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**REMEMBERING A COLLEAGUE**—An honour guard made up of firefighters from across Manitoulin Island led the family and many friends of long-time Central Manitoulin Fire Chief John Reid into the Providence Bay arena for the fire chief's funeral. Mr. Reid passed away on July 1 at the age of 65. **SEE STORY PAGE 5.**

photo by Tom Sasvari

## Ontario minister visits Manitoulin, discusses \$6.9 million for opioid crisis

by Lori Thompson

**Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**  
LITTLE CURRENT—The Ontario government announced \$32.7 million in new annual funding for targeted addictions services and

supports last Wednesday, July 7, including \$6.9 million for targeted treatment for opioid addictions. This is part of the government's plan to invest \$3.8 billion into mental health and addictions over

10 years through its foundational document, Roadmap to Wellness. According to a spokesperson for the Ministry of Health, the Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence within Ontario Health will be working with Ontario Health's five regions to allocate this funding across Ontario and within each region with a view to addressing needs based on evidence.

The Expositor had an opportunity to sit down with Michael Tibollo, associate minister for mental health and addictions to talk about the opioid crisis, the new funding and Ontario's

fight to protect it? Much of the action takes place between the beach and the forest on Manitoulin Island, where the main

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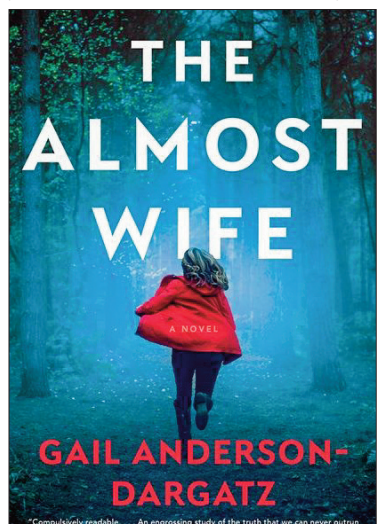
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## Best-selling author sets new thriller on Manitoulin Island

'The Almost Wife' by Anderson-Dargatz

by Expositor staff

**SALMON ARM, BC**—British Columbia writer Gail Anderson-Dargatz's new thriller, 'The Almost Wife,' asks the question, 'if you almost had everything that you wanted, how hard would you



Gail Anderson-Dargatz's new thriller is set on the Island.

## AOK matriarch a study in resilience

Elaine Nahwegahbow defied residential school stereotypes to thrive

by Michael Erskine

**AUNDECK OMNI KANING**—Ripped from the bosom of her Oji-Cree family at the tender age of six, Moonias (Elaine Nahwegahbow) would endure eight years in the McIntosh Residential School in Northwestern Ontario. It was an experience that would alienate Ms. Nahwegahbow from her family and place its indelible mark on her and her family. Ms. Nahwegahbow delivered a prayer at the recent Every Child Matters event on July 1 held in Aundeck Omni Kaning. Her story was inadvertently left out of the report on that event, adding an extra pain to her family's experience, an omission The Expositor regrets. What follows is her story as related to this newspaper in a follow-up interview.

"Before I went to residential school, we lived a good life," recalled Ms. Nahwegahbow. "My dad was a trapper and we lived



Elaine Nahwegahbow at the McIntosh Residential School memorial.

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photo by Irene Altman

## Manitoulin scores highest vaccination rates in the North

Over 80 percent of population over age 12 has at least one shot against COVID injection

by Tom Sasvari

**MANITOULIN**—COVID-19 vaccination rates on Manitoulin Island continue to surpass provincial rates.

At the Manitoulin COVID-19 Leadership Coordination Committee last week, representatives of Public Health Sudbury and District (PHSD) confirmed that the vaccination rate on Manitoulin Island is at over 80 percent of residents having received a first dose.

"This is higher than the provincial average, and it is worth celebrating," a leadership committee release noted. "Congratulations, Manitoulin residents!"

Tracy Weatherbe, manager of the health promotion division of PHSD told The Expositor last week, "I checked yesterday and as of July 7, 82.7 percent of all people eligible on Manitoulin Island 12 years of age and over have received at least one dose of vaccine, which is fabulous."

"This is compared to the provincial average rate of 77.4 percent overall (for all) Ontario residents," said Ms. Weatherbe.

And the news continues to be good, said Ms. Weatherbe. "We know that approximately 60.9 percent of residents on Manitoulin Island have been fully vaccinated."

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## Mindemoya businessman gains praise for land donation to Wagg's Wood

**CENTRAL MANITOULIN**—A new 10-car parking lot on municipal property on Thorne Street is being constructed along with a new trailhead entrance at the corner of Forest and Thorne streets in Mindemoya. The new trailhead will be to the south of the seasonal creek that runs through the park.

Putting a new trailhead to the south of the creek makes the park more accessible to all users, noted

coordinator Marcus Mohr, who pointed out the current trailhead has to cross the creek bed. He said that the seasonal creekbed has long been a barrier to enhancement and promotion of the park, going on to note that a bridge that would cover the creek and its seasonal floodplain was deemed impractical and cost prohibitive.

Mr. Mohr noted in a release that phase one of enhancement was carefully planned out by the Central Manitoulin Trail Committee and is slated to start in the summer of 2021. The new trail will see 485 metres (1,591 feet) of hard-packed trail at an average of 1.5 metres (five feet) wide, one hub, three major pull-offs for passing and resting, as well as a turnaround at the end of the trail. The hard-packed trail section, with minimal slopes, will be ideal for people with mobility issues, mobility devices and families with strollers.

"The municipality would like to thank Wayne Legge of Manitoulin Chrysler for the new trailhead entrance easement," said Mr. Mohr in the release. The municipality is working towards a severance of the south part of the lot an easement for the trail is on, which there are plans to

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# KENJGEWIN TEG

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**CREDENTIAL:** CWB Certificate\*  
\*upon satisfactory assessment passing grade/mark

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** 4 months (16 weeks)

**START DATE:** Fall 2021 (Full-time status) with blended delivery schedule (will include hands-on practical techniques in class)

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Fundamental procedures and principles are introduced, practiced, and refined. Techniques are developed for fillet and groove welds. Proficiency in flat and horizontal positions will be developed. Vertical/Overhead positions can also be learned depending upon student capabilities. On completion of the course students will test for CWB certification in SMAW and GMAW Flat and Horizontal\*\*.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- What you will learn:
- Welding Theory
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**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Participants can enroll in the courses if they are 18 years of age (or older) or if they have earned an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (or equivalent) or pass our standard application and questionnaire required for acceptance.

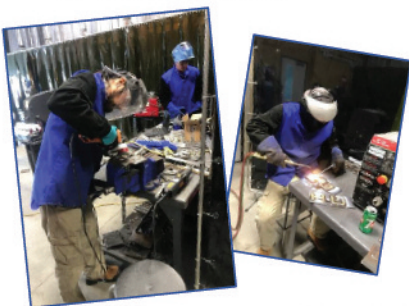
**TUITION FEES/COSTS**

\$3,670.00 – Includes Welder Kits and Jackets

**SUPPLIES REQUIRED BY STUDENTS**

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### RENOVATION TECHNIQUES – CONSTRUCTION CARPENTRY

**CREDENTIAL:** Ontario College Certificate

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** 1 year (2 semesters)

**START DATE:** Fall 2021 (Full-time status) with blended delivery schedule (may include evenings, and/or weekends)

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

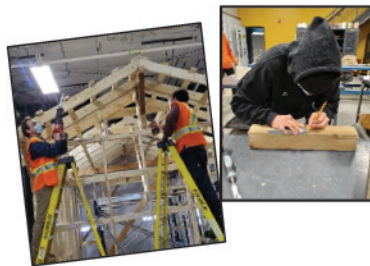
The construction industry is booming, and now is the time to get the skills you need to work in this diverse field. From foundation to framing, each student will develop practical construction skills through hands-on activities while practicing safe working procedures.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- What you will learn:
- Carpentry skills
  - Portable and stationary power tools
  - Building materials
  - Site layout
  - Foundation systems
  - Wood framing
  - Ontario Building Code
  - Intro to Welding

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

OSSD or equivalent, with ENG4C or ENG4U



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**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

**Semester 1**

- BTT025 Tools & Equipment
- CAR010 Site Layout
- CAR022 Foundation Systems
- MTH108 Trades Calculations
- CMM125 College Communications

**Semester 2**

- CAR032 Wood Framing
- CAR095 Finishes 1
- HUM100 Interpersonal Relations
- WLD008 Welding for Carpenters (5 weeks)

**TUITION FEES**

Semester 1 \*\$2,010.00  
Semester 2 \*\$2,010.00  
(approximate values only – final fees determined by college partner prior to semester start)

**OTHER FEES/SUPPLIES REQUIRED:**

- Work Boots (CSA Approved, Steel Toed)
- Coveralls

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**CREDENTIAL:** Certificate of Completion

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** 28 weeks (2 semesters)

**START DATE:** Fall 2021 (Full-time status) with blended delivery schedule (may include a combination of remote/online instruction and hands-on practical techniques)

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The trades industry is booming, and now is the time to get the skills you need to work in this diverse field. This program will expose you to a variety of skills to guide you in your pathway to furthering your education or a rewarding career in the trades.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- What you will learn:
- Carpentry skills
  - Portable and stationary power tools
  - Building materials
  - Intro to welding
  - Jobsite Safety
  - Essential skills for personal success in a workplace setting.

**TUITION FEES**

FREE



In partnership with: **CANADORE college**

**PROGRAM OF STUDY**

- BTT025 Tools & Equipment
- MTH108 Trades Calculations
- CMM115 Communication Fundamentals\*
- GED135 Personal Success
- WFP020 Welding Theory
- WFP025 Practical Operations (Shop)

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Participants can enroll in the courses if they are 19 years of age (or older) or if they have earned an Ontario Secondary School Diploma/Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma (or equivalent) or if they enroll in CMM115, concurrently\*.

*Students may opt to continue with their studies at any post-secondary institution as long as they meet the admissions requirement of their chosen program. If they chose to continue their studies at Canadore College, they can register as long as they have the attained the admission requirement and/or have successfully attained the CMM115 course. If the students chose to continue with Kenjgewin Teg or Canadore College, they can apply through the internal application process with all application fees waived. Transfer credits will apply, if the courses align with the curriculum in the student's chosen program.*

**SUPPLIES REQUIRED BY STUDENTS**

- Work Boots (CSA Approved, Steel Toed)
- Appropriate work/jobsite clothing

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### PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER

**CREDENTIAL:** Ontario College Certificate

**PROGRAM LENGTH:** 1 year (2 semesters)

**START DATE:** Fall 2021 (Full-time status)

Fall /Winter Semester – Online Delivery

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

This program trains students to offer personal care and home management services to clients in community or institutional settings. Personal support workers provide services to clients with physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral challenges. Learn hands-on in the classroom, on community placements and in the home environment simulation lab equipped with high-end fidelity audio/visual equipment and interactive mannequins. PSWs are highly sought after as health care providers, working collaboratively as part of the health care team or in a supported independent living environment.

**PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

- What you will learn:
- Nutritional menu planning
  - Clinical and community care (hospital and long-term)
  - Simulation and lab work
  - Diseases and pharmacology
  - Patient client home care

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

OSSD or equivalent, ENG4C or ENG4U

**TUITION FEES** - \$3954.33 1-year certificate program

\* Students enrolled in the PSW program will be required to purchase their own textbooks, from the Campus bookstore online at Canadore College or Amazon. This is the student's responsibility to order and purchase all textbooks required for the PSW program.

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**CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

- Fall Term**
- CMM 125 Communication Fundamentals
  - PSW 185 Professional Issues
  - PSW 152 Client, Family and Community
  - PSY 200 Lifespan Development
  - PSW 235 Numeracy and Healthy Living
  - CLT 100 Canada's First People
  - PSW 180 Biology
- Winter Term**
- PSW 205 Mental Health
  - PSW 162 Lab I
  - PSW 210 Lab II
  - PSW 230 Clinical
  - PSW 300 Consolidation

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING PROVIDED**

- First Aid and CPR
- Mask fit testing
- Gentle Persuasive Approaches (GPA)

**OTHER CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS**

- (enrolled students must provide to Program Coordinator or Registrar prior to first day of class):
- ✓ CPIC/VSS –required before admissions and before clinical (fee will be reimbursed with receipt provided)
  - ✓ TB Testing – before clinical in second semester
  - ✓ Scrubs (2 sets)
  - ✓ Hep B Immunization (if required for clinical)

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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder

## Historic election sees first female Assembly of First Nations national chief

**by Michael Erskine**  
 TORONTO—The election to replace Perry Bellegard as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) went into overtime last week, taking five ballots over two days to winnow the field of seven candidates down to two. In the end, history was made as former Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald became the first female to be elevated to the post.

“On behalf of the Chiefs in Ontario, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to National Chief RoseAnne Archibald,” said Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare of M’Chigeeng, who was himself just recently elected to his post after the retirement of Ms. Archibald. “Over the last three years, RoseAnne Archibald has done exceptional work in advancing First Nations priorities in Ontario across all sectors and has worked diligently to protect First Nations communities alongside the Leadership Council during the COVID-19 pandemic,” continued Regional Chief Hare. “I look forward to continuing to work with National Chief Archibald over the coming

years.”  
 United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising Tribal Chair and Ogima-kwe of Aundeck Omni Kaning Patsy Corbiere said “I think it’s history-making that a woman is at that level, it has always been a man before.”

