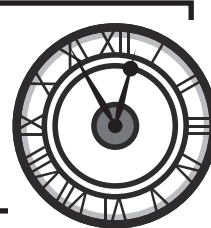
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Now and Then

A Celebration of Life on Manitoulin
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By Petra Wall



Back row, from left, Eric, Terry, Mark, Paul, and Ricky in front.



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Manitoulin Sporting Life



George Armstrong was the consummate Leaf

George Armstrong passed away over the weekend at the age of 90. Armstrong was one of the best Maple Leaf players ever to play the game and paved the way for younger Indigenous players to believe that they could also make it to the big leagues.

A Hall of Famer, George held many Leafs records and hoisted the Stanley Cup four times! In fact, he scored the last goal of the Stanley Cup winning game when the Leafs upset the Montreal Canadiens in 1967, the last cup they ever won.

Lockdown lowdown on fitness

I sometimes, thankfully, get submissions from people who are on the pulse of sports and fitness around the Island. Last week, I received a missive from one of Mindemoya's most eager fathers to find activities for his sporty family and the community as well, **Michael Bridgeman**. He reports that when the stay-at-home order came down from Queen's Park a couple of weeks ago, the realization that all arenas would remain shuttered descended upon the Island's hockey playing populace. With no organized games or practices in the foreseeable future, it's back to the roots of the game for the passionate, to the available makeshift and formal outdoor rinks (ODRs) for individual skaters and familial groups.

Passing, stick-handling and skating practice is abundant, with the sweat equity to keep the ODRs cleared of snow and ice chips the only cost, and no time limits but available light. You just require the initiative to clear a spot. So a shout out of thanks to **Devin Young** and **Nat Williams**, who cleared a sizable patch of Lake Mindemoya that has been put to good use by locals since before Christmas.

Thanks as well to the town of Assiginack's Fire Department, who has been flooding their ODR, and to the crew at AOK as well for their more formal (they have boards!) ODR. Is there anything more Canadian than a skate on a frozen pond on a clear, cold, sunny day? Stay safe out there.

Hypothermic Half route of the week!

Next week (specifically February 1) marks the start of the Running Room's annual Hypothermic Half and 10K. Of course, it has to be virtual, but also means that you don't have to get up at an ungodly hour and get oneself to Sudbury. In fact, you can run from anywhere you are, from the 1st through to 28th! Their virtual run can be run or walked from any location you choose. You get to run your own race, at your own pace, and at your own time.

There are no restrictions and your souvenir can be picked up at a Running Room location of your choice (for free) or directly shipped to you for a fee of \$15. All participants will receive a limited edition Hypothermic Half marathon souvenir product (details coming soon) and a finisher medal. This is a capped event. Registration will stay open only as long as souvenir products are available.

The Hypothermic Half Marathon and 10K package pickup is tentatively scheduled for early/mid-February and direct-to-home shipments can be expected to arrive in February/March. More details will be released on this closer to the event date.

In last week's column I described a looped route starting and finishing in Mindemoya. Runners often fall into one of two main divisions in my estimation: 'loopers' and 'out-and-backers.' Loopers would rather not retread their same path on a training run or race and tend to choose a cyclical course. They love the ever changing scenery and not having to pass that one dog twice, who hears you coming and hides to bark and chase you into clean shorts among other reasons. Out-and-backers have other advantages. They can more easily check their half-way splits if they are going for their PB (personal best). They can judge better when that big hill or sweet descent is coming up.

With that in mind here is this week's route that would qualify as a 21.1-km half marathon, 10.55-km out-and-backer. In Wiiky, near Wasse Abin Junior School, there is the intersection of Sesame Street and Wikwemikong Way. From there, head east to Rabbit Island Road. Follow it north until the turn-off for King's Bay Road and follow your tracks back to Sesame Street.

I use the handy website at mapmyrun.com that allows you to plot a course and it will follow your chosen road and tell you the distance. Of course my stated distances may need to be measured in your vehicle to see if they are accurate. They have been amazingly close in my experience. Do you have a favourite route you would like to share with those in your community? If so, send me the details to the email address below.

A good sport is good for sports.
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Survey shows COVID-19 pandemic had only minimal impacts on Ontarians' fishing habits

by Warren Schlote

OTTAWA—The Ontario angler survey from Carleton University researchers, as shared in the August 20, 2020 edition of The Expositor, has concluded and its preliminary results indicate that the COVID-19 pandemic has not had any massive impacts on anglers' fishing habits when compared to the same time a year before, though the researchers note that the sampling method may be a significant factor toward that outcome.

"Fresh air and getting outside is really important during these times and I think fishing is a good and safe way to do that," said researcher Dr. Steven Cooke, a member of the study team.

The full results of the study are presently in a preprint phase. The team chose to release them before the peer-review process finished because some of the research pertained to public health guidelines and government messaging dur-



ing the pandemic, information that could benefit officials during the ongoing second wave.

Dr. Cooke said he was surprised that survey-takers seemed to not change their fishing behaviour much from pre-pandemic to mid-pandemic timeframes, but he said this may be attributable to the 'snowball' style of the survey.

To spread awareness of the project, the researchers asked survey respondents to forward it to their friends and colleagues. The project also made several appearances in online fishing-related forums.

This meant those who responded tended to be people who already engaged more with fishing-related content online and were more avid anglers on the whole. Number of days fished was only one lower during the pandemic when comparing the same timeframe in 2019 and 2020.

'If we're bolder with management actions and willing to try something new, I think we could have really impressive fisheries here in Ontario.'

—Dr. Steven Cooke,
 Carleton University biologist

While there was a lot less fishing pressure on water bodies this year, Dr. Cooke said this was because of a drop in international anglers.

"I can't begin to predict how many American tourists visit Manitoulin each year, but in eastern Ontario, there's a massive influx in the spring—you can tell by the boat licence (numbers)," he said.

One expected trend that Dr. Cooke did not see was a substantial increase in fish harvest.

"I thought people would be saying, 'well, if I'm going fishing and supposed to be staying home from grocery stores or am tired of only eating things in

grocery stores, here's a cheap way for me to get some good, clean, healthy, safe and tasty protein.' But there was no major uptick in fish harvest, so people were still catching and releasing fish at quite high rates," he said.

Other responses were more closely aligned with expectations, such as people's spending habits remaining relatively steady.

"People continue to spend money on fishing—that's what anglers do. If they can't fish, they're buying gear," he said.

According to the results, people were most likely to support small, independent local tackle shops over foreign and big-box retailers, something that was of comfort to Dr. Cooke who was concerned about those stores' viability through the pandemic. His team plans to continue research during the pandemic, including trying to get access to fishing app

records for a broader data set.

Last year, the research group took advantage of the lower international pressure and did snorkeling surveys on nesting bass in lakes that normally draw a lot of US tourists.

"We saw the lowest level of hook wounding (because you can often see bruises on the upper jaws of bass on their nests) and the highest level of reproductive success that we've recorded in the past decade. That relaxation of fishing pressure really benefited the bass population," he said.

Lessons such as that survey offer opportunities for governments to re-evaluate how they manage fisheries. He said the results may support a case for designating small portions of fished waterways, such as a bay or two in a lake, as fish sanctuaries.

"What if we did set aside 10 or 20 percent of our fished waters?" he asked, reflecting on the decline in the fishery's quality over the past decades. "If we're bolder with management actions and willing to try something new, I think we could have really impressive fisheries here in Ontario."

The preprint survey went to the journal Fisheries Research in late November, as well as the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Dr. Cooke said the survey would provide data to hopefully encourage more people to experience fishing in the coming year, while health restrictions are still in place.

"I still believe fishing is a safe and important activity that can be done during a pandemic, as long as you stay close to home, make sure you're spread out and don't squeeze into an ice hut with 20 friends," he said. "Fresh air and getting outside is really important during these times and I think fishing is a good and safe way to do that."

To read the preprint of the survey, visit ecoevorxiv.org/87qth9.

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...MHC orders ultra-cold freezer for vaccines

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fundraising campaign to procure new ventilators for MHC. They managed to secure four new versions of their aging LTV-1200 models but had a considerable amount of money left over after the fundraising push netted more than \$200,000.

MHC has reserved some of those funds for the vaccination program within the health unit, to ensure the hospital can play a major role in roll-out plans. As of press time, it is not known when more vaccines will become available for individuals living on Manitoulin Island outside of LTC homes.

“Should (public health) decide that (MHC) is an ideal spot to store the vaccines, then we’ll need to be ready and have safety measures to make sure the vaccine continues to be viable,” said Ms. Foster, explaining that further leftovers from the earlier fundraising will go toward the potential future costs involved in a mass vaccination program.

Some of the security measures include connecting the freezer to the hospital’s building management system. This will enable alarms in case the freezer temperature rises beyond a safe point.

Senior staff at the hospital got together in late December 2020 to determine if an ultra-low freezer would be a good fit for MHC. They ultimately



Manitoulin will have its very own ultra-cold freezer soon that will have the capability of storing the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

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placed the order near the new year.

Because of the strong working relationship among Island health providers through the Manitoulin Collaborative, MHC will be able to ensure vaccines get out to high-priority populations first, such as Indigenous individuals who access primary care from organizations like Noojmowin Teg or Mnaamodzawin Health Services.

“I’m hoping it gives our community some hope. We’ve been very lucky that we have not seen the surges that are taking place in southern parts of the province, but that doesn’t mean that we’re not feeling it either,” Ms. Foster said.

MHC is planning to store the freezer and warming fridge at its Little Current

site because the building is larger than the Mindemoya hospital.

The Expositor contacted other small regional hospitals in the North Shore area; only Espanola General Hospital provided a response by press time. A spokesperson said the hospital is waiting to see which vaccine it will get

before making any procurement decisions.

A recently-released vaccine playbook from the health unit details some potential vaccination sites across the Island, though some major communities were missing from the list.

MHC has begun to have internal discussions about the order in which it will prioritize its own employees, from highest to lowest risk. Ms. Foster said those who do not have direct contact with patients will be last in line on the internal list.

She expressed hope to Islanders and urged them to hold strong on their adherence to public health measures until vaccines can deliver herd immunity closer to the end of the year.

“We’re a strong community and we’ll get through this together. There is a light at the end of the tunnel and it’s getting brighter every week,” she said.

...One new COVID case

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variants of concern (VOCs). Further sequencing of the sample is underway by the laboratory to confirm the finding and identify the variant. The results are expected in the next few days.

“I am very pleased to note that our quarantine and isolation practices are working,” said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health with PHSD. “The individual involved is doing well and has a history of international travel which requires a 14-day quarantine period following return to Canada. This has given us time to identify the possible variant and ensure it is not spread. The rate at which these new variants spread is of course alarming as we have seen in other areas of the province and parts of the world. We need to do everything in our power to slow to the spread for as long as we can.”

SARS-CoV-2 VOCs are reported to local public health units. PHSD was notified of the preliminary result on January 24.

COVID-19 test samples that meet criteria established by Public Health Ontario Laboratory Services are screened for variants of concern using a two-part test. An initial test looks for a mutation and if positive, there is a high probability that the mutations are of a VOC. The second part of the test is a whole genome sequencing test to determine the exact COVID-19 variant.

COVID-19 variants have been shown to be highly transmittable. The ability to spread more quickly in people makes it more critical than ever to continue to follow public health measures. A reminder that a stay-at-home order is in effect requiring everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise, or for essential work.

Anyone who is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or has concerns that they may have been in contact with a known case should contact the Manitoulin Health Centre COVID assessment centres by calling 705-368-2300 (Little Current site) or 705-377-5311 (Mindemoya site) and following the prompts. Testing is based on a clinical assessment of each person.

Visit Manitoulin.com for more information on the status of cases on Manitoulin Island as information becomes available.

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of immunizations,” added Dr. Sutcliffe.