Ogima-kwe Corbiere said that the new national chief “has the stamina to be able to deal with the job” but added that she will now

“have to prove herself as a leader.”

Ogima-kwe Corbiere said that the new national chief was one of the youngest chiefs to ever be elected to lead her First Nation and that she went on to become the first female Ontario Regional Chief.

Candidate Reginald Bellerose led the ballot through the first day’s ballots and into the third,

but by the fourth ballot on the second day, National Chief Archibald had pulled ahead. Third and fourth place candidates Alvin Fidler of Ontario and Jodi Calahoo-Stonehouse withdrew on the fourth ballot, throwing their support behind National Chief Archibald.

Under AFN election rules, the

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Chief RoseAnne Archibald

## New Sudbury Wolves coach has strong Manitoulin family ties

**by Tom Sasvari**  
 SUDBURY—The new head coach of the Sudbury Wolves hockey team has close family ties to Manitoulin Island.

Craig Duncanson has been hired as the Wolves new coach. He replaces Cory Stillman who left the Wolves for a National Hockey League (NHL) coaching position with the Arizona Coyotes.

“Yes, I am extremely excited to be named as the new head coach for the Wolves,” Mr. Duncanson told The Expositor Saturday evening. “Quite honestly it is a real honour, and to have the opportunity to do something special and work with a lot of good people, and a talented young hockey team.”

“I am back doing what I really want to,” stated Mr. Duncanson.



Craig Duncanson

Mr. Duncanson was born in Greater Sudbury and went on to play professional hockey with several teams in the NHL from 1986-1997. He is the son of Murray and Gladys Duncanson of Silver Water. “Dad is from Silver Water and mom is from Gordon so I spent most of my summers on Manitoulin. I spent a lot of my summers growing up at Bruce and Irene Duncanson’s place.”

“Craig was born in Sudbury, and raised in the Naughton and Lively area,” Ms. Duncanson told The Expositor. “He has always liked hockey, it has always been his love.”

Ms. Duncanson noted that her son, “was five years old when he started playing hockey in Copper Cliff and Lively. When he was 15 years old he played for the St. Michael’s Buzzers

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## Aus Hunt Marina boat launch ramp will remain open as remedial work carried out

**by Tom Sasvari**  
 KAGAWONG—Billings Township council has authorized an expenditure for sheet piling and associated work at the Aus Hunt Marina (AHM), and to enter into a contract for work to be carried out. However, it will not include removing the AHM boat launch.

“There is a recommendation to council and a resolution that needs a mover and a seconder,” said Billings Mayor Ian Anderson at a council meeting last week. Councillors Bryan Barker and Sharon Alkenbrack put forward and seconded the motion.

“This will require discussion,” said Mayor Anderson. “And our EDO (economic development officer) is present and has provided a detailed report in his memo to council.”

The recommendation had been made by staff that council authorize the expenditure of \$222,236 plus HST for sheet piling and associated work at AHM and to authorize the CAO to enter into a contract with Denis Gratton Construction Ltd., to complete the work.

“Given the dollar amount, I had a look at the recommendation from staff and the work that has been done so far,” said Councillor Bryan Barker. “This work will need to be done now or in the future. But I don’t realistically see fund-

ing coming from the government, especially with COVID-19. It makes sense to follow the recommendation especially since (Gratton and the equipment needed for the project) is on site already.” He said the township has been extremely pleased with the quality of work Gratton has provided in the Main Street Hill project.

Councillor Barker noted staff had indicated that if council accepts the recommendation as is, it will mean that the launch ramp at AHM will be removed as well. “As for the

removal of the existing boat launch I am not in favour of this.” He asked if there has been any accidents arising from people using the launch ramp in the past. Todd Gordon, Billings (EDO) told council that, “I’m not aware of an accident having taken place in that location.” Councillor Barker said, “I see the boat launch ramp as an asset for the township. It can be used as an alternative

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## Burpee and Mills council passes budget with slight increase

**by Tom Sasvari**  
 EVANSVILLE—Taxpayers in Burpee and Mills Township will see a slight increase in their taxes this year.

Ken Noland, reeve of Burpee and Mills told The Expositor last week that township council recently passed its budget for this year, “with a one percent increase.”

“The budget will include no reduction in services,” continued Reeve

Noland, who explained that the township did not have to take any funds out of its reserves to lower the tax rate increase.

“I think a lot of services, for instance the DSB (Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board) passed a budget this year with a one percent increase, the health unit was a little higher than that but for the most part everyone else came in at one to one

and a half percent increase in taxes this year,” continued Reeve Noland.

The township received some government funding in the form of COVID-19 pandemic financial support for office renovations and expanding on the township office.

As part of the budget the township has put out a request for submissions for a new position of bylaw enforcement officer, added Reeve Noland.

## Kagawong man issues green hair challenge to raise funds for liver research

**by Tom Sasvari**  
 KAGAWONG—Wayne Aelick will dye his hair green, or even have his head shaved bald, all in the name of raising funds for liver research.

Mr. Aelick and his wife Anna of ‘Team Aelick’ are hosting the second annual fundraising Stroll for Liver to raise funds for the Canadian Liver Foundation (CLF) in Kagawong, in August. And this year Wayne has posted a ‘Green Hair Challenge.’

“This will be the second Stroll for Liver for us,” Mr. Aelick told The Expositor last week. “We held the first event last year and will be holding a second event on August 29 as long as the provincial reopening restrictions improve.” Mr. Aelick explained, “all proceeds from the fundraising will go towards the liver foundation. We had held a yard sale (earlier this summer) with all proceeds going to CLF. One of our neighbours dropped in at our place and was telling us they had done a similar event for cystic fibrosis. She put a challenge online indicating if a certain amount was raised by a certain time she would have her hair dyed blue. We thought this was a great idea so as soon as she left our place I went online and announced my green hair challenge. I took a picture of myself at



Wayne Aelick

the time and explained if through donations we are able to raise \$500 by the end of the July I will dye my hair green. And if \$1,000 is raised by the end of August I will shave my head bald.”

After his liver transplant in May of 2017, Mr. Aelick had been looking at ways to help support CLF. He had been on the CLF Facebook page and read about a ‘Stroll for Liver’ rally being held elsewhere.

As was reported in September 2020, last year 22 walkers took part in the Stroll for Liver event held in Kagawong and organized

by the Aelicks, with a total of \$3,500 being raised through the event.

Stroll for Liver is an annual, national event. “Every year, hundreds of Canadians rally together and join the Stroll for Liver,” the CLF website reads. “We do this to help raise awareness and vital funds to propel life-changing research forward. We do this to help find cures and better treatment options for the people who need help right now. And we do this to make sure that anybody living with liver disease in Canada is able to access the support

they deserve.”

“This event came about after a girl in Ottawa died in 2002. She had visited her doctor for basically a check-up but doctors found out that there liver was failing. As a result of her passing, her father started the Stroll for Liver event,” the CLF website notes. It now takes place across Canada every year.

“Anna and I are fundraising once again this year for the CLF and will be participating in the 2021 Stroll for Liver five kilometre virtual walk on Sunday, August 29 in Kagawong, starting at the Park

Centre,” said Mr. Aelick.

“If people are able to sponsor Team Aelick, it would be very much appreciated,” continued Mr. Aelick. “If you wish, you can send your cheque (payable to CLF) to Anna and Wayne Aelick, PO Box 149, Kagawong, Ont., POP IJO, or electronic transfer to awaelick@hotmail.com, or now that the CLF website is live, you can donate online to the CLF by using the Team AELICK line. We are hopeful for another good turnout in August.”

## South shore fishing heating up just in time for Salmon Classic

LAKE HURON—Just in time for the return of The Manitoulin Expositor Salmon Classic, July 31 to August 15, the salmon fishery is heating up on Manitoulin’s south shore.

Dave Patterson, Salmon Classic organizer and one half of the Ontario Fishing Guys fishing team, says that fish in the 20 lbs and up range are being seen in boats fishing Manitoulin’s south shore. In fact, both he and fishing partner Aaron Case have boated fish of this size in the last week. Just don’t ask them exactly where, he laughs.

“The salmon are just starting to show up,” Mr. Patterson explains. “We’re already seeing big fish.”

The two weigh stations—at South Baymouth and Providence Bay—are all staffed and ready to go. Mr. Patterson offered his thanks to those who are giving of their time to make the stations possible.

This year the winning fish—first, second and

third—will see a take of the ticket prizes. First place will take home 40 percent of the ticket sales; second place, 20 percent of sales; and third place, 10 percent of the sales.

To put this into context, if 500 tickets were sold, first place is \$13,000, second place is \$6,500 and third place is \$3,250.

“Be sure to get your tickets soon to help that jack-pot rise,” Mr. Patterson says.

Tickets are available up until Friday, August 13 at midnight and are available at FishManitoulin.com, The Expositor Offices in Little Current and Gore Bay, Up Top Sports Shop in Mindemoya, Moxy’s Bait and Tackle in Lively and Ramakko’s Source for Adventure in Sudbury.

The full list of rules is also available online. For more information, please contact Mr. Patterson at 705-368-2744 or info@fishmanitoulin.com.

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opinion

**editorial**

## The times they are a-changing—for the better

This week has seen a number of historic milestones take place on the national scene, with the appointment of Inuk leader Mary Simon as Canada's first Indigenous Governor General and the historic election of RoseAnne Archibald as the Assembly of First Nations' first female national chief.

Both of these women come to their careers following extensive careers that have prepared them for roles that will prove critical in helping re-shape our national identity as we move toward the creation of a more just and civil society and face up to the less savoury aspects of our history.

While the post of governor general, the highest position in our parliamentary government, has been filled by a number of women before, none have been Indigenous, let alone a survivor of the day school system, and Ms. Simon's experience and skills will go a long way toward building the bridges that will be needed in the years ahead.

For Ms. Archibald, being the first Anishinaabe-kwe to hold a high political post is almost old-hat, having attained the head of her First Nation's council table as ogimaa at the age of 23, then becoming the first woman and youngest deputy grand chief for Nishnawbe-Aski

Nation. The ensuing 30 years will doubtless prove invaluable experience she will leverage in the coming years.

Our nation has long been hamstrung by patriarchal tendencies in all walks of life, but few areas more so than the political offices in which the levers of power reside.

The elevation of two accomplished women to high office bodes well for our nation's future, as one local First Nation community chief noted off the record, women bring a different set of skills and approaches to the challenges facing leaders and those skills are ideally suited to building bridges and establishing relationships.

As we head into the process of building a post-colonial world, one free from the vestiges of the systemic racism and the blinders that have contributed to the marginalization of minority communities, those skills will be put to the test soon and often—but these women have repeatedly proven themselves, been tested in the crucible of male-dominated worlds, and have emerged ascendant.

We wish the very best for both of these accomplished individuals and look forward to chronicling their future successes in building a brave new, and more inclusive, world.

## Friends of the Mindemoya Old School dismayed by council

*There is no time to lose in continuing dialogue with potential developer*

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is an open letter to the mayor and council of Central Manitoulin and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

Dear Mayor Stephens and councillors,

Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) was disappointed that council voted to reject Sudbury-based Canada Builder Inc.'s letter of intent to convert the Old School to seniors' housing. I am sending you this open letter on behalf of FOMOS to encourage the Municipality of Central Manitoulin to open a dialogue with Canadian Builder Inc. for the specific purpose of exploring this opportunity.

Seniors' housing is indisputably an infrastructure component of which Manitoulin is in dire need. As several of the councillors expressed their support for further exploring viable options for the building's future and because of Councillor Scott's remarks after the vote, we—ultimately and happily—concluded that we can feel hopeful about council's open and positive approach to the Old School. As reported in The Expositor (June 30), Councillor Scott specifically said that declining the letter of intent as submitted should open up a dialogue, and that council is not closing the door. Therefore, FOMOS now calls on the municipality to respond by entering into good-faith negotiations, with the aim of arriving at an agreement with Canadian Builder Inc. acceptable to both parties.

Canadian Builder Inc.'s purchase would not only save a solid, well-built, historically-significant landmark but also allow for expansion of available seniors' housing along with a possibility of also allowing for additional, community-oriented facilities, all without significantly contributing to climate change. That's good for seniors, for the community as a whole, for the environment and for municipal tax revenues.

FOMOS believes that it is important for the public to be aware of the context surrounding Canadian Builder Inc.'s letter of intent. This letter included a provision asking for Central Manitoulin to contribute \$150,000 towards the development cost—a sum not to be paid until con-

version is 50 percent complete. It is worthwhile noting that, because of the long-term advantages for their communities, municipalities throughout Canada regularly offer incentives to developers. For instance, Temiskaming Shores (formerly New Liskeard/Haileybury) recently donated the land for a new seniors' residence and further incentivized the developer with a tax break.

Additional and highly relevant context, that we would of course be remiss not to point out, is that the current municipal budget already allocated \$150,000 to the demolition of the building.

Investing such a sizeable sum to gain revenue-generating infrastructure rather than to destroy a historical, local landmark will, instead of literally throwing it in landfill, make it money exceedingly well-spent!

As a tangible reflection of our deep commitment to this vision for the Old School, FOMOS hereby pledges up to \$10,000 to help defray survey, environmental testing and other costs associated with the sale of the building to Canadian Builder. In return for this donation, we require only agreement that the building exterior be left largely intact, and that a historical monument or similar structure be permitted on the property.

In closing, because council intends to vote on the future of the Old School during the month of September, FOMOS must underscore that there is no time to waste in moving this dialogue forward. Therefore, we would like to be informed of the mechanism Councillor Scott has in mind for opening discussions with the Canadian Builder; and whether the mayor has or will instruct municipal staff to initiate this dialogue and, if so, what is the intended process?

We would appreciate an acknowledgement of our pledge, and invite you to approach us with any questions you may have. We look forward to receiving your considered response at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jan McQuay, president  
FOMOS

## State of the Low Island trail decried

*Ecology and tourism will plummet in tandem*

**To the Expositor:**

Until a few years ago, pathways had been created to permit the public to have more access to various parts of Little Current's Low Island Park while protecting and allowing various grasses, wildflowers and milkweed to thrive.

Many species of butterflies, moths, fireflies and pollinating bees were abundant within these fields, never causing harm to people and animals.

However, the past two to three years have seen extensive and continual removal of the vast majority of the grasslands, decimating very important flora required by many insects and birds for their long-term survival, as their survival projects directly to our future survival as humans.

Many of these creatures have dropped dramatically in numbers and some are rarely even seen, leaving a disturbing, sobering image of what a not too distant future will appear as.

I sometimes wonder about the human race, do people have a modicum of knowledge that would or will enable them to wrap their minds around such a topic? I truly believe they do! Does the term extinction register? I'm not overly certain! Do they simply drift along in a haze believing that "all will be fine?" Only those individuals can answer to that.

For an Island that continuously boasts (or brags) about nature and tourism, one has to wonder. Every mayor, reeve and councillor on Manitoulin needs to admit to themselves, with full honesty, the truth is that as more of this land is privatized, wetlands, marshes, grasslands, lakes and ecologically sensitive areas will be no more. Both ecology and tourism will nose dive like a dual pandemic.

I completely understand that economy sectors need to grow, but this can be done and has successfully been done thousands upon thousands of times before by integrating both development and strict environmental standards.

For every plant, tree, water source and wildlife species that tragically disappears from this Island, and from this planet we call Earth, the closer humans are to a very fast, similar and painful fate.

So think long and hard about Low Island, Manitoulin and beyond.

Make no mistake, the wheels are already turning and what is now

happening will begin to happen at such an increasingly rapid and forceful rate, it will knock you into the next century just in the time it requires you to blink.

This not only affects all of today's generations but those that are not even yet a thought. Time does, in reality, run out.

Lamar Hyatt  
Little Current

## Ottawa needs to do better

*Perhaps it's time for a change*

**To the Expositor:**

Just why has the prime minister adjourned Parliament for the summer when there are so many critical matters to be dealt with? Why have we not heard a word about the need for a 'no holds barred' investigation into the horrors of the residential school system? When will we hear of real action with respect to the matter of missing and murdered Indigenous women? How long will it be before there is action to resettle here in Canada Afghan interpreters who aided Canadian forces in dealing with the Taliban?

It seems that the possibility of an election is uppermost in the PM's mind. If so, then in my view his priorities are certainly skewed and partisan; can't Ottawa do better? And why don't we hear from others in the Liberal caucus who must surely be concerned about these pressing issues? Clearly, in view of these critical matters, Parliament should be recalled. If being reelected is all the PM cares about then I'd say that it is time for a change in leadership in Ottawa! I hope that I am not alone in my views!

Sincerely,

Eric Balkind  
Gore Bay

# Manitoulin bids farewell to long time fire chief John Reid

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY—Whether he was fire chief, farming, driving a school bus, or just helping his community, John Reid poured his heart and soul into whatever he did. One parent of a student who rode on his route said, “We trusted him with our children. What could be a higher praise than that?” Municipality and residents of Central Manitoulin, indeed all of Manitoulin Island, lost one of its pillars with the passing of John Reid on July 1.

Pat Stoakley, pastor of the Community of Christ Church led a service for Mr. Reid last Saturday. “We have come together to share in the sadness and tears of the passing of John Allan Reid,” he told the large gathering.

The minister was also a friend of Mr. Reid and shared his childhood memories. “We grew up in Burwash,” he said. “Burwash was a small village of about 250 people. As kids, John and I played together and went to school together. We were in and out of each other’s houses all the time.”

Burwash had a medium security prison and a lot of fathers in the community worked as guards, Pastor Stoakley said. “Even though there was a prison, never did we as children ever feel more protected and safe. They shoveled our snow and delivered our mail. John and I shared some of the same friends and went to the same school. His dad (A. Lloyd) harassed me all the time and called me a chatter box.”

“John was easy going,” she continued. “One time he had a motorcycle and I asked if I could try it out. The bike was John’s pride and joy.” It was one of her first times on a motorcycle. “The bike went one way and I went the other. John never uttered one word of condemnation.”

“John was a giver. He liked to help people and he continued to give to his last day,” the pastor said. “He was calm and cared for people. He will always be in my memories. He and I were the same age. Part of me can’t believe that he’s gone.”

Richard Stephens, mayor of Central Manitoulin, spoke about his connection with Mr. Reid. Some years ago, Mr. Stephens’ daughter was driving home after visiting friends in Sandfield and had an incident. “She went down into a ditch then up through a fence, ending up in a field. Thankfully, she wasn’t seriously hurt. My nephew worked at John’s repair shop, so we called John.”

Later, when their son was 17, he drove Mr. Stephens’ brand new truck to show his friends in Spring Bay. Mr. Stephens and his wife were in Providence Bay at the time. “He got a half mile down the road safely but the rest of the trip was a disaster. It could have been worse. After looking at the truck, John said it couldn’t be fixed. I protested as the truck only had 800 kilometres on it. At this point John said, ‘Richard, it could have been a very, very bad accident but no one was hurt. You can always replace a truck.’ That’s the way John always dealt with



John Reid

things,” Mayor Stephens said.

Mr. Reid and his wife Roxana were more than a couple, said the mayor. “They were a team. For years they managed and organized the firefighters’ golf tournament in Mindemoya. I participated to support the fire department and it always amazed me how organized it was.”

“I have many other memories with John and the community, fire department and municipality. He had many interests and many talents and he used them all. The community benefitted from all of his efforts and John is going to be missed,” Mayor Stephens said. “On behalf of council and staff, I hope we see the way to carry on as well as a municipality, but we will miss John’s direction and advice. It’s always sad to lose a member of the municipal team.”

The week leading to the funeral was the “toughest week of her life,” said Mr. Reid’s daughter, Angela. “I couldn’t have gotten through it without all of you. On behalf of my family, thank you everyone for being here. He was taken from us far too soon. Our hearts are broken. My father was dedicated to our family and the community, having been a firefighter and chief for 36 years.”

Ms. Reid is a police officer in the Ontario Provincial Police Technical Rescue Unit. “My dad taught me how to skeet and target shoot. My mom was a nurse and with my dad as a firefighter, I was always around first responders when I was growing up.”

When the family was building a home in Spring Bay, Ms. Reid asked her father if she could have a hammer. “Everyone thought he would buy a toy hammer. He bought me a real one. I was four at the time.”

“As a family we always worked in his

body shop. My brother (Preston) and my dad would Skidoo in the winter. I’m so grateful for growing up the way we did. I will forever miss calling my dad, hearing his war stories and pointers on shooting. I will always be thankful for him being there and shaping me as a person. We’ll take it from here, Dad, but we love and miss you dearly.”

Derek Stephens, another long time friend of John Reid said, “They say in life you can choose your friends but not your family. John and I raised a family at the same time together. We hunted, fished and joined the fire department at the same time. While John stayed with the fire department, I chose the political route. We built the best fire department on the Island. John will be sadly missed by all of us on the fire department. He put the fire station and the guys in place to be the best. Your family is my family. We’ll be there for each other. Our families will always be friends. I will keep him alive through all of you. He meant a lot to a lot of people in the community.”

In a tribute to her grandfather, Celeste Reid came to the service wearing a fire hat. “You were the light of his life,” Pastor Stoakley said. “He loved you so much.”

Firefighters from across the Island paid tribute with an honour guard. Manitoulin

morning, I said thank you to John. John smiled that big wide smile. ‘That’s what we do, help each other,’ he said. Look at the number of people gathered here to pay respect to his family and the family of firefighters.”

All current and past firefighters in attendance stood and saluted as Mr. Addison rang a bell. Throughout history, firefighters have heard the bell and put their lives on the line, he said. “Not long ago, Manitoulin Island firefighters would either have a siren or a bell. He rang the bell and now our brother has completed his task. In celebrating his life and service, the bell will toll 36 times as he leaves. Rest in peace, brother.”

It will be difficult to replace John Reid as fire chief, Mayor Stephens said. “John gave you the sense of being in charge. His advice was always bang on. He didn’t put on a show.”

“He was an inspiration to all of us,” said firefighter Shawn McLennan.

John was born at the Red Cross hospital in Mindemoya. He was the son of the late A. Lloyd and Melisa (McDonald) Reid. John will be sadly missed by his wife of over 46 years, Roxana M. (Scott) Reid. John was a loving father to Angela Reid and partner Bojan Joksimovic and Preston (Lloyd)



A colour guard marches into the Providence Bay arena for the funeral service of their fallen chief.

Mutual Fire Aid System (MMFAS) members wanted to recognize Mr. Reid’s service, said Mike Addison, Gore Bay fire chief and fellow MMFAS member Wayne Elliott. “He participated in a number of events with us and in his 36 years as a firefighter and as a fire chief, he served the community very well,” Mr. Addison said, pointing to the new fire hall Mr. Reid helped design and ensured was built as part of his legacy.

“Central Manitoulin truly is the centre of fire departments,” he continued. “John and his team responded to calls in all seven mutual aid areas and no doubt other areas on the Island as well.”

Mr. Addison remembered one particularly large fire. “It lasted all night and in the

Reid and wife Sarah Reid. He was a proud grandfather to Preston and Sarah’s daughter Celeste. John will be sadly missed by his sisters Margaret Reid, husband A. David Cameron and Mary-Alice Lewis, husband Douglas Lewis (predeceased). Brother-in-law to Walter (predeceased) and wife Shirley; Joe and wife Marie; Robert (predeceased); Barbara (predeceased) and partner Gary; Elsie Glanville and husband Les; Alida Miller and husband Phil; Edith Roberts and husband John; Rosemary McCulligh. John will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; especially his long-time friend of 34 years, Derek Stephens.

# Manitoulin Brewing Co. launches new hawberry flavoured soda pop

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Following more than a year in development, the new Haw Pop being offered by Little Current’s Manitoulin Brewing Company (MBC) has received two thumbs up from its kids focus group and is now ready for prime time.

“We did a soft launch here at the patio over the past few weeks and the reviews we have been getting back have been great,” said brewery co-owner Blair Hagman. “We wanted to produce something that was non-alcoholic, something that can be family oriented. When the kids come to the patio there is something that they can get excited about.”

The idea of producing a soda based on hawberries was something that came easily to mind, given the Island’s historical connection to the berry.

“We worked on the recipe for about a year-and-a-half,” said Mr. Hagman. “Blake Thompson (brewmaster) helped with the development of the recipe and we produced the first batch. It turned out great.”

Mr. Hagman describes the taste as being similar to ginger ale, well positioned on the taste buds for slak-

ing a thirst, but also a potential summer drink mix alternative as well.

The taste testing focus group was of the same opinion, so recipe in hand, MBC turned to the marketing end of things.

“We brought Kendra in (Kendra Edwards Design) who has created a number of designs for our labels and she was excited about the possibilities,” said Mr. Hagman. “We wanted something that would really pop (no pun intended) on the shelves, and she delivered.”

The retro can design uses innovative colours to help the product stand out from the crowd.

The pop will soon be available at Orr’s Valumart in Little Current and can be found at many Island hospitality establishments.

“Orr’s is our first grocery store, but it has been selling really well at The Port in Little Current, Pierside in South Baymouth has taken it on, Bridal Veil Variety in Kagawong and the Anchor Inn in Little Current is also carrying it,” Mr. Hagman said.

So, as the summer months start to heat up and a thirst develops, a Haw Pop will never be far from hand.



The Haw Pop taste testing focus group gather at the Manitoulin Brewing Company patio for an official launch photo. Sporting Haw Pop merch and hoisting cans of the new non-alcoholic brew are, from left, Jack, Harlee, Hunter, Walker and Shane. The can features a design by Island graphic artist Kendra Edwards Design and contains a refreshing soft drink that is already taking the Island by storm.

photo by Michael Erskine

# The language of stigma: understanding how language can influence our perceptions

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—The words we use matter. Research has proven that terms like ‘substance abuser’ encourage bias and negative attitudes so understanding how language can influence our perceptions is an important step in reducing the stigma of substance use disorder. Reducing the stigma reduces barriers for those individuals seeking treatment and recovery.

Stigma is any attitude, belief or behaviour that discriminates against people. According to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), “stigma is the negative stereotype and discrimination is the behaviour that results from this negative stereotype.” People with substance use disorder often face pervasive stigma and discrimination, which is one of the greatest barriers to an individual’s living a productive, satisfying life.