“Public health is working closely with community partners to complete vaccinations by February 5 or earlier,” a press release from PHSD states. “The vaccine will be offered to everyone eligible to receive it on a voluntary basis. The vaccine is a safe and effective tool in stopping the spread of COVID-19 and protecting health of everyone, including our most vulnerable, in the community.”

This news follows on the successful vaccination of residents, staff and essential caregivers of Wikwemikong Nursing Home on January 13.

Area long-term care homes will be sequenced over the next two weeks based on vaccine availability, COVID-19 case rates and outbreaks, and other factors such as logistics to avoid vaccine wastage.

The critical need for COVID-19 vaccine to protect our most vulnerable has been further highlighted with several recent outbreaks declared locally. Most recently, PHSD has declared COVID-19 outbreaks at Pius XII Catholic School, following three associated cases, and at Summit Human Services (group home), a congregate living setting, following the report of one case of COVID-19 in a staff member.

“Our worry with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine supply reductions was that we would have to wait longer and so we are thrilled that supplies of the Moderna vaccine are being made available to protect vulnerable people across the province,” noted Dr. Sutcliffe. “I would like to thank long-term care homes and community paramedicine for their support in partnering in this truly unprecedented vaccination plan.”

At a board meeting of the Manitoulin Centennial Manor held last week, it was noted by Manor administrator Tamara Beam that releases allowing for the vaccinations have been obtained from 100 percent of the residents of the Manor, but only 90 percent of the staff. “Four have refused,” Ms. Beam said, but noted that all the volunteer caregivers have also assented to vaccination.

Public health is reminding everyone to continue to follow public health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. “We must work together by staying apart, staying home and staying COVID-safe. Continue to screen yourself for symptoms, stay home and do not attend work or school when ill. For essential outings, continue to practice physical distancing, wear your mask and wash your hands.”

“Public health remains committed to providing timely information and resources on our vaccine planning and rollout,” the press release continues. For more information or if you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit phsd.ca/COVID-19 or call PHSD at 705-522-9200 (toll-free 1-866-522-9200).



Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Zoe Redmond

Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association

CONGRATULATIONS, LISA!



LISA ERMILOVA



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Lisa Ermilova is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. She is a Grade 11 student who certainly keeps herself busy. When she isn't busy with practices and school, she can be found enjoying herself baking, singing, dancing, playing with her dog, hanging out with friends, engaging in spirituality and learning about the sciences.

During her years at school she participated in many sports. She attended Charlton Public School in Toronto from JK- Grade 2, and then Mutchmor Public School in Ottawa from Grades 3-5, before coming to Central Manitoulin Public School. At CMPS Lisa participated in as many sports as possible. Lisa was very much so open to trying new things as she was new to the school. She played sports such as volleyball, soccer and baseball. Lisa also ran cross country and participated in track and field. She also tried out for basketball. In track and field she did events such as running long jump, 100m sprint, 200m sprint and 400m sprint. Lisa also took part in the relay. Outside of school Lisa often goes for walks with her dog. Lisa keeps active at home by constantly moving. Outside of school she also takes part in ballet. Ballet keeps Lisa very active and busy. During the ballet season Lisa often performs in many ballet performances that take many hours of practice and skill. Lisa also commonly goes downhill skiing. She is an avid skier who takes on many challenging hills and shows no fear while conquering them.

Throughout Lisa's sports experience she has learned a lot, and is especially well-rounded when it comes to both practicing and life skills. When it comes to working as a team, Lisa is always working to make people feel connected. She also works to keep people laughing, and spread positivity. She continued to play sports in high school. Lisa practiced in volleyball, she tried out for the team in Grade 9. In her Grade 10 year she joined the gymnastics team, however, it got cut short because of COVID-19. This year sadly Lisa hoped to try some new sports and join in the past ones as well, however, this year she only had the chance to be able to go to one practice.

For Lisa, Grade 9 was an exceptional start to many more experiences to come. Lisa has never made it to NSSSA before but certainly hopes to one day. She thinks that the experience would definitely be really cool, especially given the chance to be able to move on to NOSSA or possibly OFSAA. Lisa is looking forward to volleyball in the upcoming season. Lisa hopes to try and expand her skills in the sport and to learn just what she is capable of. She always looks forward to ballet, but she hasn't done it in nearly a year due to COVID-19, and she really misses it. Lisa always reflects on how practices go. She finds that it's good to reflect on what you are doing in any kind of situation. Lisa grew up skating but nothing professional or playing hockey.

Throughout Lisa's sports season, she encourages her teammates and always remains positive, even when stage fright plays a part. Her determination and care always reflects on her great character, and gives the people around her the comfort they need. Lisa's favourite sport would probably have to be ballet. Lisa says dance is certainly considered a sport, because of all the activities involved. She really enjoys ballet because she has been doing it since she was four and she finds a way to express herself. Lisa always feels an overwhelming sense of happiness when the music she dances to is playing as it's so beautiful. Lisa likes playing sports for the collaboration aspect. She likes being able to spend time with friends in a way that she can have fun and have some physical activity. Lisa loves to learn new things and in many sports you are constantly having to adapt in every situation.

Lisa's mom is a big source of her inspiration and motivation. Lisa says that her mom is the most hardworking woman she knows. Lisa has been by her side at the toughest part of her career, all while being a single mother. Lisa knows that her mom is incredibly smart and hardworking. From her mom Lisa is constantly motivated as her mother shows an immense amount of strength. Lisa finds herself following in her mom's path as she hopes to be half the woman she is. Lisa loves anything in the sciences. She finds that even though she complains and says that she hates the class because of the workload, in reality she truly loves science. She finds that even though she may not be the best at it she still perseveres and always tries her best. With science she feels as though it's a love hate relationship. After high school Lisa hopes to attend university. Her plans as of right now are to do a psychology program and get a BSc, apply to med school, finish med school and do residency to become a pediatrician.

Lisa is one of many super Mustangs, and with her determination, empathy, and the passions that drive her she is sure to represent MSS well. Have an outstanding year, and keep up the great work Lisa!!!!

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choosing to 'bubble' together over the holidays. On January 2, Shaelynn began to fill a little bit ill, "mostly tired," she told The Expositor. But more worrisome was when the couple's two-year-old twin daughters began to develop a croup-like cough. The twins have had croup in the past, so Shaelynn thought this could be a reoccurrence.

The next morning Shaelynn said she awoke to the feeling of extreme cold in her feet and ankles. "I had a hot shower, then put a heating pad on to try and make myself warm. I took Tylenol, and felt better for a little while, but six hours later the extreme cold came back." Shaelynn took her temperature too, but registered no fever.

That night, Shaelynn and Matt became alarmed that their daughter's (one of the twins) breathing was becoming increasingly laboured and decided to bring her to emergency at the Little Current hospital for suspected croup.

The attending physician saw the toddler and when Shaelynn asked about COVID-19, the physician on duty didn't think it was likely, but took the mother up on her request that she be tested in her daughter's stead as she was also feeling ill.

In the early morning hours of January 4, Shaelynn received her COVID-19 test and shortly thereafter, her daughter's condition began to worsen, despite the cocktail of medications the child had been prescribed and was being administered to her. At just after midnight, the toddler was admitted and Manitoulin Health Centre staff was administering medication every hour, but still she struggled to breathe. The call was eventually made to send the little girl to Health Sciences North (HSN), so mother and daughter were loaded into an ambulance and began the journey to Sudbury.

"Every hour she was receiving more meds, her oxygen levels were dropping—I was obviously starting to get worried," Shaelynn shared.

On the ride to Sudbury, the attending nurse received a phone call. Shaelynn said she could tell right away that something was wrong—her body language changed, she put on gloves, sanitized her phone and whispered to the paramedic driving the ambulance. "I had an inkling," Shaelynn said, "I must have tested positive."

Another phone call came in to the nurse and she was able to share the news with Shaelynn—she was COVID-19 positive. "I broke down crying," she shared.

With the positive test result an entire new protocol kicked in and the ambulance had to await instructions before being allowed to enter the Sudbury hospital site. Now donned in full personal protective equipment, including N-95 masks and gloves, the family waited for an escort into the hospital. At first Shaelynn was told she wouldn't be allowed in. "I was just heartbroken," she said. "'That's my kid—she's two'," Shaelynn implored. HSN staff eventually relented and,

with extreme precautions, allowed the mother to follow her child into the hospital. Each area of the hospital was cleared before they were allowed to come through, Shaelynn explained.

The Nolands were brought to a room filled with doctors, nurses, residents and respiratory therapists which had an adjoining negative-pressure antechamber where a runner would bring supplies, place them in the antechamber, and leave before the nurses retrieved the instruments. They were told that this was HSN's first child case of COVID-19.

The toddler was placed on oxygen and needed to be brought to the intensive care unit at which point Shaelynn had to say her goodbyes.

"At one point I started to feel kind of ill but I'm trying to hold it together," she recalled. "I was emotional and starting to cry. The doctors and nurses were trying to comfort me while looking after my daughter and suggested I go to emerg to be looked at." Thankfully, Shaelynn's vitals checked out and she was cleared to go home. Husband Matt and the couple's other two daughters picked her up to take her home, and on that sad drive home they received a phone call—their little girl was being flown to SickKids in Toronto and needed to be intubated.

"We were devastated we couldn't be with her. Literally everything was beyond our control."

SickKids called the Nolands every painstaking day with updates on their daughter and within a few days, she was off the ventilator and had been moved into the pediatric ward.

"We were able to video chat once, but as soon as she saw her sister she just wanted to play while she was on the ventilator." Knowing their child was so sick and all alone was excruciating for the Nolands.

Five days later, on January 10, the toddler was released from hospital and sent home to recover.

Shaelynn said she knows the ordeal must have been traumatic for her little girl as she was quiet for a few days when she first got home, taking a little while to adjust.

By this time COVID-19 had spread from family member to family member and everyone knew they had the virus as the rest of the family's three generations had been tested the day their daughter/granddaughter was sent to Sudbury.

Shaelynn said she is incredibly grateful to the doctors and nurses at MHC, HSN and SickKids for taking such good care of their child under the most harrowing of circumstances. "We were petrified," she added. "We couldn't have asked for better care all the way around."

Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) informed the Nolands, who by now numbered nine in their case count, that they were free from self-isolation 10 days from their positive test or from when they first exhibited symptoms. The toddler's self-isolation period was 20 days because she had been on a ventilator (the 20 days expired over the past weekend).

The Nolands were informed that once their quarantine time was over,

they were free to go about their daily lives, of course while maintaining physical distancing, wearing a mask and washing their hands.

Nastassia McNair, program manager, School Health and Behaviour Change with Public Health Sudbury and District (PHSD)'s School Health, Vaccine Preventable Disease and COVID Prevention Division, confirmed with The Expositor that in those cases with non-severe symptoms, such as the Nolands had exhibited, public health recommends an isolation period of 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Those individuals who experience more severe COVID-19 symptoms will have differing isolation periods, depending on advice from PHSD.

Ms. McNair also explained that when there is one person in a household has finished their isolation period but others have not, that person may start to go about their normal daily life, provided that the others in the house continue to self-isolate from that person.

But the reaction from the community, despite going through the unthinkable with one of the youngest members of the family, has been far from welcoming.

The police have been called on the Nolands (who have continued to live under the same roof since Christmas) following citizen complaints not once, but twice.

The first time an officer showed up at the family home with a report that a family member had been seen outside of the home and demanded proof that they were COVID-19-free.

"I explained to them what had been told to us by the health unit and that the health unit does not provide letters, nor do they require a negative test because antibodies can register a false positive," Shaelynn explained. The police were to confirm what the Nolands explained to them, according to Shaelynn.

A few days later her husband Matt and father-in-law Terry Noland were publicly questioned by the police while attending the Northeast Town landfill, attempting to throw out the accumulation of three weeks' worth of garbage from their self-isolation.