One study conducted by the World Health Organization ranked drug use as the most stigmatized condition in a list of 18 stigmatizing conditions that included homelessness and having a criminal record. Alcohol use was ranked fourth on that list. Another study by the United States’ National Centre for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) reported, “While individuals with substance use disorders report experiencing various forms of discrimination due to their gender, race and sexual orientation, drug use has the greatest impact on their lives.” Stigma affects the employment, physical and mental health of persons with substance use disorder and often leads to rejection by family and friends.

The Expositor explored the issue of substance use

at a local level in its June 23 supplement, ‘Out of the Shadows: An In-Depth Look at Manitoulin’s Opioid Crisis,’ available at The Expositor Offices in Gore Bay and Little Current or online at manitoulin.com.

According to Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA), one in 10 Canadians experience substance use problems today. Eight of 10 Canadians with a substance use disorder say they have experienced barriers to recovery, including stigma, and Statistics Canada has reported that almost 50 percent of Canadians in recovery from a substance use disorder have experienced stigma when in active addiction.

Stigma often emerges in the form of derogatory language that shames, belittles and dehumanizes people. As this stigma also exists within the healthcare profession, it can be particularly damaging by leading to people either abandoning treatment or becoming very wary about seeking treatment.

Dr. John Kelly, a Harvard professor and founder of the Recovery Research Institute, has done a lot of work on stigmatizing language, substance use and substance use stigma and has studied how the use of certain language changes how people think, said Claire Rykelyk-Huizen, a registered social worker with CCSA. In Dr. Kelly’s research, she said, “clinicians who heard the term ‘substance abuser’ were more likely to see those individuals as more deserving of punishment and less deserving of treatment than when that same person was described as having a substance use disorder. The word abuser, for example, brings to mind willful misconduct, some-

thing that is the fault of a person.”

When you think of the term abuser, explained Ms. Rykelyk-Huizen, we tend to think of child abuse or spousal abuse. “The word has wholly negative connotations. That’s why it absolutely has to be removed from our lexicon when we’re describing somebody with a substance use disorder. It’s just so negative.”

“Stigma perpetuates substance use. It worsens it and increases the risks associated with substance use. It’s a really serious issue,” she said. “Substance use disorder is a health condition and not a moral choice or moral failing. We need to use medically accurate language when we talk about somebody with a substance use disorder or with problematic substance use.”

We wouldn’t talk about somebody who has cancer in that way, she said. “It’s important to change the language. We need to use destigmatizing language and to gain a better understanding around the neurobiology of substance use and where it comes from. We need to raise awareness and educate people.”

“The more we know about problematic substance use and substance use disorder the more we will see these connections with past trauma and adverse childhood experiences as well as genetics and other things that intersect in the individual to make them more vulnerable to developing a substance use disorder later in life,” she said. “It’s a complex condition and it’s a health condition. Once people understand it that way, they will have a better understanding and stop blaming people for a condition they cannot help.”

Some people will argue

that it was a choice the first time a person used substances. “That’s a really good point,” she said. “The majority of people who live in Canada will try substances at some point in their lives. Most of us will. We’ll take a drink. That’s a substance. For many of us it will never get any worse than that. We’ll have a drink every now and then but for some people it’s genetics. It’s adverse childhood experiences. There are different things in that

person’s past that may cause them to have problems down the road that develop from taking that first drink. It could be anything. It could be your friend or colleague who was in a car accident and was prescribed pain medication for a traumatic injury, which is completely understandable as that class of drugs known as opioids are highly addictive. That can happen to just about anybody because they are so addictive. It’s like a constel-

lation of things for certain people to develop a substance use problem or a substance use disorder problem down the road.”

“Things change,” Ms. Rykelyk-Huizen said. “Words evolve. Our language evolves. We don’t use words like the lunatic asylum anymore. We talk about mental health centres. Our language influences how we perceive people. The way we talk about them shapes how we see

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## Law & Order

### OPP thanks hikers for assistance

On July 1 at 5:21 pm, a member from the Nipissing West (Noëlville) detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Emergency Response Team (ERT) responded to an injured person in Killarney Provincial Park.

The injured person activated a spot locator beacon, which provided the Global Positioning System (GPS) co-ordinates to both police and park wardens.

The individual was located and was suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion and unable to walk. The ERT member, along with two park wardens and nine backcountry hikers used a stretcher to carry the injured person to safety. They had to endure a 1.5 kilometre trek through rugged terrain, which included steep inclines and declines, large boulders and swamps.

The OPP would like to thank the hikers involved. With their assistance, the transportation of the injured person was expedited to the awaiting Ornge air ambulance.

The individual was flown to the local hospital and treated for dehydration and heat exhaustion, then later discharged.

The OPP would like to remind the public of the “what3words” app that is offered for free download for both Android and Apple devices. The app labels every three squared metres with a unique three-word location string which can be converted into latitude and longitude coordinates for entry into the computer aided dispatch system in use at the OPP Provincial Communication Centre.

If the caller does not have the app previously downloaded onto their mobile device, the PCC communicator can send a link to the caller’s cell phone which will enable the caller (with data access and connectivity), to find their what3words location. The app is available in 43 languages but shares the location in English.

### Wiikwemkoong man charged by Nipissing West OPP

On July 1 at 9:30 pm, members of the Nipissing West (Sudbury) detachment of the OPP stopped a vehicle for travelling over 50 kilometres per hour (km/h) in a posted 90 km/h zone on Highway 69, in the City of Greater Sudbury.

While speaking to the driver, officers determined the driver was impaired. The driver was arrested and transported to Sudbury OPP detachment for further testing.

As a result of the investigation, a 25-year-old of Wiikwemkoong, was charged with operation while impaired by alcohol and drugs, operation while impaired with a blood alcohol concentration of 80 plus, dangerous operation of a vehicle, cause death or bodily harm, and race a motor vehicle, excessive speed.

The accused was released on both an appearance notice and a provincial summons, and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on August 25 in Sudbury.

The accused was issued a 90-day administrative driver’s licence suspension and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Groundbreaking news! Team Fergmeijer heard earlier this week that the road and sidewalk construction through Kagawong is nearing completion! Of course, we haven’t any concrete evidence yet. We tried talking to the steamroller operator (we hear he’s quite the flatterer!) but couldn’t flag him down. Weirdly, one day while we were watching the workers fasten some steel supports together (it was riveting!), we saw one of the construction workers arguing with a hairdresser over something. They were really going at it hammer and tongs! We wanted to add some more construction puns in honour of the end of the project, but we still have to hammer out some kinks to make sure we nail the delivery. We don’t want to screw them up and have you get board. After many delays through the spring, we are happy to announce that the Old Mill Heritage Centre will finally open for the season beginning Friday, July 16! Stop in - they’ll be open seven days a week from 10 am to 5 pm and visit their new Empress of Ireland exhibit. You won’t want to miss it!

Are you reading this paper on a Wednesday? Then what are you waiting for?! Come on by the pavilion across from the Old Mill in downtown Kagawong from 10 am to 3 pm every Wednesday for the Kagawong Market. There are over 40 vendors to peruse, and you’ll be sure to find lots of delicious treats, local produce and one-of-a-kind crafts. Please remember to wear your masks, use the provided hand sanitizer and social distance where possible. There are many traditional markers of summer: long, hot days, tourists crowding the falls, evening ice cream cones at the marina and/or variety store. For Team Fergmeijer, it isn’t truly summer until we’ve spotted beloved local

celebrity Steve Paikin taking in the quiet joys of our little town. Thankfully, the first Paikin sighting was reported by one half of the team last week at the market. Have you had a celebrity sighting in the township? Let us know!

Now that Ontario is in Step 2 of the reopening roadmap, the Billings Municipal Office in the Old Mill is open to the public again, but council meetings are still to be attended virtually. Contact [tmills@billingsstp.ca](mailto:tmills@billingsstp.ca) by 3 pm on the day of the council meeting for an invitation. A computer/tablet/mobile phone and internet connection, or a telephone, are required.

H&R Noble will be starting work at the outdoor rink at the Park Centre in the next few weeks. Advertising along the new boards is available if you would like to be part of the fundraising efforts for this project. Contact the township office for more information or to donate.

Happy birthday wishes go out to newly 29-year-old, Ardiss F! Age is just a number, but if you find the idea of turning another year older difficult to swallow, try adding some wine.

While in lockdown, the library and the Billings Heritage Centre have been working on a revamp of the local history book, *How It All Began*. Copies of the new edition will soon be available for sale at the library and museum, as well as at the Kagawong market.

Got big ideas? Have a vision for Billings Township? The township will be engaged in the next strategic planning cycle (2022-2025) during 2021. Watch for strategic planning surveys and have your say! The more people who contribute ideas and comments, the better the process and the stronger the plan for the next planning cycle. We did our laundry today, finally. That was a load off of our mind. Afterward, one half of Team Fergmeijer accidentally dropped all the clean clothes! The other half watched the whole tragic event unfold. Have a great week!

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Joyce McDonald had her daughter Sherry and her dog, Sadie, visit last week. Sherry’s friend Dan Strong spent the weekend.

Bill, Jim and Patsy Kling have been isolating at their cottage for two weeks. Their children and grandchildren have been here and left already.

Iris and Keith Clarke and three grandchildren were at the cottage for the weekend.

Chris and Pdraig Duncanson-Hales have been staying at Ken Duncanson’s cottage.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson had Blake, Willow and Shelby for a visit on the weekend. Willow and Shelby joined us for the swim on Saturday afternoon.

Thank you to Tom Rumley and neighbours who recently rescued an uncooperative boat and its passengers out from Cook’s Dock.

Tuesday, I provided lunch for the volunteers at the vaccine clinic at Manitoulin Secondary School. Thank you to Brenda Carter for helping with the carrying and serving.

Thank you to Albert Meijer for carrying while he waited to get his second shot.

We have been picking the last of the strawberries from the garden. The white currants and raspberries are also being picked. We had the first lettuce, kale and parsley this week. Saturday, we had another market. My best purchase was the handpicked wild blueberries from Sarah Pidgen. I put in an order for a lot more of them. My uncle, Jim Kritz died July 7. Condolences to his family. He was a wonderful man and we will miss him.

# Manitoulin Sporting Life

## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



### Basketball is back for kids and adults!

Spring Bay and Providence Bay recently hosted a soccer league for kids in some of the first organized team sports available since COVID. Now, organizers will be hosting basketball at the Prov arena. They will be starting with the following: Thursday evenings, starting July 22, from 6-7 pm: basketball lessons (for those entering Grades 1-4 in September). Eventbrite link for registration: [eventbrite.ca/e/youth-basketball-grades-1-4-tickets-162969952515](https://eventbrite.ca/e/youth-basketball-grades-1-4-tickets-162969952515)

Then from 7:15 to 8:15 pm, basketball lessons (for those entering Grades 5-8 in September). Eventbrite link for registration: [eventbrite.ca/e/youth-basketball-grades-5-8-tickets-162970225331](https://eventbrite.ca/e/youth-basketball-grades-5-8-tickets-162970225331)

Tuesday evenings in the Prov arena starting July 27: 6-7 pm, basketball drop-in for ages 9-13; 7-8 pm, basketball drop-in for ages 14-18 and 8-9 pm; and basketball drop-in for ages 18-plus.

These are participant-driven, unstructured sessions. Participants can just shoot hoops or set up games. Registration for each week will be available through Eventbrite. The best way to get info is through the Providence Bay-Spring Bay Recreation Committee Facebook page.

As always, an undertaking such as this could always use more volunteers and if anyone is interested in helping out you can reach out through their Facebook page.

### Fishing derby, another hit!

The Wiikwemkoong Anglers hosted their first bass derby of the season with another great turn-out with lots of fun and fish. The format for this event was for teams of two. There was a five fish limit and the fish must be released after weigh-in.

The winning boat of **Jonathan and Felix Flamand** netted an astounding 21 pounds with their top five fish. That is an average of over four pounds each! It is quite the day usually if one person gets a four pounder, but five? Well it was worth \$850. Taking second place was the married couple of **Quinton and Kendra Recollet** who boated 19.6 lbs and included the big fish (5.5) of the day. The pair won \$500 for second and \$200 for the largest bass. The angler who caught the biggun is a mystery at this point! It is a team, right? Someone had to net it! The third place boat with 18.2 pounds was **Lorne Agawa and Ethan Flamand**.

Next up for the Anglers is another bass tournament on Sunday, July 18 with the same format. The full rules are posted on their Facebook page. They include rules about sportsman ship such as not fishing closer than 50 feet and the use of artificial lures only. One change, however is the fishing boundaries for the derby. There will be a couple of no fishing zones for their future events. For more information check out their page or talk to one of the members.

### New Derby

The Wiky Anglers are also helping promote a virtual pike derby being centered out of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, just west of Sudbury. Dubbed the "Skoden Virtual Pike Derby" it is open to anglers who fish in any waterbody on Saturday, August 14. It is a fairly simple format. Anglers send in video submissions of the catch and release. This is quickly becoming a very familiar format in derbies, but if you are unfamiliar, you should have a look at their rules pinned in the discussion. The fee is \$50 for each fishermen and \$25 for kids 10 and under.

### The Attempt, part deux!

The paddling duo of **Kristin Bickell** and **Natalie Hastings** have restarted their huge challenge of paddling around all of Manitoulin's inland lakes. In The Attempt's first iteration they paddled all around Manitoulin's coast line. As epic as that was the amount of distance circumnavigating the Island's 100-plus lakes is much greater. Undaunted, Kristin and Nat are happily up for the challenge and often have landowner help with access and even the occasional third paddler (way to go, Ember!).

The paddlers knocked off Long, Stones and North Pine lakes for their latest update. In total the three circumnavigations was another 21km to bring up their cumulative kilometres to 224. Surprisingly enough, many of Manitoulin's smaller lakes have private ownership all around their shores and still need help accessing some of these lakes. If you can help them out search "The Attempt" on Facebook. Keep going, team!

### Maguire leaves!

NHL analyst and former head coach **Pierre McGuire** is joining the Ottawa Senators as senior vice president of player development. Pierre as an analyst must be an acquired taste and many won't miss his "monster" comments!

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# Olympic Odyssey:

## Yes, skateboarding is now an Olympic event

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This week marks the third installment of *Olympic Odyssey* by Mike Brock, an Olympics television producer for the CBC, a special for Expositor readers.

by **Mike Brock**

There's always something new to watch for at the Olympics. Rising stars you may not have heard of yet, a new technology—sport, or broadcast—and most years even some new events that you would never have considered "Olympic" sports. Tokyo will have all of this and more.

While the pandemic put a 12-month speed bump on the Games, that time also gave some up and coming athletes another year to get closer to prime time. Here are four of the notable new faces that you're going to be hearing a lot about, in Tokyo, and beyond.

### Shan Lin, Diving (China)

The Chinese have dominated the sport of diving for a long time, and every four years, it seems like a new star is at the top of the ladder. This year, it will be Lin Shan. In 2018, at the age of 16, Lin burst onto the scene, winning all three events at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires. To excel at both the three-metre springboard and the 10-metre platform is a rare feat. She'll be expected to contend for a few medals in Tokyo.

### David Popovici, Swimming (Romania)

David Popovici is a 16-year-old swimmer from Romania who is heading to Tokyo with the fastest 100-metre freestyle time in the world this year. In early July, he broke his own World Junior Record at 47.30. That the 100 freestyle is an event typically featuring much larger men who are also at least a decade older makes his recent progress all the more stunning.

### Summer McIntosh, Swimming (Canada)

Katie Ledecky was 15 when she made her Olympic debut for the United States in 2012. Since then, she has been nothing short of the greatest swimmer in the world. While she is again expected to dominate in Tokyo, Canada's Summer McIntosh is eliciting the same whispers that Ledecky did nine years ago. Only 14, from Etobicoke, McIntosh has been a stand out swimmer on the provincial level for at least five years. She consistently sets new standards for every age bracket she has passed through. But, for the first time, she will be representing Canada on the Senior international level, so her age won't matter a bit. Summer will be swimming the 200, 400 and 800 metre freestyles, as well as the 4 x 200 metre relay. Do you want to sound informed when watching McIntosh swim in Tokyo? Summer's mother, Jill Horstead, swam the 200 Butterfly for Canada at the Los Angeles Games in 1984.

### Sky Brown, Skateboarding (Great Britain)

Less than two weeks after becoming a teenager, Britain's Sky Brown will compete in the Olympics. She will be 13 years and 11 days old when she drops into the competition. Not only will she be the youngest British Olympian of all-time, she will already be one of the most recognizable athletes and one of the favourites in the event. She's currently ranked 3rd in the world, and has a pretty fat resume already...on and off the board. A few years ago, she won the US version of Dancing With The Stars: Juniors. She has also competed in the X Games and came third at last year's Park World Skateboarding Competition in Brazil. She has a chance to reach the podium in Tokyo for sure, but more importantly she will be a great story to watch as the sports of skateboarding becomes a part of the Olympic world.

Speaking of skateboarding's Olympic onboarding, there are four other new sports joining the Olympic roster: Surfing, sport climbing, 3-on-3 basketball and karate. Baseball and softball are also returning to the Games after a 13-year hiatus.

### Karate

Karate has its origins in Japan, so it makes sense that it would get showcased this year. It is unlikely that it will remain on the Olympic program, though. There will be two disciplines on display, "kumite" and "kata." Kutime will have three different weight classes for each gender, while kata will have one men's and one women's divi-

sion. In Kutime, you win when you have acquired eight more points than your opponent (points awarded based on the quality of punches and kicks landed), or if you have more points at the end of the match. In Kata, you perform solo, in front of judges, who award points based on the demonstration of both offensive and defensive movements.

### Skateboarding

The Winter Olympics have seen the influence of the X Games for a number of cycles, and the Summer Games are starting to catch up. Skateboarding, the original X Game sport, will finally make its debut. There will be men's and women's competitions in both the "Street" and "Park" disciplines. Don't count these sidewalk surfers out. It should be an impressive display of athleticism and there will be some colourful characters in the field, too.

### Sport Climbing

Sport climbing is one of those sports that you have to see, to believe. The athletes combine strength, flexibility, speed and fearlessness to complete tasks that seem inhuman. The competition will hand out one set of medals for men, and one set of medals for women for a combined competition made up of three disciplines: lead, speed, and bouldering. Lead climbing is about getting the furthest up a 15-metre wall within a certain time. Speed climbing lines up two climbers side by side on a 95 degree, 15-metre high wall. Most of the top athletes are able to climb this four or five story building in about eight seconds. Finally, bouldering sees the climbers traverse a route on a four-metre wall without ropes in a specified time. If the sport is a hit, and stays in the Olympic lineup for the next few Games, then look for the IOC to eventually split the disciplines into three separate categories.

### 3-on-3 Basketball

While traditional basketball remains the staple it has always been at the Games, International Basketball Association has been building the sport of 3-on-3 basketball for decades, and the Olympics have finally recognized it with inclusion on the Olympic program. It's the Rugby 7s version of basketball. Two teams of three compete on a half court to see who can get to 21 points first, or whoever is leading after 10 minutes of play. Just like we all used to do in the driveway growing up. There's a 12-second shot clock, too, so the game moves very quickly.

### Surfing

The final sport making its Olympic debut this year is surfing. We're not exactly sure when during the 16 days of the Olympics the event will happen, but it will. Because the sport depends on the right conditions, the event will stay open—basically on standby—until the wind, weather and waves make it a fair competition. Even though they're surfers, it will not be a totally endless summer. Once they start the event, the athletes it will take place over two consecutive days.

Perhaps the one new thing that will have the biggest impact at this year's Olympics will be the IOC's loosening of restrictions on the athletes' freedom to express their beliefs. When American sprinters John Carlos and Tommie Smith raising their fists on the podium in Mexico 1968 to highlight racial injustice in their own country, they were vilified and sanctioned. Now, more than half a century later, with the world firing in all sorts of different directions, sport and its champions have an opportunity to provide direction. These games, and the athletes competing, can be a beacon for all of us to getting better to each other, and for each other. The eyes of the world will be on Tokyo for a few weeks, and if the athletes have an opportunity to use that audience to affect some positive change, then we are all better for it.

Next week, we'll take you through a daily rundown for week one of the Tokyo Olympics—what to watch for and who to cheer for. Remember, while the opening ceremonies aren't until Friday, July 23, a few events (including the Canadian Women's Soccer Team facing off against the host Japan) will kick off on July 21.

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## ..Language can influence perceptions

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 them so that's why changing our language is so important. Using person-first language is key to changing people's attitudes because when you put the word person or people into the way we think about and the way we talk about other people, it puts a person at the centre of what we're talking about. That forces us to recognize their humanity whereas words that are stigmatizing, like addict or junkie, they're completely dehumanizing because there's no person at the centre of it. Once we start to use person-first language it forces us to recognize the humanity of the people we're talking about."

An example is using 'person with substance use disorder' rather than addict or user. The change shows that a person has a problem rather than is the problem and removes individual blame. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

also suggests replacing 'habit' with 'substance use disorder' because habit "inaccurately implies that a person is choosing to use substances or can choose to stop," and can also undermine the seriousness of the disease.

Changing the language that you use and thinking about the person that you're talking about as a person is the fundamental change that's needed but it's also important to listen to people's stories, said Ms. Rykelyk-Huizen. "It's about listening to people with lived and living experience and really hearing what they say. That's how you become an ally. You listen and you educate yourself. You show you're open to learning about somebody else. I think becoming an ally is an important step that we can take to support people who use substances."

CCSA's stigma primer (ccsa.ca) is one way someone can begin to educate

themselves. Another is the Stigma Ends with Me video series produced by the Community Addictions Peer Support Association (capa.ca). The videos focus on stigma and substance use and contain testimonials from people who have experienced stigma. "The best ways to raise awareness are to educate ourselves to obtain a better understanding of substance use as a health condition and to listen to the stories of people with lived and living experience. That is a really important part of increasing compassion and increasing our understanding," she said.

At a minimum, Ms. Rykelyk-Huizen repeated, "We need to use medically accurate terminology and person-centred language. I keep coming back to that because I think it can actually start to change what we think and perceive when we change our language."



In photo, left to right, the team of Allison Idle and Sheila Bray are congratulated by Myrna Thomas (Manitoulin Golf clubhouse manager) for winning the Manitoulin Golf annual ladies tournament this past Saturday.

## Manitoulin Golf hosts ladies tournament

by Tom Sasvari  
 GORDON—The Allison Idle and Sheila Bray team are the champions of the Manitoulin Golf annual ladies' tournament.

The Idle-Bray team posted a three over par score of 75 over the 18-hole tournament held this past Saturday, to take first place in the event.

"Thank you to everyone for coming out and taking part in this tournament," said Myrna Thomas, clubhouse manager for Manitoulin Golf at the awards ceremony. "It was nice to see some new faces here today and a lot of familiar faces."

"Thanks for a wonderful day," said Ms. Thomas. Taking first place in the

second flight was the team of Barb Richer and Evelyn Corbiere who posted a score of 93.

Other prizes were handed out, including for longest drive, which went to Martha Murray, and clos-

est shot to the hole on the fourth hole. Allison Idle, with a tee shot that landed 20 feet 10 inches from the pin, won the latter prize.

A total of 10 two member teams took part in the tournament.

## Government funding will help Assig. Township enhance arena, fairgrounds

by Tom Sasvari  
 MANITOWANING—Assiginack Township council is pleased to announce a partnership with the Ontario and Canadian governments through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) which has provided the township with funding of \$605,000 that will go toward enhancing the arena and fairgrounds and associated new projects.

"I think this is very good news for the township," stated Dave Ham, mayor of Assiginack Township when contacted by The Expositor last week.

"It's super exciting," stated Jackie White, events coordinator for Assiginack

Township. Over the next three years, "the ballfield will receive new lighting, a new storage shed and bleachers."

"A new basketball court is going to be constructed," Ms. White told The Expositor.

"And the fairgrounds/track will have improved drainage and ditching, with the track being resurfaced. There will also be disc golf, three new jumping pits (standing, running and triple jump pits) and a soccer field will be created." The sliding hill will also be landscaped, she said.

"And at the arena, the upstairs arena will be turned into a fitness centre," continued Ms. White.

Ms. White pointed out that through the ICIP funding, one-third was garnered from both the provincial and federal governments, with the township providing a third of the funding. "The municipality is providing one-third or 33 percent of the project costs in this joint partnership. The municipal share of the project funding is \$187,000."

"It's so great to give our ratepayers more things to do," said Ms. White. "The goal is to get things started and done as soon as possible. We have draft tenders circulating among staff to go our for bids on the work to be done."



Arthur La'Londe of Sheguiandah proudly shows off his winnings.

## Sheguiandah man's dreams are now dreamier with a \$333,333 Lotto Max win

SHEGUIANDAH—Arthur La'Londe of Sheguiandah can realize his dreams after winning \$333,338.40 in the June 11 Lotto Max draw. He also won \$5 on his Encore selection bringing his total winnings to \$333,338.40. Mr. La'Londe shared a \$1 million Maxmillions prize with two other tickets.

Mr. La'Londe, 58, said he is an occasional lottery

player with Lotto Max and Lotto 6/49 being his favourite games. "I won \$20 and replayed my ticket which led me to this prize!" he shared.

The father and grandfather used the ticket checker at the store and when he saw 'Big Winner' appear, he brought the ticket to the cashier to have it validated. "I think he was more excit-

ed than I was," he laughed. "Then I called my wife—she was very excited!"

Mr. La'Londe plans to set up education funds for his grandchildren and enhance his retirement with the rest. "I feel very lucky—it's hard to believe I won."

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# ...Ont. minister discusses millions for opioid crisis

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Roadmap to Wellness. Associate Minister Tibollo's background made him an ideal choice for his role in this new ministry, created in July 2019. He was chairman of the Caritas School of Life, a therapeutic community program located in Woodbridge, is a certified addictions counsellor and is currently working towards his doctorate in clinical psychology.

You need to understand the genetics of an individual with mental health or substance use issues and you need to understand the environment the person came from, he explained. "And if there are attachment issues, what those attachment issues are. You need to understand the physical environment the person is living in and of course, you need to underscore all of that with the spirituality. You need to understand and have to give that person that intrinsic motivation to want to live and improve his life."