Sergeant Carlo Berardi, media relations co-ordinator with the Ontario Provincial Police's North East Region, told The Expositor that current protocol allows for members of the public to contact police or PHSD if they feel someone has contravened public health regulations respecting COVID-19 quarantining. "If someone is found to be in contravention, there will either be enforcement, education, or both," he shared.

"If someone is under quarantine, there will be a record of it somewhere, be it at the hospital or the health unit," Sergeant Berardi added, noting that an investigation would commence upon police receiving a public tip. He reminded the public to only call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency, but to use the 1-888-310-1122 number for COVID-related matters.

Terry Noland also suffered an alter-

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cation in the Little Current post office where he was asked to leave while last week his son Matt was denied access to a financial institution—the proverbial straw that broke the camel's back.

The latest humiliation was all Connie could take. She too has lived persecution while shopping for groceries: the long stares, whispers and even loud pronouncements of, "those are the ones with COVID!"

The normally quiet and reserved grandmother decided it was time to speak out.

"I was so upset, I don't want to be judged," Connie said, calling all the experiences her family has endured "humiliating."

"We thought that if we remain quiet it will just go away—it hasn't," daughter-in-law Shaelynn agreed.

"As long as we've done what we were supposed to do to keep the community safe I don't know why the community feels it's their business," an exasperated Shaelynn offered. She worries there is a lack of education on post-COVID procedure. "Police don't even know what's right and wrong," a reference to her own experience with the officers who called on her family, presumably acting on a complaint, when she explained in detail to them the public health unit's protocols which her family had followed.

"It really makes you feel secluded," Shaelynn added, sadness in her voice. "We'd been through this traumatic experience and now... We understand people are scared, but we're still people. We have a family we need to support and care for, but we don't want to be pulled over every time we leave the house."

There has been one case of community spread as a result of the family's illness—a fact that has brought a great deal of distress to the Nolands. An elderly woman, who the family helps to take care of, contracted the virus from one member of the family before they knew of the infection. The senior is still suffering from the effects of COVID-19.

"We're all so worried about her," Connie and Shaelynn both said.

"We were devastated," Connie added, noting that the family wishes their friend a

sound recovery.

Shaelynn said the entire family feels ostracized from the community. If anything, she said, coming out of COVID-19 has her hyper-sensitive to protocols.

As of last Wednesday, the family had hit the 20-day mark—the same day Matt was unable to do his banking, except by automated teller.

"We didn't want to get it," Shaelynn said of contracting COVID-19, noting how the family got the virus remains a mystery and that they did everything they were supposed to do under public health guidelines.

Shaelynn urged the community to treat people who have lived through COVID-19 as though they were their own family. "If you're seeing people in public, just ask us and we'll tell you; just stand six feet apart and ask, don't call the police. Be kind and compassionate."

"You can't treat people like that," Connie added. "I'm not a hateful person, but that's wrong. Being harassed is not right; we did everything right."

Connie admitted to viewing the community differently now. "I thought communities were supposed to have your back," she said sadly.

The family has recovered fairly well from their ordeal, although Connie has not regained her sense of smell or taste.

The toddler is doing much better and will soon be tested for asthma, which could be why she fell so ill, Shaelynn shared. Terry has lupus, which leaves one's immune system weakened, and brother Willy, who was among the nine positive cases (and lives in the same home) has a heart condition. So far, Connie said they are all doing well and everyone is long past their isolation date requirements. Throughout it all, the grandmother said, their focus was always their granddaughter. "We had a lot of prayers for that little baby," she added. "She was our main concern."

On Friday, Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health for PHSD, released a statement that reminded the public that the COVID-19 virus doesn't discriminate, and "neither should our communities" after learning news of the family's trials. See the front page story to read the full statement.

Assig. public works will now plow lake portion of Sucker Lake Road

by Alicia McCutcheon

ASSIGINACK—Sucker Lake road resident Jason Moffatt is pleased that Assiginack council has heeded his ask for year-round maintenance on the portion of Sucker Lake Road that extends to the lake itself following years of personal winter road maintenance and an uptick in recreational interest in the lake.

Council debated Mr. Moffatt's request at the January 12 meeting of council. Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs said that a traffic study would typically be initiated first to see if year-round maintenance of a road is warranted. (Traffic studies occur every five years.)

Councillor Christianna Jones raised Mr. Moffatt's concern, explaining that he has been maintaining the road himself for years, but as more and more people are choosing to access Sucker Lake, he was hoping council would add the road to its list for winter maintenance, as well as maintaining the waterfront parking lot area so that vehicles do not congest the roadway.

Mr. Moffatt told The Expositor he has lived year-round at the lake since 1996. At first, he said he would leave his vehicle on the plowed portion of roadway and either snowshoe or snowmobile in, but he eventually purchased a tractor to plow the road. Over the

years the lake access has been gaining more and more popularity, Mr. Moffatt shared, by ice fishermen, other recreational users and those accessing landlocked properties. This has been so much that at times, the number of vehicles located near the road's end has blocked him entirely from leaving his laneway. He said he guesses the vehicle owners just assume that the road is being maintained by the municipality, not by him.

Mr. Hobbs reminded council that should they agree with the ask, it would be in contravention of current bylaws. "If we are maintaining it now, we would have to do it for the rest of the season. I think we should look at it, but it needs to be backed up by numbers because of other similar requests (for winter maintenance of seasonal roads)."

Councillor Rob Maguire asked if the road had ever been maintained in the winter months. "Not in the last 20 years," the CAO replied.

"He's maintaining a road that other people are benefiting from," Councillor Jones said.

Councillor Hugh Moggy asked if it would be possible for public works to clear the parking lot once all other roads are plowed.

Mayor Dave Ham shared that he once plowed the road for Mr. Moffatt when the snow was too deep to do

it alone. "It took me all of 15 minutes," the mayor said, "peanuts. It would have taken me five minutes more to get to Sucker Lake. It's a municipal road for goodness sakes! As far as I'm concerned, the road should be snowplowed. All it is is a few minutes."

"It wouldn't be a priority, but if we could go and clean out the parking lot then I don't see why we wouldn't," Councillor Moggy added.

Councillor Maguire said he supported both Councillor Moggy and the mayor's thoughts.

Roads superintendent Ron Cooper said that plowing the kilometre stretch of road "can always be done," but encouraged council to stray from using the roads "not a priority" lest that happen. "If it's on the list, it's on the list" and becomes part of the winter maintenance routes, Mr. Cooper said.

The mayor agreed with Mr. Cooper, saying "All it is is 20 minutes—there's nothing to it, and after all other activities have been carried out."

The mayor called the question to have this lake portion of Sucker Lake road maintained for the remainder of the winter. The motion carried.

Mr. Moffatt said he was very grateful for council's decision; "it will alleviate a lot of work for me."



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File No. : Con 2021-01
Applicant: Carrie McCulloch, Casson Eadie
Location
Legal Description: 196 Pepper Point Road
Sheguiandah Township, Con 13, Lot 15
RP 31R 700, Part 1,2,3
Official Plan: Rural
Zoning: Shoreline Residential

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

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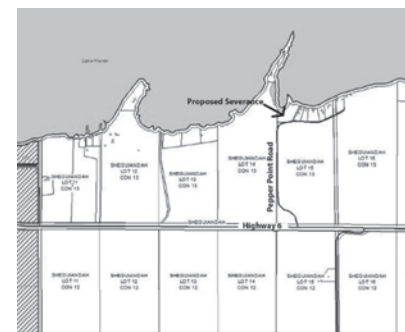
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...Pilot project underway to recover previously unrecyclable ag plastics

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participate, they're not going to do anything different than what they're doing now."

One Manitoulin Island farmer has signed up to participate. He hasn't yet received a compactor but Ms. Vanthof expects that once other farmers see it, "they might jump onboard, or there might be an opportunity to work with the township to do some communal compacting." A shared compactor would help small farms or farms that only use a small amount of plastic. The Expositor was unable to speak with the Island participant at this time.

One partner recycler makes composite lumber from the plastic. The challenge, according to Ms. Vanthof, is they are more particular in the type of plastic they collect as well as the cleanliness of the plastic. She is hoping to find end users that require farmers to shake and dry the plastic but not to wash it. "We can't do these things that a lot of recyclers require. Some of the end users that are making other composite products are starting to come up with more flexible technologies, which is great for agricultural plastic. BBL Energy Inc., located in Johnstown in eastern Ontario, is our primary partner and will convert the



Stephanie Vanthof, Ontario Federation of Agriculture member service representative for Northeastern Ontario, gives a 2019 presentation about her organization's agricultural plastic disposal pilot project.

otherwise unrecyclable plastics into energy."

Transportation remains a huge challenge. Shipping bales from Northwestern Ontario all the way to eastern Ontario will likely wipe out any environmental gains. "It's not an ideal solution," she noted. "It's just the solution we have right now. We are dealing with great distances, even just the distances between farms. We need to under-

stand this, and the costs."

That's where BBL comes in. BBL is not a waste management company, Ms. Vanthof said. "They want to get this technology across North America. They will use this a proof of concept and build business cases from it, so that maybe the City of Sudbury, or other Northern Ontario location, would want to have a modular system that could take all plastic, not just agricultural plastic. That's what BBL is doing and what we're doing is finding the numbers around just collecting and shipping the plastic and whether this is a viable model. We might find that this doesn't work at all. We don't

know."

Data gathered during the pilot will provide a better understanding of what works and what doesn't for recovering the plastic. Ms. Vanthof worries that the sector will be required to recover the plastic with little thought given to challenges both on-farm but also in Northern Ontario. "We could create a model based on this, keeping the needs of the farmers in mind. Once the pilot is done and we have a true understanding of costs and logistics, we hope to be able to continue to have the farmers recover the plastic. It'll be great to move the plastic off-farm and make something usable from it."

The three-year pilot project is a collaboration between the northern caucus of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance. The only direct cost of participation is the purchase of a \$900 compactor, which will be delivered to a central location in the region. One compactor holds approximately 500 hay bales worth of plastic. The most important thing is to make a good bale, Ms. Vanthof said. Each compacted bale should contain a single stream of plastic. An annual or semi-annual collection will be organized for the district. Bales are tracked and are traceable back to a specific compactor.

For more information or to participate in the project, contact OFA's Stephanie Vanthof at stephanie.vanthof@ofa.on.ca.

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sion projects at the ready so they can apply quickly when funding intakes happen; she said a few recent intakes filled up in a matter of hours.

BFO representative Richard Horne introduced an update from his organization alongside director-at-large and Island farmer Jordan Miller. The 36-minute presentation from the provincial board detailed a year marked by volatile prices and a lower overall ending price from the start, though the end price was still above comparable jurisdictions.

Once the pandemic hit, demand for Ontario cattle dropped alongside American exports because the latter were struggling to maintain domestic volumes. On a week-over-week basis, volumes increased in the fall though final tallies are not yet available.

BFO scored a win this year when the province added \$50 million to the risk management program and, while the representatives said there was still a fair way to go, it was a significant boost for the program. The group is seeking enhancements to the AgriStability program because its current makeup does not meet the needs of beef producers, they said.

The provincial group approved an annual \$200,000 payout for research and approved 11 projects last year.

It also outlined a commitment to diversity and inclusion in the wake of last year's growth of the Black Lives Matter movement. While many of the farm-based producers do not compose a diverse demographic, many processors and high numbers of end-consumers are from marginalized communities, so BFO developed a value statement about how Ontario beef producers can be an ally to these individuals.

Mr. Miller noted that an uptick in processing in the past year can be partly attrib-

uted to an increase in freezer product demand. He also noted that there is a new abattoir and processing facility coming soon to the Bruce Mines area at Penokean Hills Farms. That producer previously took up much of the region's abattoir capacity and producers were pleased that some of that pressure would be removed while increasing output potential.