One of his biggest concerns currently, as the minister responsible for mental health and addictions, is the number of people, young women in particular, that are suffering from eating disorders. "I'm trying to figure out why during the pandemic has this become a pandemic in and of itself," said Associate Minister Tibollo. "It's one of the most complicated mental health issues that a person can have because it has to do with nutrition, it has to do with physiology and it has to do with psychology. Interventions are extremely costly and extremely few and far between. In speaking with some psychiatrists, they've come back and said the increase in eating disorders are the result of time during the pandemic

that kids have spent in front of a screen."

Body image issues can become a focal point because kids see themselves in that screen the entire time they're in front of that screen. That ends up causing them to want to change, he explained. "It causes them to want to control the only thing they can control and that's their food intake. Kids are starving themselves." They are developing bulimia, anorexia or another eating disorder and it's often difficult to see until it's too late. "I'm seeing that becoming a huge issue and it concerns me. The end result of many eating disorders is either an addiction to compensate or to cope with the problem or suicide. We're seeing those numbers creeping up."

The pandemic has changed nearly everything, he said. The number of people accessing the Kids Help Line is approximately 10 times what it was prior to the pandemic. Opioid overdoses and deaths have increased over 60 percent from pre-pandemic numbers. Anxiety and depression are also on the rise. "As a government, it's difficult when you're trying to figure out how to deal with these problems but you're telling everyone to stay at home."

A number of virtual supports have been developed, including internet-based cognitive behavioural therapy (ICBT) and the Bounce Back program. As of last week, more than 83,000 people in the province were on the ICBT programs. People can self-refer and all programs are available free of charge at ontario.ca/mentalhealth.

"The feedback we're getting is in line with what academics consider to be

effective treatment or supports evidence-based treatment. We are getting about a 70 percent success rate where people are actually completely cured. This is for mild and moderate anxiety and depression. It has worked as well on acute which is something we're investigating now as well."

The system was so popular, he said, that the initial \$20 million investment has been increased. The system hasn't been in place long enough to determine recidivism rates. The province is also developing a structured psychotherapy program for in-person supports that will be fully funded. It will again utilize CBT to deal with anxiety and depression. "If you want to talk about mental illness, the two most significant issues we have are anxiety and depression," he said.

He offered some additional statistics: In Canada, half a million people a week don't go to work because of a mental health or addiction issue. More than two-thirds, or 70 percent, of all mental health issues could have been dealt with in childhood. One in three Canadians will have some kind of a mental health issue because the supports aren't there. Early intervention can resolve 25 percent of all addictions. "By building resiliency into our kids with education and other programs, we can reduce addiction by 25 percent. That's a reported statistic from a study that was peer reviewed."

"That was a foundational issue for me when I became minister," he said. "Do I invest in children and increase prevention and resiliency or do I invest in capacity because of the number of people

that are dying. We've tried to invest across the board as much as possible. We opened up 30 beds at Pine River for children and youth. Is it enough? No, it'll never be enough, unless we deal with the underlying issues which require us to look at the social determinants of health. That's the problem."

The hardest piece is figuring out how to deliver standardized services around a province the size of Ontario. "It's difficult to do, and that's why we're looking to a hub and spoke model for the North," he said. "One of the reasons I'm here is to see where we can either utilize an existing facility or support the development of another facility to form the hub, and then there would be places where they can radiate out the supports into other communities." On Manitoulin, he points to the land-based healing program at Gwekwaadziwin Miikan (Gwek) as a potential hub. When asked if the ministry is considering supporting a youth pilot program at Gwek, he responded, "Definitely. The youth program is to me the pilot that I'd like to see for Indigenous healing. Breaking it down into the province's hub and spoke model gives me the ability to create a net, kind of like a layer of expertise in the North. That level of expertise is direly needed because of the situation we're in with the number of opioid overdoses up here."

The topic of overdoses

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# ...Manitoulin highest vaccination rates

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Ms. Weatherbe continued, "we want to encourage everyone who has received their first vaccine and are eligible to book their appointment for a second dose as early as they can. People can book their appointments online. And we are providing walk in clinic opportunities. Over the next three weeks walk-in clinics will be provided at Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) (on Tuesdays) later in the afternoon." She pointed out there are a limited number of

vaccines available for those opting to take part in the walk-in clinics. "We have had good turnouts for the walk-in clinics for those receiving their first or second vaccination."

"We would really like to get the word out about the walk-in clinics," continued Ms. Weatherbe. "This will appeal to those individuals who have very busy schedules."

Ms. Weatherbe told The Expositor, "I have been supporting the vaccination clinic roll for the past six months and have had

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launch when weather dictates, and is good for larger boats to use. I think it would be a mistake to remove that launch.”

“I agree with Bryan to a certain point,” said Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack. “I agree if we wait for funding (the project) is probably never going to happen. But I don’t support keeping the (AHM) boat launch ramp. I support taking out the boat launch. I think the boat launch being downtown is a liability issue. As we grow as a community and get busier, downtown traffic is going to increase and the launch ramp is going to become a liability with people using it (and being so close to the street).”

Councillor Michael Hunt explained that he agreed with Councillor Barker that the boat launch ramp should not be removed. “There is a lot of public support for leaving the launch ramp. There is ample room between the ramp and the road. And other municipalities have launch ramps on busy roads, Gore Bay for example has two. There

is considerable community support to keep the launch ramp. The fire department uses the ramp for training exercises. And large trucks when they miss the corner turn at the highway often come downtown and use the boat launch area space to turn around. Closing the ramp would go against the best interest of the township.”

“I agree with Councillors Barker and Alkenbrack to move ahead with the sheet piling work. We have a healthy amount of funds in reserves,” said Councillor Sharon Jackson. “And the (government) funding well may be dry. As for the launch ramp, we just created the new small craft harbour. I agree the (AHM) ramp can become a hazard, as people try to back up boats in the water and may block the road. And it would look better aesthetically and logistically to fill in the area so there would be no boat launch ramp.”

With councillors’ views on the recommendation Mayor Anderson wondered if a second resolution was needed on the boat

launch issue itself.

“I support the expenditure to stabilize the shoreline and be part of the Main Street Hill construction,” said Mayor Anderson. “I think this should continue.” He acknowledged, “I have had a change of heart on the boat launch. I had originally thought we could get away with having one launch ramp, but I’ve examined both, and there is a lot of community support to keep both.” He said the AHM launch ramp is valuable for several reasons and pointed out, “the old launch has a proven track record of working. And in my 47 years living on the Island I can’t recall any accident having taken place there. I support expenditure and retaining the second boat launch.”

Township clerk Kathy McDonald said the current resolution and cost is based on the work to be done and the launch being removed.

Councillors Barker, Hunt and Jackson, along with Mayor Anderson voted in opposition to the original recommended

motion. A new motion was then brought forward that council give its authority for the sheet piling work to be carried out, with the boat launch ramp remaining in place. Councillor Barker put forward the motion and Councillor Michael Hunt seconded the motion, with no one opposing the motion.

Mr. Gordon, in his memo to council, said the sheet piling on the west side of the AHM, in the vicinity of the parking/turning area immediately north of the Anglican Church, is work that has been anticipated as part of the AHM rehabilitation. “Although a full AHM plan is not in place, and we have not secured any funding for this work, the current opportunity represented by Gratton Construction being already on site is a good one, in the opinion of staff. For the sake of clarification, this expenditure will be funded 100 percent from the municipality’s own reserves.”

“For your additional information, the associated work will include rehabilitating

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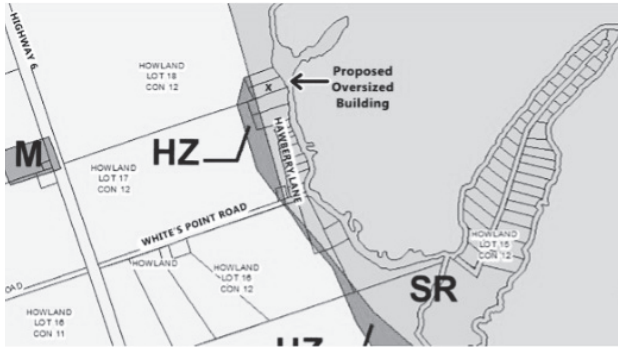
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## ...Aus Hunt Marina boat launch ramp will remain open

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the turning/parking area, raising the elevation and re-asphalting this area," continued Mr. Gordon's report. "The associated work is \$55,697 and will be included in the Main Street reconstruction project, and will cost \$55,697.14. So, to be clear, this amount is not included in the recommendation made above."

Mr. Gordon also informed council, "in spite of some delays, and a little bit of weather, the (Main Street Hill construction) project continues to run

well ahead of schedule. At the time of writing, the situation is as follows: all roadway sub-base drainage structures are in place; the road base is at grade and ready for asphalt in many locations; the retaining wall at the Kuku Hut and Chocolate Works is well underway; the parking area adjacent to the Anglican Church will be receiving a new retaining wall to match the others. This work is underway. This is an additional item to the original project scope; all retaining walls will receive handrail/pedestrian barrier; there will be fencing installed along

the escarpment at the Old Church on the Hill; the escarpment face has been hydroseeded. This is experimental, but the hope is that the hydroseeding will take hold and contribute to erosion control; the curb and gutter contractor will remobilize soon to complete the curb and gutter work and concrete sidewalk. And the road between the intersection of Highway 540 and Henry Drive (the main entrance to the Park Centre) will be asphalted within the next week or two."

## ...Sudbury Wolves coach has strong Manitoulin ties

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(1982-1983) in the Metro Junior Hockey League, then he went to the Sudbury Wolves for two seasons (1983-1984 and 1984-1985) seasons. He started the 1985-1986 season in the NHL with the Los Angeles Kings notching one assist in two games before being returned to the Wolves. He was eventually traded to the Cornwall Royals (also in the Ontario Hockey League) for the 1985-1986 season.

"He played for several teams in the AHL (American Hockey League)," said Ms. Duncanson. "Murray also likes hockey and watched all his games, and even when Craig was really young he and Murray would play hockey in the basement of our house."

"I got back into coaching about 10 years ago," Mr. Duncanson said. He took over as head coach of the Laurentian University men's hockey team eight and a half years ago, before the program was cancelled this year due to the university's financial crisis. Previously he has coached and worked with Canada's



under 17 minor midget hockey program and administration with local girls' hockey in Sudbury. Previous to getting back into coaching, he had been in the financial business and sales.

Born March 17, 1967 Mr. Duncanson is a former left winger in the NHL. He was drafted in the first round, ninth overall, by the Los Angeles Kings in the 1985

NHL entry draft, after his second season playing with the Sudbury Wolves. He played 38 games in the NHL; 28 over five seasons with the Kings, seven with the Winnipeg Jets in the 1990-1991 season and three with the New York Rangers in the 1992-1993 season.

Mr. Duncanson turned professional in 1986 with two games for the Kings during the 1985-1986 sea-

son. While in the Kings' organization, he played mostly for their affiliate New Haven Nighthawks of the AHL with call-ups to the NHL squad. He was traded to the Minnesota North Stars by the Kings for Daniel Berthiaume on September 6, 1990, then flipped by Minnesota to Winnipeg for Brian Hunt. On May 21, 1991 Mr. Duncanson was traded again, this time to the Washington Capitals. He never played for the Capitals, and he signed as a free agent with the New York Rangers on September 4, 1992. Mr. Duncanson played three seasons for the Rangers organization, mostly with the Binghamton Rangers of the AHL. In 1995, Mr. Duncanson left the Rangers organization, signing with the Orlando Solar Bears. He played for three seasons in the International Hockey League before retiring.

"We are quite proud of Craig," said Ms. Duncanson. "He has followed his dream."

## ...first female AFN national chief

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winning candidate must secure 60 percent of the vote in order to be elected. Although National Chief Archibald only garnered 50.5 percent on the fifth ballot, Mr. Bellerose conceded the race at that point.

There were 406 chiefs and proxies registered to vote and 350 votes were cast on the final ballot.

National Chief Archibald ran on a platform of building a post-pandemic recovery plan for First Nations, supporting community-driven solutions that encourage economic self-sufficiency and ensuring women, youth and 2SLGBTQIA people have space within AFN political processes, notes a release from the Chiefs of Ontario.

"This was a historic week for First Nations across the country and I applaud National Chief Archibald's work in break-

ing the glass ceiling and sending a strong message to our youth, women and 2SLGBTQIA community members that they are welcome in this arena as political leaders, activists and representatives of their community," said Ontario Regional Chief Hare.

On July 12 the Chiefs of Ontario hosted a National Chief Welcome Celebration to celebrate newly elected AFN National Chief RoseAnne Archibald. This event will include opening remarks by Ontario Regional Chief Glen Hare and co-Hosts Chief Mark Hill and Chief Stacey Laforme, followed by GIIEWEZH (to carry home), a fantastic lineup of Indigenous musicians from Ontario who shared their music and connection to land and place, identity and their creative process.

The National Chief Welcome Celebration was livestreamed on the internet at [coonationalchiefcelebration.neme.tv](http://coonationalchiefcelebration.neme.tv).

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## ...AOK matriarch a study in resilience

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off the land. We were always together." Like many Indigenous trappers down through the centuries her father made a good living selling his furs to the Hudson's Bay Company. In the summer he would create snowshoes, the excess production of the famed winter footwear could be sold to the company.

"My mother said I was a chubby child in those days," she said. "I was always dancing when they played music." She was, by all accounts, a very happy child.

Ms. Nahwegahbow's family was from Marten Falls, an hour-long floatplane ride to the railhead where the young six-year-old was placed aboard a train bound for the residential school in MacIntosh. She suddenly entered an alien world for which her earlier life had left her ill-equipped.

"I didn't speak any English," she recalled. The train ride was a very frightening experience for the young child, but she was not alone, as several other small frightened children were on the train. The one bright spot was a Black conductor who gave them candy to try and calm them down. "He was very nice," she said. "Some of us were crying, he made us laugh and forget for a little while."

Ms. Nahwegahbow had seen a train before, as her father sometimes worked on the railroad. "So I knew about white people, people different than us," she said.

MacIntosh Indian Residential School was a residential school opened by the Catholic Church in 1924. The school was located between Forest Lake and Canyon Lake. The main school building was burned down by a fire in 1969 and only the chapel remains standing today. A memorial sits near the site of the former school as a reminder of the forced assimilation and abuse to generations of Indigenous children.

Arriving at the residential school, Ms. Nahwegahbow had her hair cut and was dusted with white powder to kill any potential body lice she might be carrying—a standard practice that greeted young Indigenous children when first arriving at the schools and which set the theme of "dirty Indian" that would reoccur throughout her schooldays. She was also given a number, and it was this number that would be her name while attending the school.

"I took my mom there," said Ms. Nahwegahbow's daughter Irene Altman. Ms. Altman described the journey down a lonely dirt road to the site which lies on the rail line, but is no longer served by rail.

Ms. Nahwegahbow recalled the diet at the school, in which liver featured regularly as an evening meal. Snacks included raw turnip and, a favourite of hers to this day, peanut butter and brown sugar sandwiches for a treat. There were some bright spots, including trips to the sugar bush in the spring and the occasional barge ride.

But for many of the children, including Ms. Nahwegahbow, the food was very different from what they were accustomed to. The first time she returned to her family, Ms. Nahwegahbow had been transformed into a skinny child.

Trips home were very rare, given the distances involved, and most Christmas holidays were spent at the school. "Christmas was the big feast," she recalled.

After a while, Ms. Nahwegahbow said that she became estranged from her family. "I was losing my family, I didn't want to go home," she said. Many of the people from her earlier life had become strangers to her in the intervening years. "I didn't know them when I came home," she said.

In her last year of residential school at MacIntosh, Grade 8, one of the sisters who had taken a liking to the young girl gave her a suitcase and clothes for her birthday. "Her name was Sister Albert, I think," said Ms. Nahwegahbow.

## ...donation to Wagg's Wood

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donate to the municipality and will be added to the park. "Wayne and the municipality have been working together for a while to make the new trailhead and accessibility trail section a reality. We all realize the park is such an underutilized natural asset that benefits the whole Central Manitoulin community and visitors alike. It's also really nice to see a good balance between local business, the economy and the environment."

The municipal 42-acre park will provide recreational opportunities which encourage healthy lifestyles and thus enhance the quality of life within the community. In the future, the new hub that is 400 feet in from the new trailhead will branch off to different future trails, including a creek bed fossil walk and a highly anticipated escarpment trail that goes up to the bulk of the park, which is about two-thirds of the 42-acre park above the cliff face. This new trail will offer some views and new adventure opportunities for Wagg's Wood. "Most people don't realize how big the park really is because the traditional beaten path trail that most of us use is below the escarpment. All of this new enhancement planning really wouldn't have been possible without the new trailhead location and we thank Wayne for that."

The trail committee has volunteer opportunities available for upcoming work.

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Elaine Nawehgahbow as a young girl.

Ms. Nahwegahbow's cousin Chanie (Charlie) Wenjack was attending nearby Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora when he became lonely and ran away, following the railroad tracks. The 12-year-old Ojibwe boy was found frozen and starved, dead along the tracks trying to make it home the 800 kilometres. His fate was immortalized in a song by Gord Downey and the Tragically Hip and documented in the book 'Wenjack' by Joseph Boyden. Ms. Nahwegahbow remembers Chanie as a young boy.

Chanie Wenjack was born on the Ogoki Post on the Marten Falls Reserve. At the age of nine he was forced, along with his two sisters, to attend the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School in Kenora. Once there he was given the name Charlie. The school was funded by the Canadian government and overseen by the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. At the time, 150 students attended the school. He was known to have a good sense of humour, according to the principal at the time, and was always the first to recognize a pun or riddle.

Ms. Nahwegahbow's memories of residential school are rife with examples of how the children were demeaned and made to feel less than worthy as human beings. She recalled one incident when the children were engaged in the time-honoured game of shooting spitballs at the ceiling. The nuns forced the children to pick up the pieces of saliva-wet paper from the floor with their mouths.

Ms. Nahwegahbow went on to attend St. Mary's High ...continued on page 13

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## ...AOK matriarch a study in resilience

...continued from page 12 School before spending a year at Winnipeg's Assiniboia High School. She went on to work in a tourist camp with two of her friends from school.

"One of the big downfalls for us as a family was the loss of language," said daughter Bev Abotossaway. Because of that loss, the grandchildren could not speak to their grandparents, who never learned English. "We knew they cared for us, but we could not talk to each other."

Ms. Nahwegahbow moved to Sudbury, where she took upgrading at a vocational school at night and met her husband Henry. "He was in college," she said. Her husband went on to enjoy a career at INCO until the six-month strike of 1967. "We couldn't afford to be on strike," she recalled. The couple eventually moved back to Mr. Nahwegahbow's home community of Aundeck Omni Kaning.

Ms. Nahwegahbow worked at the hospital in Little Current until a car accident one evening made her and a colleague late for work. They were summarily fired. Undaunted, Ms. Nahwegahbow went on to several careers, including as a social worker and administrator—she even tried her

hand at becoming a language teacher, but decided that was not for her.

Her family did not know their mother went to residential school, noted Ms. Altman.

"She never talked about it," said Ms. Abotossaway.

The first time Ms. Nahwegahbow opened up about her experiences was during a workshop hosted by Shirley Cheechoo of M'Chigeeng. That experience helped open the floodgates for her children and eventually led to a pilgrimage with her daughters to the site of residential schools, including many of the places around the school where she spent so much of her childhood.

Ms. Nahwegahbow's own children grew up in a Christian household (not Catholic, her experiences at a Catholic-run residential school put paid to that possibility) that eschewed the traps of alcohol and substance abuse. But the impact of the residential school system remained.

"We always knew our mother loved us," said Yvonne Nahwegahbow. "But there was no hugging or other physical contact."

The children had rules to follow, certain clothes were worn to go to school, but removed as soon as they got

home. The house was always immaculate and home life tended to be quite regimented. "At the school there was a bell to get up in the morning and another for meals and another to go to bed," recalled Ms. Nahwegahbow. It was an institutional environment to grow up in and was translated into her own family's life as they grew up.

Ms. Nahwegahbow managed to bridge the divide that residential school attempted to instill. Although she did not teach her children Anishinaabemowin and her children did not even know what a powwow was until much later in life, she still managed to overcome the challenges of an institutional upbringing and set in place the core values that allowed them to lead productive and community and family centred lives.

Hers is a story of resilience and determination that lies at the foundation of a resurgent Indigenous story, bent but unbowed before the winds of colonialism, and stands as a testament to the resilience of the Indigenous communities and individuals who make up Canada's First Nations.



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## ...Manitoulin highest vaccination rates

...continued from page 9 the opportunity to work with so many fantastic volunteers, health care workers, municipalities, First Nations, hospitals, basically everyone who has had a part in this. We appreciate having had such dedicated parties involved."

On Monday, PHSD announced another tool in its vaccination arsenal. Starting Tuesday, July 13 a mobile clinic will travel to locations in the health unit's service area, including Manitoulin, to offer COVID-19 vaccinations. The mobile clinic, a con-

verted transit bus, will hit the road to operate throughout the summer. Current locations are planned for the weeks of July 12 and 19. Dates as to when the mobile clinic will visit Manitoulin were not available as of press time Monday.

The Manitoulin COVID-19 Leadership Coordination Committee met for its biweekly meeting on July 6. "Leadership remarked there has been an increase of visitors to the Island largely due to the summer season having started. However, businesses, resi-

dents, and others on the Island are generally respecting public health guidance, including social distancing and the wearing of masks."

## ...millions for opioid crisis

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on Manitoulin was researched extensively in the recent special supplement to The Expositor 'Out of the Shadows,' available online at Manitoulin.com or through this newspaper's offices in Little Current and Gore Bay.

Associate Minister Tibollo spoke about the need for culturally sensitive services. "I think our best success will be when Indigenous people are trained to provide Indigenous supports and services to Indigenous people. As a matter of fact, after they've been trained, I think we should bring them in to train others because land-based healing is an amazing way to help a person with addiction regardless of where a person originates in the world."

"We're looking at a client-centred, holistic approach model to help individuals. I'm not as concerned about length of treatment as I am about the quality of treatment. When you figure out quality of treatment and you build a system that has peer to peer supports, that has cultural sensitivity, where therapeutic alliances can be built quickly and that is using evidence-based treatment strategies, you can instil in the individual the skills they need."

You can't forget social determinants of health, the associate minister said. When he was Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, he had a guns and gangs map. "Everywhere in the province it would light up where the guns and gangs were. When I became Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport I looked at where the community centres and community programs were and those spots were few and far between. There was nothing organized to give the kids something to do outside of school. Then I became the associate minister for mental health and addictions and the pandemic hit. Where are the hot spots for COVID-19? Surprise, surprise. They're all in the same places. The underlying social determinants of health are not being met. If they're not being met you can have all the money in the world and it's like putting a band-aid on a hemorrhaging wound."

His role is to bring to the cabinet table the perspective of mental health and addictions and its relevance in everything we do, he said. "We talk about an economic recovery, but you have to have healthy minds to be able to undertake an economic recovery."

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John Manitowabi, Stephen Aiabens, George V. Peltier (not the bus driver), Theodore Flamand and Glen Toulouse gather on the viewing stand at the end of the new Wiikwemkoong Marsh Trail.

## Wiikwemkoong unveils Marsh Project trail and viewing stand

by Michael Erskine  
**WIKWEMKOONG**—The Wiikwemkoong Lands and Natural Resources Department crew were justly proud of their handiwork on the new Wiikwemkoong Marsh Trail and viewing stand. The construction crew took The Expositor on a tour for the opening of the new trail.

The new trail is intended as a learning environment, for both students with the Wiikwemkoong education system, community members and members of the general public focused in large part on the protection of species-at-risk.

Wiikwemkoong Department of Lands and Natural Resources Director John Manitowabi points to a row of brightly painted wood barriers erected near the Rabbit Island

powwow grounds before we head out to Prairie Point and the Marsh Trail.

“We have identified Gattinger’s agalinis growing along there,” he said. “It is a species-at-risk.”

Gattinger’s agalinis is a branching, slender, annual plant that usually grows to about 15 centimetres in height, but could reach as high as 60 centimetres. The leaves are very narrow and up to three centimetres long and the plant produces pale pink or rose-purple, bell-shaped flowers very late in the season, usually around September.

That is just one of many plants and traditional medicines that the lands department is working to protect and enhance, explains Species-at-Risk Co-ordinator Theodore Flamand.

As we head down the

path, Mr. Flamand points to some small nearby clearings. “We want to start a tree-planting program with the youth,” he said. “Get them involved in hands-on experiences in the bush helping to preserve and protect our resources.”

The trail has a number of entrances, but none of them are particularly challenging for most people. The trails are not fully accessible for some disabled, but are a still a work in progress. While the trails are fairly wide, Mr. Flamand said that they would like to discourage ATV use on these trails in order to better protect the species along the trail. “We didn’t make the trail a circle so that it would be less attractive for ATVs,” he said.

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## ...Wiikwemkoong trail and viewing stand

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At the main entry to the trail a large sign features photos of the various birds that can be spotted in the forest and marshes.

The trail signs feature artwork by crew member George V. Peltier, who created the artwork as a volunteer effort. That kind of effort reflects the sense of ownership demonstrated by the crew members in creating the Marsh Trail.

Stands along the length of the trail contain booklets with information about the plants and animals that can be found along its length.

Trees deep in the marshes along the side of the trail feature birdhouses of various sizes. "There's some wood ducks making a home in that one," said Mr. Manitowabi. Crew member George Aiabens points to a platform high above the swamp, "that's for a peregrine falcon to nest," he said.

As we make our way down the trail a brand new viewing stand and seating area come into view. The viewing stand overlooks a small lake and marsh, pro-



Theodore Flamand gives an overview of the information stand.

viding a safe and panoramic position from which to view the constant action taking place.

"That's a redpoll," pipes up Glen Toulouse in response to a bird call echoing across the marsh. The other crew members nod in agreement.

In the centre of the circled benches is a large chicken wire enclosed box. Mr. Flamand points to small indentations in the sand within the box. "Those are turtle nests," he says. "We brought the sand in to make a good place for them to nest."

While the Marsh Trail

was only open to community members while strict COVID-19 measures are in place, it should soon be open to the general public and tourists to enjoy, providing a new and innovative addition to things to see and enjoy on Manitoulin.

"A lot of people want to know more about the bush and the environment," said Mr. Manitowabi. "This trail will help educate both our own community members and visitors about the importance of protecting the medicines and other plants."



The signs along the trail are written in Anishnaabemowin.