The former abattoir has been sold and indications are that it will continue as a provincial facility.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha attended the AGM and shared some of his priorities for the region, including pushing for mental wellness initiatives—especially those for farmers. He said he was pressing the government to better explain its emergency order parameters and working to describe how closing small businesses has a more profound impact in Northern Ontario.

Onto MCA board elections, there were two director positions available. Mr. Hietkamp nominated Andrew Vokes and Nickolas Martin nominated Cameron Runnalls; both accepted. Nickolas Martin, who has been the advisory councillor for three years, stood for his position, while Jim Martin was named alternate advisory councillor.

Mr. McNaughton and Mr. Vokes will be the local voting delegates at the virtual BFO AGM coming up next month, while Brent Best will serve as alternate voting delegate.

Bill Reach will be the local delegate for the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association AGM, with Mr. Hietkamp serving as alternate.

Cameron Runnalls nominated Jim Martin to be the new president of MCA and Mr. McNaughton agreed to vacate his outgoing presidency. Mr. Best will remain as secretary-treasurer.

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Grants help transform Wiikwemkoong greenhouse into all-season operation

by Warren Schlote

WIKWEMKOONG—Teams are upgrading a greenhouse at Wikwemikong High School (WHS) to turn it into a four-season growing facility through a partnership with Focus Forward for Indigenous Youth (FFFIY) and a \$30,000 contribution from RBC Future Launch, creating a community service that will bolster food sovereignty, enable opportunities for education and enhance existing services for the community.

“We’re very grateful to be doing the work together in partnership with the communities and the school, so we’re really looking forward to seeing what the spring brings,” said Caitlin Patterson, national program director of FFFIY.

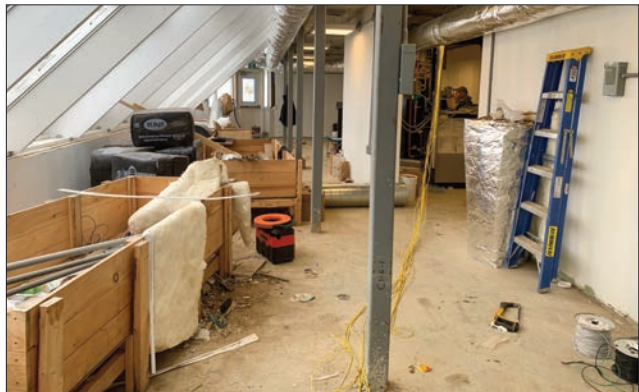
The registered charity offers experiential learning opportunities to Indigenous youth, opportunities that help them develop valuable life skills and earn credits toward their graduation. It works with host communities to identify opportunities for growth and development that would be best suited for their individual circumstances.

The charity began in 2017. In 2020, it received funding from the Canadian government’s youth employment and skills strategy to grow its operations over the next three years.

Wiikwemkoong citizens and Island-based food advocates, including Local Food Manitoulin, identified a greenhouse as a key project that would bring considerable benefit to the community. They partnered with FFFIY to launch the effort. This greenhouse and a similar one in Saskatchewan’s Montreal Lake Cree Nation have been the charity’s two biggest projects to date.

“(We worked with Wiikwemkoong on) how we could build a program together that leads to employment and skills training development opportunities, overall well-being around mental health, physical wellness and access to fresh food, connecting people back to the knowledge of fresh food in the community and being able to offer foods back to community members in the spring and summer,” said Ms. Patterson.

The goal is to empower students with knowledge of fresh



The greenhouse has been quite the construction zone as these significant upgrades have gone into place over the past few months.

foods and local sources, as well as giving them the tools to expand upon and share that knowledge with friends, family and other community members.

The construction process has adjusted on a weekly basis as public health restrictions have evolved but is now nearly complete. The team hopes to start offering programming by February in what it’s calling the ‘Wiikwemkoong Greenhouse for Change.’

FFFIY directors said the project would not have been possible without the support of RBC Future Launch, which contributed \$30,000 to the greenhouse expansion. Future Launch is a 10-year, \$500 million fund for initiatives that support youth growth and development.

The prospective programming has evolved through discussions with school instructors, the board and the community’s food security working group.

“We’re really trying to listen to what the community need is and build up programming together that’s going to address some of these needs,” said Rebecca Rolfe, director of community engagement and program development at FFFIY.

WHS principal Harold Fox said it was exciting to see the work underway ahead of its targeted completion with-

in the coming month, and to envision the ways it would impact his students.

“There’s a number of possibilities we’re looking at, from our tech shop to help create some garden beds, to having our students work in the greenhouse and earn a co-op credit at the same time. We may possibly have our students in green industry classes work alongside the greenhouse,” said Mr. Fox.

Some of the work involved in converting the space to a year-round operation has involved a new air system, heating and water, as well as internet access and a laptop to control the various functions involved in the operation.

When in operation, there will be 12 youth employed part-time from February to June, each working 15 to 20 hours per week. The job readiness and skills development components count toward their working hours and efforts in the greenhouse will count toward a co-operative education high school credit.

Students have been involved in this greenhouse from day one. When it first went up in 2018, 13 youth worked over a summer to create the three-season growing space. There will be fewer students involved in the winter expansion because of the technical nature of many components, but some of them will help with arranging planters, tables and shelving units.

Ms. Rolfe said completing both projects alongside Wiikwemkoong teams was a positive experience and she was hopeful that there would be more opportunities for collab-



Upgrades to the greenhouse at Wikwemikong High School will mean that snowy winters can’t stop the growth within.

oration in the future. She added that Local Food Manitoulin was a major supporter and a useful partner in the project.

Earlier this year, Wiikwemkoong received \$49,500 from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to create an outdoor kitchen on a two-acre parcel of land just above the high school. Its main purpose is for Indigenous agri-tourism but will also be a space to highlight local products, transfer traditional knowledge and support local food producers.

Ms. Rolfe said the original concept for that space began through a student’s summer project in 2018, when FFFIY helped to organize a workshop to encourage students to

envision what community spaces they would like to see in their community.

“This brings our projects at Focus Forward full circle, so you’ll be able to grow things in the greenhouse, walk next door with them and learn how to cook and make meals for people. I think it’s so exciting,” she said.



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The clinic hosts crisis intervention and emotional support, physical examinations including forensic evidence gathering, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, pregnancy tests and emergency contraceptive options, risk assessment and safety planning as well as offering referrals to other nearby care providers.

Care providers stress that victims can stop accessing the program's services at any time if they wish to withdraw.

"(SDVS is) a service we provide with humility and partially regret, knowing that in an ideal and utopian world, we would not have to provide these services," said Noojmowin Teg executive director Danielle Wilson, who served as emcee for the proceedings. The virtual event's live viewer count peaked at 111.

Elder Gordon Waindubence of Sheguiandah First Nation offered opening remarks on the significance of the day.

He reflected on how Indigenous peoples in Canada have long suffered from the intergenerational impacts of inadequate health and social services, which has contributed to the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) epidemic alongside the opioid and homelessness crises in Indigenous populations.

"You really have to put things down so our kids, our grandkids, so they understand what we left for them," he said, adding that this generation must work for the children who are not yet born.

M'Chigeeng Women's Hand Drum Group performed a song to open the four doorways, followed by remarks from Aundeck Omni Kaning Ogimaa-kwe Patsy Corbiere, who is also a Noojmowin Teg board representative.

She said sexual violence is a massive problem within First Nations that is hidden and under-reported, and that many individuals have turned to alcohol and drugs as unhealthy coping mechanisms.

"The trauma is destroying our people and families regardless of age and gender as the impact of sexual violence goes far beyond any physical injuries," said Ogi-



Nurses help to showcase Manitoulin's new community-based Sexual and Domestic Violence Services clinic, based out of Noojmowin Teg, a first of its kind in Ontario.

maa-kwe Corbiere. "This clinic will (ensure) there is help from the start that will lead to other services offered within Noojmowin Teg Health Centre as part of the victim's healing journey."

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare spoke next, stressing the progress that has been made over the years in Indigenous communities and urging for First Nation jurisdiction to write and enforce their own laws.

"All you people that have been involved in what we're witnessing today, I want to congratulate you. We're going in the right direction here; there's no one that can tell us otherwise," he said.

Next was a video presentation that highlighted the features of the new clinic. It is embedded into the online version of this story at manitoulin.com.

This new centre is rooted in a community setting, as opposed to the 36 existing services based in hospitals across Ontario. Previously, anyone who chose to get forensic testing after a sexual assault on Manitoulin would have to travel to Health Sciences North in Sudbury for a rape kit.

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Wikwemikong High School obtains CNC machine for “next level manufacturing”

WIKWEMKOONG—On December 15, 2020, Wikwemikong High School (WHS) received a CNC machine. A computer numerical control router (CNC) machine is a metal fabrication method where written code controls the machinery in the manufacturing process. The code determines everything from the movement of the cutting head, spindle speed and RPMs.

Since the pandemic began back in March of 2020, the WHS Robotics Team (First Team 5672) has not been able to compete in its yearly robotics competitions. That included the 2020-2021 school year too. This allowed the high school robotics team to save money they would have used to travel to competitions. In addition, the

Magna Corporation and Qualcomm have generously covered their First Robotics Competition registration fee for this year. They used those savings to purchase the CNC machine.

The CNC machine will allow First Team 5672 to manufacture their own robotics parts and it will serve to expose students to the world of manufacturing, coding and production. CNC machining for production is very efficient. Since computers are used to control machines, it means that all major operations of production can be automated to increase speed and quality of manufacturing. By using CNC machines, identical parts can be made with the highest accuracy levels. Students will also learn how to code. G-code (also RS-274) is the most widely used computer

numerical control CNC programming language. It is used mainly in computer-aided manufacturing to control automated machine tools and has many variants.

“Earlier this year, (team mentor) Mr. (Chris) Mara had approached me about purchasing this item,” WHS principal

Harold Fox said in a press release.

“Without hesitation he had my approval. Mr. Mara continues to impress with his technology programming for WHS. He brings an array of inspiration to our students especially with science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). As it turns out, the CNC machine is one of only a few in our Northern schools. I am delighted that our students will be learning and understanding the functions of the CNC. This will allow our students to build upon their skills, portfolios and resumes as they venture beyond our walls.”

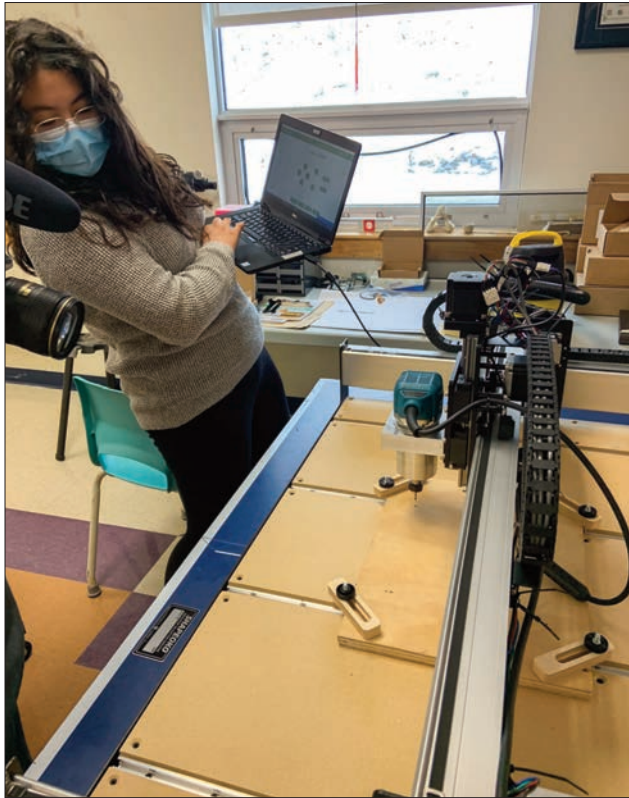
“It is very exciting to have a CNC machine,” said Mr. Mara, WHS teacher and First Team 5672 advisor. “It will allow our students to explore 21st century manufacturing processes and machining that involve CAD (computer-aided design). It will increase student and community capacity, and students will develop new job-ready skill sets.”

“I appreciate the astute budgeting and sound decision-making by the high school team to invest in this purchase,” Michael Staruck, WHS systems principal added. “I am excited because I hope it captures the interests of students who

are not sure what their ‘next’ may be, and gives them a viable option for a highly employable career. Proficiency in this equipment is connected to the skilled trades, which is a job market that is steadily growing. I look forward to see this machine’s impact on future career choices over time the next few years.”

First Team 5672 is an all First Nations robotics team from Wikwemkoong Unceded Territories comprised of a diverse group of students of Ojibwe,

Odawa and Potawatomi heritage with mostly female members. Team 5672 also works to help inspire young First Nations women to get involved in STEM careers. It is their hope to also inspire more First Nations peoples to be involved in STEM, as they mentor multiple First Lego League teams and helped start another Manitoulin First Robotics Competition team, Team 6865 at Manitoulin Secondary School.



Team member Mary Pangowish demonstrates how the machine responds to computer instruction.



First Robotics Canada team #5672 First Nations STEM members Mary Pangowish and Ella Williams have quickly taken to learning how to operate the CNC machine at the high school.

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Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: www.meao.ca.

Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

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JERSON WEBKAMIGAD Baby Boy!
Jerson Webkamigad made his grand entrance into the world on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at Sudbury Health Sciences North Hospital, weighing 9 lbs, 2 oz. Proud parents are Melody Recollet and Preston Webkamigad, grandparents Hazel and Marcel Recollet, Peggy Manitowabi and Jerrold Webkamigad and great-grandparents Marjory Flamand and Dennis Bennett. Miigwech everyone for all the congratulatory messages and love sent to baby Jerson. Gizaaginim!

coming events
Howland Seniors' Group "Keep Our Hall Open Fundraiser" Take-Out Roast Pork Dinner, February 14 at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall. Pick-up from 5 to 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 per dinner. Serving roast pork, gravy, applesauce, oven-roasted potatoes, carrots and peas, coleslaw, pickles, homemade rolls, butter tarts and assorted squares. Call Myrna at 705-368-3638, Mary Ellen at 705-368-3746 or Gail at 705-368-2589 to reserve tickets. Limited delivery available in Little Current between 4 to 5 pm. 37-39p

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Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756, Ext 238 if there are any questions. All welcome.

Codependents Anonymous Manitoulin for information, email codamanitoulin@gmail.com or visit Facebook [codamanitoulin](https://www.facebook.com/codamanitoulin). No meetings running at present.

Legion Events
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Wing Night, Thursday, January 28 from 4 to 8 pm. Wings, \$1 each (sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and Cajun); cheese balls, two for \$1; Jalapeno poppers, \$1; cheese sticks, \$1; mushroom caps, nine for \$3. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. To pre-order call or text 705-348-0123. Delivery within town limits available. 36-37p

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommended social distancing practices, the Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding a virtual Board meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2021 beginning at 6 pm. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. For connectivity details, please send an email inquiry to Lori at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca. 37c

Manitoulin Family Resources



Home Business Opportunity: Become a Licenced Home Child Care Provider

Why Licenced Home Child Care?

- You choose your own hours and days that you would like to operate
- You can care for 6* children instead of only 5 in an unlicenced home (some restrictions)
- You can provide care for families who require subsidized care
- You can provide care for both agency and private clients
- We bill and collect fees from the clients. This means you are guaranteed to always be paid for the days you provide care
- We pay for and help to coordinate training in CPR First Aid, Food Handlers and Anaphylaxis

Above all, YOUR HOME is LICENCED!

- Manitoulin Family Resources holds the licence with the Ministry of Education and contracts your child care business
- This makes your home a Licenced Home!

The process to open is easier than you think!

Home Child Care program supports Manitoulin Island, Espanola and the North Shore.

For more information contact Martha | 705-368-3400 ext. 235 | mboyle@mfresources.net

wanted
Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. 17tfn

Man who has Pacific Energy box stove or anyone else, please call 705-348-2045. 36-37p


rental wanted
Woman looking for one- or two-bedroom apartment or small house in Gore Bay or anywhere on the Island. Quiet, responsible tenant. No pets, non-smoker. Call/text 705-936-7106. 37c

Sea Cadet Events
Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is Monday nights at Mindemoya Community Centre (Hwy 542, beside Mindemoya municipal office) beginning at 6 pm. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350. tfn

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DANCE CLASSES IN MINDEMOYA

Body Stories Dance Instruction is offering classes in **Creative Movement, Contemporary and Jazz** for ages 4 and up. No dance experience needed.



CONTACT US TO REGISTER:
bodystoriesdance@gmail.com
1-647-213-1497

BODY STORIES
Dance Instruction



Rainbow District School Board, with schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island, is accepting applications from qualified teachers for the following permanent assignments:

Posting #16	Full Time Permanent Elementary Teacher in Espanola Area Ojibwe
Posting #17	Part Time Permanent Elementary Teacher in Sudbury Ojibwe (a.m.)
Posting #18	Part Time Permanent Elementary Teacher in Sudbury Ojibwe (p.m.)

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, proof of qualifications, recent performance evaluations and/or practice teaching reports, the names of three professional references by 3:00 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2021 to:

**Human Resources
Rainbow District School Board
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury, ON P3E 1P2
email: HRT@rainbowschools.ca**

Rainbow District School Board thanks all applicants for their interest in the public school system. Only those applicants who are selected for an interview will be contacted prior to February 5, 2021. The candidate selected for the position will be required to provide a criminal record check.

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is being collected under the authority of the Education Act and will be used for employee recruitment purposes. Questions should be directed to the above.

Rainbow District School Board complies with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). If you require accommodation for a disability during any stage of the recruitment process, please contact the HR Manager at 705-674-3171.

The Rainbow District School Board is an equal opportunity employer.

Doreen Dewar
Board Chair

Norm Blaseg
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



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

Qualifications:

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

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Submit a cover letter, resume, three work-related references and a CPIC/VSS (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' by email, fax or in person to:

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

Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION WORKER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojinhik Wiin ni gshkiwewziwaat Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker. Staff are based in following communities: M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Whitefish River and Wiikwemkoong, therefore, travel may be required or office base may be flexible.

Summary

The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will work with students who are identified as having needs for behaviour intervention or school-based mental health intervention.

Responsibilities

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

Qualifications

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

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

**School-Based Behaviour Intervention 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: February 8, 2021 at 4:00 pm

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

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



WIKWEMIKONG HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR ONE YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of counsellor.

Summary

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

Responsibilities

1. Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
 - Accurate and complete intake packages
 - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
 - Submit documentation for feedback, revision and approval
 - Update client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
 - 3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
 - Adhere to and abide by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
 - Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
 - 4. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
 - Work co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
 - Communicate concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution.

Qualifications

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

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

**Nookomisnaang Shelter
Counsellor-Maternity Leave
Attention: Melissa Roy**

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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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

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

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Employment Opportunity WELLNESS WORKER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Wellness Worker.

Summary

Wellness Worker is responsible for planning and facilitating safe therapeutic counselling, ensuring care management duties are completed according to minimal standards, preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

Responsibilities

- Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families.
- In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate.
- Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.
- To assist clients to develop action plans to address identified concerns.
- To share information with health and social agencies.
- Organize and facilitate community events (i.e.: cultural awareness, education, illness prevention, crisis intervention workshops, promotion programming for school age and other youth, seniors and other identified populations).
- Facilitate outreach program (i.e. health and wellness fairs, grief recovery).
- Aboriginal cultural approaches will be reflected or used as part of the activities and services.
- Provide advocacy and support services to community members who have experienced any form of violence.
- Ensure confidentiality in the provision of all services.
- Implement healing opportunities, facilitate circles as well as coordinate knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach.
- Knowledge and understanding of intergenerational impacts of all forms of trauma and abuse.
- Promote programming and educational workshops to community members, groups and family.

Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant field.
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community.

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

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

Deadline: February 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Gwekwaadziwin Seven Grandfathers – Live in Aftercare – Counsellor

Program Description:

The Gwekwaadziwin program provides a client-centred model of mental health and addiction treatment for youth and young adults. It will support a community of healthy young people working towards wellness, education and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin's program meets the client on the spectrum of care, from stabilization through treatment, residential aftercare, outpatient aftercare and transition back into their family and community. It has two proposed age-appropriate streams serving youth from 13-30, ensuring that the needs of transition-age youth are addressed. The Four Directions adolescent program serves youth age 13-19. The Seven Grandfathers program is designed for young adults age 19-30. The Seven Grandfathers programs consist of three phases: Land Based Treatment, Live In Aftercare, and Community Aftercare.

Position Description:

The Live In Aftercare Counsellor will provide continued support to participants while they attend the Live In Aftercare portion of the Seven Grandfather Program. This residential setting supports participants as they continue their wellness and recovery journey and as they begin working, volunteering or pursuing educational opportunities. This position is for 40 hours a week comprising of both day and afternoon shifts.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Seven Grandfathers Team Leader
- Responsible for taking direction and implementing it to Live in Aftercare Programs
- Continue to develop and implement model of care
- Responsible for liaising with land based and community aftercare programs
- Assist in development of client-centred holistic treatment plans
- Assist program participants in continuing their recovery via life skills, education, therapeutic interventions
- Responsible for liaising with community organizations
- Assist in implementation of research projects
- Responsible for assisting with housekeeping and maintenance involved with the program
- Responsible for completing duties to implement all Gwekwaadziwin programming

Qualifications:

- Preferred education is a Bachelor in Psychology, Social Work or related field with mental health and addictions training with preference given to Masters level candidates
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Proven experience with management, program development, research and outcome measurement
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field with proficiency in outdoor experiential learning, education, aftercare and client-centred models of care
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming
- Mature individual who is able to work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class Driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Must have a relevant degree and three years' work experience in Psychology, Social Work or Health-related field – with a preference for a designation with a regulatory college

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

Closing Date: February 3, 2021 - Noon

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume.

Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted.

Complete Applications may be emailed to samg@gwek.ca

Please reference email: Live In - Aftercare Counselor- Application

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DRUG STRATEGY COORDINATOR



Classification Level: Community Services (CS-3)

Employment Status: Term Full-Time (Regular - Pending Funding)

Department: Health Services, Mental Health

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking a caring, active and eager individual who has a keen understanding of addictions, along with knowledge of prevention activities that promote healthy lifestyles. If you are a role model within the community, a team player and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Reporting Relationship: The Drug Strategy Coordinator will work under the general guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager and Health Services Department Manager.

Position Summary:

The main focus of the Drug Strategy Coordinator will be to develop, implement and coordinate the Drug Strategy work plan and other related seminars, workshops and programs designed to assist in the awareness and prevention of addictions that reflects and promotes a healthy community.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

- University Degree in Social Services/Addictions field of study and two years' relevant work experience
- Extensive work/volunteer experience in the coordination of workshops and seminars within a Native organization/community is a strong asset.

Minimum

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions Services, Native Human Services) along with Secondary Diploma or equivalency and/or lived experience and knowledge
- Two (2) years' work-related experience in the field of addictions
- Knowledge and skills in alcohol and/or drugs addictions awareness and prevention
- Excellent Public Speaking Skills

Other

- Excellent time management and organizational skills with ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Be a role model both during and after regular work hours.
- Working knowledge of Outlook, Microsoft Office, and general office procedures.
- Excellent inter-personal and communication skills (written and verbal).
- Must obtain and keep current First Aid and CPR Certification.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe.
- A strong advocate of M'Chigeeng First Nation's goals and objectives along with its mission and long-term vision.
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset.
- Must have own transportation and valid Ontario Class "G" driver's licence.
- Must be willing to work flexible hours and weekends.

The successful candidate will be required to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC and VSS; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory CRC and VSS record.

CRC/VSS Rationale: M'Chigeeng First Nation and its agents are in a position of trust in services to band member children and/or vulnerable adults, so a safe and secure working environment is mandatory. Applicants must provide a clear VSS Certificate and the CRC must have a record clear and/or dated of any convictions relating to sexual interference, sexual assault or related charges. The VSS must be current (30 days) and must be an original.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (two work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and one character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

Drug Strategy Coordinator
 c/o Art Jacko, Enaagdenjged
 M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered. Preference will be given to Anishinabek people. Only applicants selected for an interview, will be contacted.

For job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email marlened@mchigeeng.ca.



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

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

Integrated Program Assistant – Little Current Permanent Full-Time

Competition #2021-03-ISS
Closing date: February 18, 2021
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at
www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: POLICE CONSTABLE



Term: Full-time
Rank: Experienced or New Recruit
Salary: Commensurate with UCCM PS Salary Grid
Posting closing date: February 5th, 2021 at noon.

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police (UCCM AP) has approximately 32 employees (both sworn Officers and Civilian staff) who are committed to ensuring that the communities of Mnídoo Mnísing is a safe place to work and live. The First Nation communities that UCCM APS serves are rapidly growing. To keep up with this growth, UCCM AP is growing as well. Today, the UCCM APS personnel are getting enhanced training, additional education, and more diverse than at any other time in history. We are proud to have an engaged workforce that is committed, motivated, and efficient. UCCM Anishnaabe Police is a First Nation police organization that encourages creativity, innovation, exploring new ways of working and implementing better processes to increase output. Our technological capabilities and ever growing advancements will allow officers and support staff to be better equipped and intelligence-led when problem-solving and dealing with day-to-day responsibilities.

The ideal candidate should:

- Must demonstrate the knowledge or willingness to learn the Anishnaabe customs, culture and language.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability to multi-task on all occasions.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent analytical skills in a variety of environments and situations.
- Ability to work independently and within a team; and to manage time efficiently and effectively.
- Strong computer skills to learn a variety of software applications, and proficient in Microsoft Office software applications.

Some responsibilities include:

- The duties of this position are extremely varied and unpredictable, involving many physical and mental challenges.
- Interact formally and informally with the community to provide information, advice and education which will assist and promote public safety and awareness.
- Respond to calls for service and perform routine patrols, confront and resolve emergency and non-emergency situations in a manner that protects lives and property, maintains public order and aids all those involved.
- Demonstrate professionalism and cultural sensitivity when providing assistance and/or communicating with the public.
- Enforce laws, investigate offenses and when appropriate, arrest offenders.
- Prepare information and cases for court.
- Prepare and submit reports (both verbal and written), concerning investigations and police service activities in a timely and complete manner.
- Actively identify problems in the community, prepare reports which encompass multiple solutions, and take an active role in resolving these issues.
- Interaction with the entire spectrum of the community is required.
- Working on weekends and holidays is required. Shift work is also mandatory.

Qualifications:

- Be at least 18 years of age or older.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident and legally work in Canada.
- Be in good health and meet the physical, mental and medical requirements of the UCCM PS.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Have never been convicted of a criminal offense, or if convicted, have received a full pardon/record.
- Must hold an Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Grade 12) or equivalent. Preference is given to those with post-secondary education.
- Possess vision which is no worse than 20/40 (6:12) both eyes combined, and correctable to 20/20 (6:6) with glasses or contact lenses. No degree of red/green colour deficiency. You MUST be at least six months post-operative of any vision correction surgery. Applicants may be required to provide additional documentation on vision stability and night vision.
- Possess hearing within the normal range, unaided. Hearing loss must be no worse than twenty-five (25) decibels between 500 Hz and 3000 Hz, or no more than forty-five (45) decibels at 4000 Hz, as measured by an audiometer.
- Possess a valid Class "G" driver's licence with full non-restricted driving privileges with a good driving record. *Before employment, a valid Ontario driver's licence will be required.
- Valid Standard First Aid and CPR certificate.
- Commitment to the principles of community-based policing.
- Demonstrate a commitment to health and physical fitness.

EXPERIENCED POLICE OFFICER

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service hires experienced officers for lateral entry. Therefore, the application process is shorter than that of a recruit and can be expedited. RCMP clearance and a working knowledge of First Nation's policing and culture is considered an asset.

NEW RECRUIT

Successful candidates for the position of Police Constable will be hired as Recruit Constables. This is the entry-level position for all police officers in UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. Experience and training gained as a patrol officer lays the foundation for every other police position or rank in the organization. Those with previous police experience will be considered on an individual basis. Working knowledge of First Nation's policing and culture is considered an asset.

*If the successful candidate is a recruit, recruit training will be provided at the Ontario Police College in May 2021.

To apply for this position, applicants must:
Complete and submit Police Constable Application Form (refer to UCCM Anishnaabe Police website), along with all documentation requested on the application form
Include a letter of interest/cover letter, resume and references

Mail-in applications can be sent to:
Confidential: Human Resources
UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service
5926 Hwy 540, Box 332
M'Chigeeng, ON P0P 1G0

Or via email to andrea.mcgregor@uccmpolice.com
Subject: Employment Opportunity: Police Constable

For questions about this employment opportunity and a detailed job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Administrator at 705.377.7135 or andrea.mcgregor@uccmpolice.com.

A detailed job description is available upon request. We would like to thank all applicants who apply; however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE FULL-TIME PERMANENT

Summary

With the functional support, guidance and supervision provided by the Community Health Service Manager, the Community Health Nurse carries out a community health service as outlined by the Community Health Program Policies and Procedures.

Responsibilities

- Planning and delivering a Community Health Program, considering the physical, social, spiritual, mental and environmental factors which influence each individual, family and community;
- Delivering an immunization program in accordance to Community Health Service (CHS) Immunization Policy and Procedures, FNIHB Immunization Policy and Procedures and Ministry Standards. Also, ensuring to maintain a communicable disease reporting program in collaboration with CD Nurse of FNIHB and CHS Manager;
- Community Health Program
 1. Preconception Health Services (for schools in community only);
 2. Maternal and Newborn Health Services;
 3. Infant and Pre-School Health Services;
 4. School Health Services (for schools in community only);
 5. Community Health Services.

Qualifications

- A four-year BScN degree is required; or minimum three-year nursing diploma will be accepted;
- Must take Immunization Certification Online Course upon hiring and attend mandatory training sessions. Upon completion CHN will be required to write the immunization exam and will be subject to a series of practical exams for immunization;
- Two years' experience in advanced nursing assessment skills with special emphasis on immunization, communicable disease, prenatal and community health care;
- Two years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization;
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs;
- Adaptability and ability to establish and sustain a multidisciplinary team approach to integrated service delivery;
- Ability to apply ethics of nursing practice in decision making;
- Willingness to adapt to the changing demands of the position;
- Ability to demonstrate initiative, optimism, discretion, tact, self-assurance, dependability and leadership.

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

Community Health Nurse

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
Fax: 705.859.3300
Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: February 8, 2021 at 4:00 pm

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Employment Opportunity FOOT CARE REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE (RPN)

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is currently recruiting an experienced and skilled Foot Care RPN with advance foot care training in the Primary Care Program. This nurse will work to provide basic (non-diabetic) & advanced diabetic foot care assessments and treatment services to Wikwemikong community members in a clinic setting.

Responsibilities

- Accountable for own foot care nursing practice and professional growth with reflection, evidence-based practice and available resources and guidelines;
- Builds a positive personal interpersonal, group, community and professional relationship to foster improved health for client experiencing issues of care in order to promote optimum health and reduction of lower limb complications;
- Practices Infection Control as defined within guidelines and regulations;
- Practices in keeping with his/her role and scope of practice, the standards for nursing Practice and Code of Ethics of CNO.

Qualifications

- Currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario;
- RPNAO with general liability insurance;
- Advanced Foot Care Certification with Diabetes Foot Care;
- Valid CPR;
- Demonstrated analytical, evaluation and problem solving skills;
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills;
- Demonstrated excellence in organizational skills;
- Capable of working independently;
- Maintain client confidentiality, safety and comfort;
- Ability to manage own schedule;
- Compassionate;
- Responsibility.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, and contact information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Foot Care Position

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
Fax: 705.859.3300
Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: February 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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Employment Opportunity
CRISIS TEAM – EMERGENCY SHELTER WORKER
6 PART-TIME; 10 CASUALS

Summary

Mnidoow Mnisning Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team exists to provide rapid and effective crisis support and intervention to all seven (7) First Nations on and around Manitoulin Island. It is the intent of the Mnidoow Mnisning Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team's Emergency Low Barrier Shelter Project to provide safe and warm lodging overnight for individuals who, for a variety of reasons, find themselves to be homeless. This project takes aim at a real need for safe beds for individuals who do not meet the intake standards laid out by other shelter programs. The Mnidoow Mnisning Mental Wellness Crisis Response Team believes that all people deserve the safety and dignity of a place to sleep and looks to provide this service to individuals from all seven (7) First Nations communities of Mnidoow Mnisning.

Responsibilities

1. As part of a team, be responsible for the day to day operation of the low-barriers program;
2. Supervise individuals accessing the program;
3. Provide a safe and trustworthy environment;
4. Complete intakes/discharges;
5. Establish empathetic rapport with individuals accessing the program;
6. Implement the program's policies and procedures and residency agreements in a 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, ensuring peer accountability, strong communications and support;
10. Use intervention and mediation skills to defuse potential conflicts;
11. Perform light housekeeping and maintenance tasks to ensure a clean work environment;
12. Administrative duties;
13. Participation in team activities and decision-making;
14. Providing programming support as identified;
15. Shift work that includes nights, evenings and weekends.

Qualifications

- Post-secondary education in related field or equivalent in education and experience
- Previous experience working with people who are homeless and/or under-housed
- Knowledge of service delivery systems, specialized services, First Nation community dynamics as well as all applicable legislation
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people and Traditional wellness approaches
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal
- Knowledge of our tenant population, diversity issues, anti-discrimination practices, and systemic reasons for homelessness
- Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, and organization skills
- Mental Health First Aid, Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- Certificates in First Aid, CPR, Crisis Prevention, and Intervention an asset
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work
- Ability to work in a team approach and with minimal supervision
- Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues
- Knowledge of Anishnaabemowin an asset
- Some travel is required - applicants must possess a valid driver's licence and have access to a reliable vehicle

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

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

Deadline: Until Filled

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

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Are you passionate about responsibility and innovation?
 Are you action-oriented and have good interpersonal skills?
 Are you looking for a position that offers excellent long-term opportunities for professional development and team supervision?
 Is the forest your playground?

EACOM Timber Corporation is looking for a **General Manager, Northshore Forest** based at our Nairn Centre facilities to direct the business affairs of Northshore Forest Inc. and provide leadership in the forest management program.

Contact: jobs.emplois@eacom.ca
 eacom.ca/careers

SEASONAL CURATOR

A position is now open for a Seasonal Curator for the Massey Area Museum starting 2021.

Job overview includes: acquisition, cataloguing, presentation of artifacts, grant applications, overseeing of educational programs, administration duties.

Candidates should possess strong computer skills, the ability to work alone and should have a working knowledge of genealogy and the history of Sable Spanish River area. Secondary education preferred.

Please send cover letter and resume to info@masseyareamuseum.com

The Cutoff for Boxed Display Ads is Friday

Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. **No appointment necessary.** 705-368-2744.

Deadline for text ads, like this, as well as boxed ads is Friday at 4 pm.

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.



MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE - 2nd posting
ONE YEAR FULL-TIME CONTRACT
(to cover maternity leave)

Overview:

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

Required Competencies:

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

Qualifications and Work Experience:

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

Deadline: Friday, February 5, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

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

Human Resources
 Mnaamodzawin Health Services
 Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
 48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
 Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
 705-368-2182 ext.271
 hr@mnaamodzawin.com



MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Health Nurse - COVID Prevention - 2nd posting
ONE YEAR FULL-TIME CONTRACT

Overview:

The Community Health Nurse-COVID Prevention will work in collaboration with our health care team and our five First Nation communities to provide health promotion and disease prevention specifically associated with COVID-19 and other coronaviruses. The CHN-COVID Prevention will provide community and staff teaching on personal protective equipment, community safety plans, conduct contact tracing, administer vaccinations, and stay up-to-date with new coronavirus information. The successful candidate shall possess:

Required Competencies:

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

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual practices in order to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- Minimum of three years' related experience as an RN or RPN, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing, with Public Health nursing experience considered an asset
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)
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Job Posting – Personal Lines Insurance Broker Offices in Little Current, Mindemoya and Gore Bay

We are an independent insurance brokerage in operation since 1965 with branches situated across Ontario. We pride ourselves in offering our staff the ability to live, work and grow in their local communities.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Provide exceptional Customer Service
- Develop and maintain business relationships with clients
- Cross sell home and auto policies
- Writing accurate and complete insurance applications
- Keeping up to date with new developments and trends in insurance field
- Ability to work from home will be considered for the right candidate

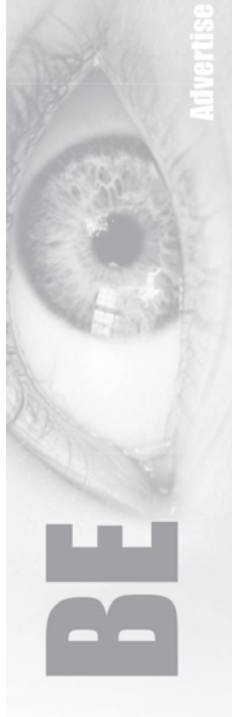
Position Requirements

- Post-secondary education is an asset
- RIBO licenced
- Minimum one year insurance experience
- Strong computer skills with respect to business management systems, in-house databases, MS Word, Outlook and websites

Only applicants selected for the interview will be contacted. Please send your cover letter and resume in confidence to jobs@cambrianinsurance.com.

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Manitoulin Family Resources Director of Corporate Services

JOB POSTING

Manitoulin Family Resources seeks a Director of Corporate Services on a full-time basis. The ideal applicant will have strong leadership skills, financial acumen and be an active community member. Our mission at Manitoulin Family Resources is to support individuals and families by providing resources, advocacy, support and education for those in need through the agency's three program areas of Children's Services, Violence Against Women Prevention and Emergency Food Assistance.

With its head office located in Mindemoya, the agency serves a population of over 20,000 living in municipalities, First Nations and unorganized areas spread across its catchment area which includes Manitoulin Island, Espanola and the North Shore, from Nairn Centre in the east to Sagamok in the west. The successful candidate will oversee several staff and manage the financial affairs of the agency, including a multi-faceted budget in excess of \$3.2M, and provide support to the Executive Director in management of Human Resources.

Manitoulin Island is an area rich in natural beauty and renowned for the adjacent cruising waters of the North Channel of Lake Huron. Accordingly, seasonal residents, boaters, tourists and retirees are attracted to its fabric of small, vibrant communities scattered across a rural background of fields and forest.

QUALIFICATIONS

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

Prior to commencing employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Screening Check satisfactory to the employer.

Competitive remuneration commensurate with training and experience. A full job description is available on the agency's website: www.mfresources.net.

To apply: Applicants should deliver a resume and covering letter by any one of the following means:

By mail to: Manitoulin Family Resources
P.O. Box 181
Mindemoya, ON, P0P 1S0
Attention: Denise Leblanc

Or by email to: dleblanc@mfresources.net

Closing date: February 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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

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



Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

One Year Contract

Summary

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Community Health Nurse
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario P0P 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
Fax: 705.859.3300
Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: February 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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WIKWEMKOONG BOARD OF EDUCATION

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Transportation Supervisor (Full-Time Permanent)
Location: Wiikwemkoong Board of Education Office
Salary: According to WBE Salary Grid
Start Date: Immediately

Summary

Under the general direction of the Education Director and the direct supervision of the Senior Business Official, the Transportation Supervisor will be responsible for the overall management of the Student Transportation Department.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop a timely and efficient bus schedule, which allows students to be transported in a manner that supports the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education mission.
- Assesses bus routes and other transportation functions to ensure that maximum safety, service, etc. are being attained, make adjustments when necessary if maximum potentials are not being reached.
- Develops training manuals, provides training and maintains training records for all Transportation Department staff/contractors.
- Prepares and submits all reports required by the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education.
- Oversees the scheduling of inspections, repairs and preventive maintenance of vehicles and equipment.
- Familiar and compliant with all statutes and regulations relating to school bus transportation.
- Communicates with all Wiikwemkoong Board of Education schools and Wiikwemkoong Public Works.
- Responds in a positive and professional manner to individuals with concerns.

SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Proven skills in leadership, management and team building.
- 3-5 years management experience in bus transportation preferred.
- Fluency in the Anishinaabe language, knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture and heritage are considered definite assets.
- Commercial Driver's License Class B, E. & Ontario good roads certificate.
- Standard First Aid/CPR.

HOW TO APPLY

- Provide cover letter, resume & three (3) current work-related reference letters
- Current original vulnerable sector /criminal reference check & driver's abstract.
- Incomplete packages will not be considered.

CLOSING DATE: Monday, February 8th, 2021 at 2 p.m.

DIRECT APPLICATIONS TO: Sonya Morningstar, Human Resource Manager
Wiikwemkoong Board of Education
34 Henry Street
Wikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0
Email: smorningstar@wbe-education.ca
Tel: 705-859-3834 Fax: 705-859-3787



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
FINANCE CLERK**

Summary

Finance Clerk is under the direct supervision of the System Administrator and is responsible to assist with continued fiscal responsibility of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre for the provision of accurate and timely financial information to the System Administrator. The Finance Clerk will assist and carry forth financial policy set by Wikwemikong Unceded Territory (WUT) so to promote the mission and growth of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre so to maintain the integrity of the Health Centre.

Responsibilities

1. Health Centre financial and statistical reporting (collecting and inputting stats to appropriate reporting programs);
2. Monitor expenses on a daily basis using an excel program to have an up-to-date balance;
3. Input and monitor account coding and processing of accounts payables and receivables are correct;
4. Support the Finance Liaison on all month end financial reporting and adjustments;
5. Assist in financial reports to various funders including federal, provincial and non-governmental funders;
6. Assist all accounting including business transactions, processing accruals and adjustments, reconciling accounts and preparing monthly accounting statements;
7. Assist in completing year-end adjustments;
8. Preparing for and participating in annual audits.

Qualifications

- College Diploma or related business accreditation
- 2 years of experience in Accounting
- Minimum of 2 years' experience in a financial position within a First Nation's environment
- Minimum 2 years' working-experience in accounting required
- Knowledge of accepted accounting rules, practices, tax laws and reporting requirements
- Strong technology skills and ability to work as a member of a multidisciplinary team
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills that promote mutually beneficial and respectful professional relationships
- Ability to develop consultative relationships with the Health Services Director and other Program Managers
- Ability to write concise reports to various audiences
- Ability to represent and to promote First Nation services
- Effective communication skills with individuals at all levels of the organization
- Computer literate, including effective working skills with software; Sage, MS Word, Excel and e-mail
- Ability to adapt to and learn new software
- Able to work efficiently as a part of a team as well as independently
- High level of critical and logical thinking, analysis, and/or reasoning to identify underlying principles, reasons or facts
- Able to work well under pressure and meet set deadlines
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills
- Ability to interpret and implement company policies and procedures
- Attention to detail in all areas of work

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

Deadline: February 8, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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**Application for CONSENT
Under Section 53 of the Planning Act
To be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021
at 7:00pm via Electronic Meeting - Zoom**



File No. : Con 2021-02
Applicant: Bruce O'Hare and Kelly Bolduc
Location
Legal Description: 42 Robinson Street West
 Shaftesbury Town Plot 2, Lot 11
Official Plan: Residential
Zoning: R1

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION

The purpose of this application is to create a new building lot and easement for sewer line.

CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

The applicant is creating a new building lot with the intention of building a semi-detached unit.

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 Municipal Board 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 23rd, 2021
 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
 14 Water St. E.
 P.O. Box 608
 Little Current, ON POP 1K0
 Ph: (705)368-3500



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**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN
AND THE ISLANDS**



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

**34 Vankoughnet Street West
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on **February 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** through a virtual meeting.

The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning amendment to Zoning By-law No. 2018-41, as amended for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter C. P. 13. to allow by a site specific amendment a Multi-Residential (R2) unit in Residential area (R1).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed By-law Amendment.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact Pam Cress, Clerk, Box 608, Little Current, ON, POP 1K0.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to Pam Cress, Clerk, Box 608 Little Current, ON, POP 1K0.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed By-law Amendment, describing the affected property, a Key Map showing the location of the affected property to which the proposed By-law Amendment applies, and a copy of the complete proposed By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current.

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2021-01-27.

Pam Cress, Clerk
 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands
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Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 19 040 006 12200 0000; Bay Estate Rd. S., Sheguiandah; PIN 47135-0352 (LT); File No. 19-01; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,295.09**
2. Roll No. 51 19 040 006 38782 0000; 1392 Bay Estates Rd. S., Sheguiandah; PIN 47135-0013 (LT); File No. 19-04; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$12,943.37**
3. Roll No. 51 19 040 001 11400 0000; PIN 47124-0104 (LT); Part Lot 17 Con 3, Howland; File No. 19-07; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$4,052.94**
4. Roll No. 51 19 040 002 11100 0000; PIN 47120-0172 (LT); Part Lot 27 Con 3, Howland; File No. 19-08; **Minimum Tender Amount: \$3,856.19**
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Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. A full copy of the tax sale advertisement and further information about this matter is available online at www.townofnemi.on.ca or you may contact Sheryl Wilkin, Treasurer, The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands, 14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608, Little Current, ON POP 1K0, Phone: 705-368-3500 x 222, email: swilkin@townofnemi.on.ca.

...Now and Then: Eric Helmer

...continued from page 6 still in operation today. During the war years, dad was well respected, despite his being German. He developed a grinder that gave extended life to drilling bits and brought in two diesel generators for backup power. Mecassa was where I first met Marilyn Stephenson (now Marilyn Wohlberg). Her dad was the superintendent for the mill. Today she also lives in Manitowaning about the same distance away from my house as back then."

"An early embarrassing memory in Kirkland Lake had Terry, Paul and I all dressed up. I was three, garbed in a sailor outfit," Eric recalls. "We were heading for the car, ready for an excursion. I soiled my pants, and this necessitated a short diversion. Occasionally we would head south to Kingston to visit mother's family. This required the availability of extra tires because tire quality was generally poor, and the roads were equally dangerous. Tires would have to be changed at least once and often twice on route."

"School was never my forte. Chronic daydreaming coupled with hormonal spikes had me contemplating the other sex disproportionately and made the academic world less compelling. However, I did have a crush on my French teacher and thus did noticeably better in French. I also worked part time at a gas station for 70 cents an hour and could admire the young ladies in their short skirts as I pumped their gas, washed their windshields, or checked their oil."



Little Eric with his parents in Kirkland Lake.

"The nickname, 'nitric,' the aftermath of an unfortunate lab experiment, followed me around in high school. I had tossed some pennies into a sink and poured nitric acid on them to see what would happen. The acid dissolved the pennies, giving off a lot of smoke, hence the label 'nitric.' Mercury was another compound of interest. It was popular in thermometers well before its toxic side-effects were known. Dad had a bottle of mercury and I used to rub the liquid on my favourite experimental target, pennies, to see the effect. It was also fun to see little beads of mercury roll

about, held together by surface tension."

In 1952, father Karl felt the south might provide a better future for the boys and gold was down to \$35 per ounce, so the family left

Kirkland Lake and moved to Scarborough. Eric started high school and Paul was now much closer to the Royal Conservatory of Music. Karl worked for Johns-Manville until asbestos

killed a fellow worker and he joined Quality Records. After retiring, Karl shared his record producing expertise as a consultant.

"We still saw the Froberg family, from Kirkland Lake, now living in Rosedale. Hans' dinner specialty was meatloaf adorned with egg. He was a capable geologist, a world traveller, a collector of rocks and articulate with a strong German accent. INCO later bought the rock collection from his wife, Hertha, for the museum for over a million dollars. Hertha also helped the Toronto museum, the ROM, purchase gems for their collections."

"My dad didn't want to visit Germany again, but he encouraged all his sons to go. Despite his reluctance to return, he became nostalgic when he fiddled with the dials of his short-wave radio and found distant and scratchy traditional German Christmas carols. Tears would well up in his eyes."

"I was 17 after I finished high school, and a bit of a

misfit, having defied the natural order of things. I think my dad asked his sister Pauline, who lived in Germany, to straighten me out to make me more like my brothers." Eric got work in Metzingen at Wepuko, a machine shop and manufacturer of large pumps and high-pressure compressors, with 140 employees. "Aunt Pauline and another fellow were partners in the business. Nevertheless, for the first two months I was picking apples in a Helmer orchard, some of which was fermented to create powerful apple cider."

"About three months later, I wore out my welcome when I wrecked my aunt's Mercedes while showing a buddy how not to drive around a corner. The car rolled but we were fine. It wasn't long before I felt it was time to leave Germany, as my father had, so I came home. I was soon immersed in the same climate of post-high school wanderlust I had left a few months earlier."

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Death Notices

KENNETH ROY ELFORD

February 27, 1932 - January 17, 2021



In loving memory of Kenneth Roy Elford who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the age of 88 with his family by his side. Ken is survived by his partner and friend Jean McCulligh, son Gregg, siblings Ruth (Wally Cully, predeceased), Jean (Slim Field), Bud (predeceased) (Marjorie Elford) and Kathleen Mallet (predeceased). Ken was a long-time resident of Toronto who excelled in the music industry. Upon his retirement he moved to Manitoulin. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

BETTY JANE SAELENS

May 23, 1941 - January 15, 2021



It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Betty Jane Saelens in her 80th year, on Friday, January 15, 2021 after battling Alzheimer's and then succumbing to COVID-19. Betty was born on May 23, 1941 on the Aundeck Omni Kanning First Nation on Manitoulin Island, Ontario. She is predeceased by her loving husband Harry Saelens, parents Stanley and Veronica McGraw, her brothers-in-law Robert Cranney and Roland Bebamash. Survived by her children Bob (Jenny) McGraw, Victor King, Joy Anne Estey, Richard (Theresa), Steve (Cindy) and Terry (Sue). Her siblings Gladys King, Joan Cranney, Irvin McGraw, Gordon McGraw, Fred (Karen) McGraw, Kathy Bebamash, Beverly (Bruce) Wilson, Audrey (John) Stone and Vern (Shauna) McGraw. Her legacy will live on through her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Betty grew up on Aundeck Omni Kanning First Nation. She moved to Tillsonburg in 1965 where she lived for the remainder of her years. She served as past president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Branch 153 Varnavair Legion in Tillsonburg. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren and listening to music, yard sales and welcoming people into her home to view and purchase her antiques. Cremation has taken place. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private service will be held at a later date before an inurnment at the Tillsonburg Cemetery. Memorial donations payable by cheque to the Canadian Alzheimer's Society may be made by contacting Ostrander's Funeral Home, 43 Bidwell Street, Tillsonburg, Ontario (1-519-842-5221) who has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements. Personal condolences and favourite memories can be shared at OstrandersFuneralHome.com.

SEID FRANCIS BAILEY LEE

GEORGE

November 17, 1952 to January 23, 2021

Seid Francis Bailey Lee George passed away peacefully at the Cambridge Memorial Hospital. He was known as Frank (Butch) and was born as a twin with his brother John (predeceased March 1993) to Sam and Rita (Vincent) George in Little Current, Manitoulin Island, Ontario. Frank is the loving spouse of Bonnie (Zieman) for 45 years. He is father to Christopher (spouse Kasia Malawa) George and "Papa" to granddaughter Isla Cay of Vancouver Island. Frank is survived by his sisters Meiling (Don, predeceased September 2020) Gunn of Cambridge and MacQue (Garry) Nowlan of Barrie and brother Milford (Penny) George of Providence Bay, Manitoulin Island, ON. Frank will be greatly missed by his nieces Lisa (Bob) Nunnikhoven (Brooklyn and Brandon), Jennifer (Don) Gregg (Kyle and Jessica) of Cambridge and nephews Stephen (Theresa) Nowlan (Liam and Kaitlyn), Paul Nowlan, Casey (Jennifer) George (Camryn) of Barrie and Scott (Monica) George (Bodhi) of Ottawa. Frank will be missed by the Zieman family including Bonnie's brother Terry (Bev) Zieman, sisters Sharon (Ed, predeceased November 2020) Memmott, Sheila (predeceased April 2010) (Larry) Pilgrim, Karen (Walter) Barlett, Linda (James) Green, Elaine (Randy) King and Eleanor (George) Cherry. Bonnie's many nieces and nephews will miss their "Uncle Frank." Frank was a very sociable person, who with Bonnie, loved entertaining in their home. Frank enjoyed music and with his extensive record collection would rock out the tunes as a DJ when the opportunity arose. Frank loved to travel with Bonnie and sometimes Chris and Kasia, and explore the islands of the Caribbean. Frank grew up in Little Current, Manitoulin Island, ON and moved to Cambridge after finishing high school. He worked at several different jobs but spent most of his career at Gillies Lumber in Cambridge, ON. Frank was always willing to help his family and friends/neighbours with building projects. He was always willing to offer helpful suggestions. The last few years have been difficult due to having poor health. With the support of Bonnie, Frank went to Los Cabos, Mexico two years ago. In this past year he went to meet his first grandchild (granddaughter) Isla Cay on Vancouver Island. We are sad that Frank is no longer with us but will forever be in our hearts. We are happy and appreciate that he lived and enriched our lives. Donations to the Heart and Stroke would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements: Barthel Funeral Home, Queenston Road, Cambridge.

in memoriam

PAOLINI—In loving memory of a son, Jeffery Paolini, taken from us January 27, 1997, after a two-year battle with cancer.

You were so brave and so courageous right to the end. Left to live on without you. We still grieve and wonder how different life would be if you were still here with us. You accomplished so much in your young life only to be so unfairly defeated. We'll be with you again, when all things become new and glorious. Until then, we can only cherish the memories. Always in our hearts, Mom (Pat Nelder) and brother Mark

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FINCH—In loving memory of Pearl Laura Finch, March 25, 1911 to January 28, 1999.

Twenty-two years and yet, I still see your smiling face and hear your laugh. I do so wish we could talk or play Scrabble. If you could be here we would have a lot to catch up on. Maw, I do miss you so very much. Love, Nelda

37p

FINCH—In loving memory of Cora Belle Finch, July 7, 1936 to January 24, 2020.

I miss talking with you. There is so much to tell you, But I guess it will have to wait. I'm so glad we had the boat trip, And wish we could have done more! Miss you C.B. Love, Nelda

37p

notice

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

Tfn

thank you

There are always good intentions of acknowledging cards of sympathy, letters and all the many acts of kindness one receives at the time when a loved one passes away. I had all the intentions but managed only a few thank you. Thank you all! Now here goes. I thank all the doctors, nurses and everyone else who cared for my sister Cora Belle and my brother Roy, either in hospital, at home and while Roy was a resident in Manitoulin Centennial Manor. There are so many of you, and you know who you are. My heartfelt thanks to all. Thank you so much to Rev. Faye, Elaine, Dale, Jack and Ed. Big hugs of thanks to Gloria, Tammy and Jordan at Island Funeral Home. What you do is very special. Thanks a big bunch everyone!

From, Nelda

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...community-based sexual, domestic violence service clinic

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traumatizing effects on victims; having responsive services (especially services that are culturally appropriate) closer to home can have a profound positive impact on a victim's journey.

Former Noojmowin Teg executive director Pam Williamson, who had a major role in bringing the SDVS clinic into existence and advocating for its importance, offered a recap of the years-long process from the idea's inception to its grand opening. She cited the implications of Manitoulin getting its own forensic clinic and local victim support services.

"Vulnerable individuals now have access to new and responsive services locally and Island victim services and partners can now include another service partner into their circle of care," she said.

Noojmowin Teg nurse practitioner and clinical liaison Tammy Maguire spoke next, highlighting the fusion of western and traditional healing approaches to provide relevant care for all clients.

"It is essentially a made-on-Manitoulin model of integrated and co-ordinated, holistic, wrap-around care, designed to address and support the needs of victims and survivors of sexual and/or domestic violence," Ms. Maguire

said. Ontario Ministry of Health senior policy advisor Umeshaa Pararajasingham represented the deputy minister of health's office.

"This is an incredible accomplishment and you deserve all of the credit. We recognize your unique ability to provide culturally safe and highly specialized medical care and we look forward to the many survivors who will be able to receive support closer to home," she said.

Ontario Attorney General Doug Downey said this first-of-its-kind service was a glimpse of future trends in health care.

"It's really an important marker for where we need to be going," he said.

Sheila Macdonald, provincial co-ordinator of Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres, said this was the only service (of the now 37 in Ontario) that is not strictly hospital-based (though the Noojmowin Teg clinic runs in partnership with Manitoulin Health Centre [MHC]).

"(The program is) community-based, culturally specific and has a broader inclusion of criteria for access to services which is appropriate to the needs on Manitoulin, and it has multiple funding sources which is different from oth-

er programs," Ms. Macdonald said.

MHC vice-president of clinical services and chief nursing officer Paula Fields said she has seen many victims navigate the system through her years as a registered nurse on Manitoulin. She has been involved in the push for this clinic for the past six years.

"It is essential to have appropriately trained and skilled clinicians providing this service to our community," she said.

Finally, Manitoulin Family Resources executive director Marnie Hall, who also serves as the co-chair of the Mnidoo Mnising Coalition Against Domestic Violence, spoke at length about the history of the project and its significance to Island communities.

"There is a balance that must always be maintained in providing these essential services to victims. Specializations are needed and beneficial; that has never been in question. Access, however, is also needed. Timely, trauma-informed, victim-centred access is more than beneficial—it is imperative," she said.

Wiikwemkoong's Jesse and Adam Kaboni offered a closing song, followed by concluding remarks from Mr. Waindubence and a closing of the four door-

ways by the M'Chigeeng Women's Hand Drum Group.

Anyone who wishes to access the service can call 705-368-1369, but if a victim requires urgent medical attention they should first visit a MHC hospital site for immediate care. The hospital can further refer patients to SDVS.



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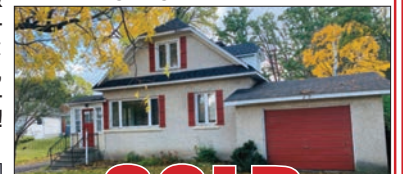
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