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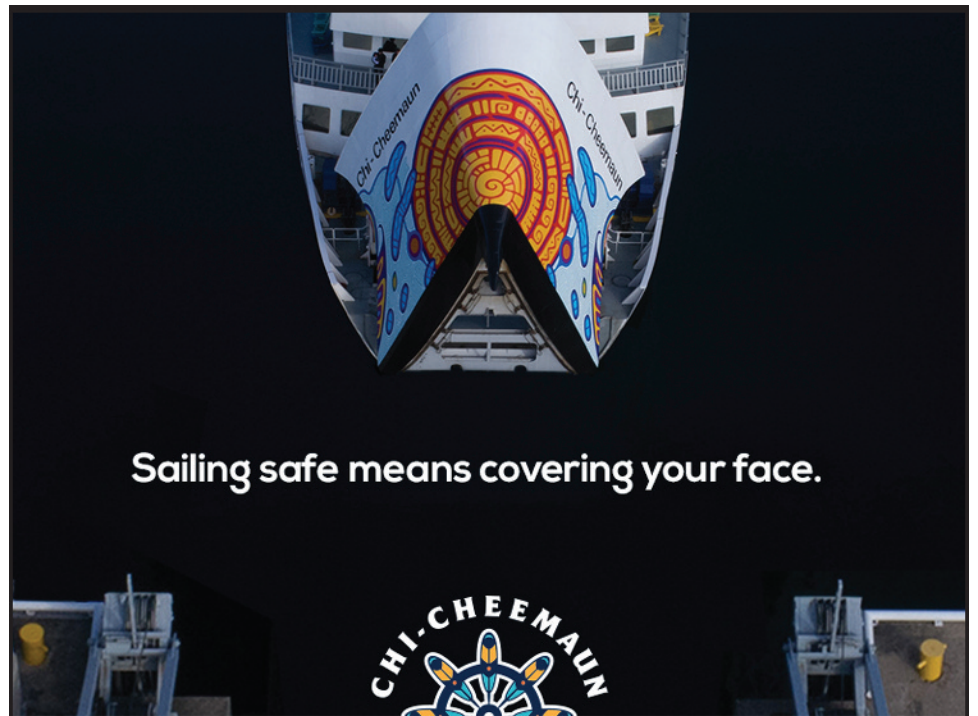
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# Inuk leader Mary Simon makes history as first Indigenous Governor General

**by Michael Erskine**  
OTTAWA—Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has chosen Inuk leader and former ambassador Mary Simon to be Canada's next governor general. Ms. Simon will be the first Indigenous person to be appointed to the role marking a historic occasion in the midst of a national reckoning over the nation's past.

During a news conference near Parliament Hill, Prime Minister Trudeau announced that Queen Elizabeth II, Canada's sovereign, has accepted his recommendation to appoint Ms. Simon as the nation's 30th governor general.

"I can confidently say that my appointment is an historic and inspirational moment for Canada and an important step forward on the long path towards reconciliation," said Ms. Simon, broadcast from the Canadian Museum of History in Gatineau, Quebec. "Indeed, my appointment comes at an especially reflective and dynamic time in our shared history."

Ms. Simon is an Inuk from Kuujjuag, a village on the coast of Ungava Bay in northeastern Quebec. Her mother was a local Inuk woman and her father a fur trader at a Hudson's Bay Company outpost.

"That's great," said UCCMM Tribal Chair Patsy Corbiere upon hearing the news of Ms. Simon's appointment. She described Ms. Simon as "very smart, a very educated person." The appointment, she notes, is more than just a token, but rather a sign of substantive change. "She will foster change," said Ogimaa-kwe Corbiere. "It is great to see a person of her stature in a leadership role."

Ms. Simon is bilingual, in English and Inuktitut, but has yet to master French. She pointed to the curriculum at the federal Fort Chi-

day school she attended in the Nunavik region as one reason for her lack of fluency in French, saying she never had the opportunity to learn Canada's other official language while at



**Governor General Mary Simon**  
photo by Sgt Johanie Maheu, Rideau Hall

that institution. The school has been the subject of lawsuits over the mistreatment of students by administrators.

"I was denied the chance to learn French during my stay in the federal government day schools," she said during the press conference, but promised to learn the language while on the job.

In a signal note, Ms. Simon's opening remarks were in Inuktitut.

"For a long time there have been barriers in place for First Nation, Inuit and Métis in this country, whether it's because of systemic racism, whether it's the fact that Indigenous languages are not official languages and therefore First Nation, Inuit and Métis are passed over because they might not have bilingualism in English and French," commented Natan Obed, head of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami who was a member of the advisory board that helped select potential candidates for the post.

Ms. Simon went on to note that she grew up experiencing a "very traditional lifestyle," but added that she also learned about the "non-Native world" from her father, who was a white man originally from Manitoba.

"Combined, these experiences allow me to be a bridge between the different lived realities that together make up the tapestry of Canada," Ms. Simon said, going on to note that she "can relate to all people no matter where they live, what they hope for or what they need to overcome."

Ms. Simon is ascending to Canada's highest post after an accomplished and varied career, having worked as an announcer and producer with CBC North before embarking on a long career focused on advocating for Indigenous rights.

Among her many accomplishments was helping to negotiate the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement in 1975.

That landmark deal was between the Cree and Inuit in Quebec's north, the provincial government and Hydro-Québec is hailed as the first modern treaty, not

only cementing Indigenous hunting, trapping and fishing rights, but also laying the groundwork for that province becoming an electricity powerhouse.

Ms. Simon went on to be elected president of Makivik Corp. in 1982, which was the organization created to administer the  
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Joan has travelled the world, living in many exotic places, but these days she prefers her journeys to be between the pages of books she regularly devours.

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## Perivale Gallery featuring new works of N. Ontario artist Frank Danielson opens July 17

PERIVALE—FLY, an exhibition and sale of the newest works of Frank Danielson, will open on July 17 at Perivale Gallery.

“Northern Ontario painter Frank Danielson has been working as a full-time artist since the 1990s,” explains Perivale curator Shannon McMullan. “Presently based in Sudbury, where he spent his early years surrounded by the vastness of the iconic Canadian landscape, he

primarily focusses on the natural beauty of Northern Ontario. Time spent living and working in Toronto, Kingston and

Montreal has also influenced his subject matter.” Mr. Danielson has been represented by Perivale Gallery for over 25 years.

Working primarily in oils, Mr. Danielson’s work explores the unconscious resonance of everyday objects and experiences through the interaction of abstraction and realism. Mr. Danielson completed his bachelor of fine arts at York University and has held solo exhibitions of his work in Japan, France and Canada.

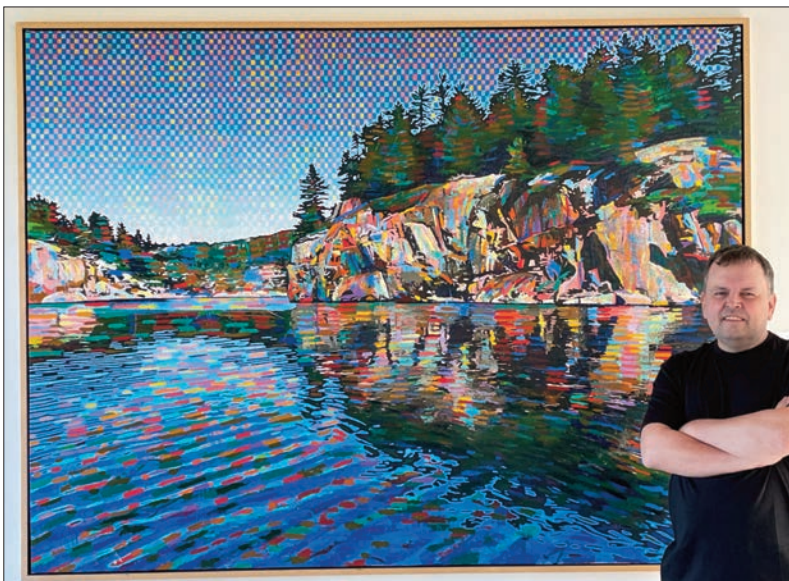
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to be featured in this exhibition will be uploaded to Perivale Gallery’s website by 7 am the morning of the opening, July 17. Inquiries and sales will be welcomed as of 7 am by calling 705-210-0290. Doors to the gallery open at 10 am.

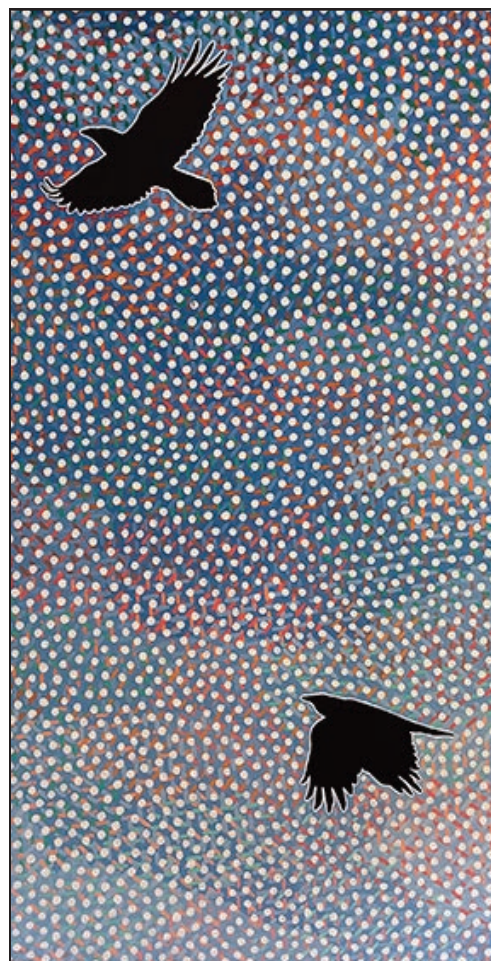
Mr. Danielson’s available works can be seen at Perivale Gallery until September 26. Following the gallery’s seasonal closing,

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funds the Inuit received from development taking place on their lands. That organization manages tens of millions of dollars’ worth of investments, that include an ownership stake in major Arctic air carrier Canadian North.

In 1986, Ms. Simon took up the lead of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, representing the Inuit in all the Arctic countries, where she championed two priorities for Northern Indigenous people: protecting their way of life from environmental damage and pushing for responsible economic development on their traditional territory.

In 2002, then prime minister Jean Chrétien named Ms. Simon Canada’s first Arctic ambassador, where she worked closely with other Arctic countries to bolster co-operation. She then went on to serve as

Canada’s ambassador to Denmark.

Ms. Simon served two terms as the president of the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK), a national Indigenous organization working to advance Inuit rights, where she fought for more resources for young people in the North.

She accepted former prime minister Stephen Harper’s apology for the past treatment of Indigenous peoples in the residential school system.

“Today after 154 years our country takes a historic step. I cannot think of a better person to meet the moment,” said Prime Minister Trudeau in making the announcement of Ms. Simon’s impending appointment. “It is only by reaching out to those around us, it is only by building bridges between people in the north and south, just like in the east and west that we can truly move forward.”





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# Exploring Manitoulin?

## Lake Mindemoya: Abundant beach options

by Isobel Harry

Not only is Manitoulin Island surrounded by the big waters of Lake Huron, it is also rich in inland lakes: there are 108 of them scattered all over the Island map. The largest of these, lakes Manitou, Kagawong and Mindemoya, and many smaller lakes, have seen campers and cottagers set up summer outposts on their shores since the late 1800s.

In Central Manitoulin, Lake Mindemoya's long history as a vacation destination may be appreciated on a tour around the lake, a drive or bicycle ride on the little roads that contour the water on the east and west sides.

Lined on the eastern shore with old-time rental operations, a golf course, cottages and homes fronted by docks with deckchairs, this side of the lake has the quiet air of a well-loved, long established community.

There are several spots along here to swim, launch a boat and have a picnic. Driving or biking south on Hwy 551 toward the town of Mindemoya, turn right on Hill Road, down to the evocatively-named Ketchankookem Trail at the waterfront. Here's a quintessential Lake Mindemoya scene, with the lakeshore cove on the right hosting the guests of the always popular Idyll Glen RV Park and the park and beach on the left that is open to the public.

Pleasant grassy park areas back the beaches around the lake, strips of fine sand that serve as personal welcome mats into the nice-and-warm shallow waters ahead. Young and old picnic at tables and on blankets, launch a boat, take a dip or just hang out, gazing across the water to Treasure Island, the storied isle of legends.

Treasure Island, or Mindemoya Island, is seen from almost anywhere around the lake; the shape resembles a



At several compact spots around Lake Mindemoya, a folding chair, a towel and inflatable water toys are all you need for a satisfying beach experience.

photo by Isobel Harry

prostrate human form with arms resting outstretched over the water. An old Anishinaabe legend tells of Nanabush, the infamous Trickster, who stumbled while carrying his grandmother over his shoulder, causing her to fly through the air to the middle of the lake where she landed on her hands and knees. Mindemoya (Mndimooeynh), the old woman of the lake, remains here ever since.

In 1883, the McPhersons of Toronto bought the island for \$60. They sold it in 1928 to Joe and Jean Hodgson who ran the tourist camp called Treasure Island, renowned far and wide until 1994. Their daughter, the late Marion Seabrook, wrote a memoir of the Hodgson saga: 'One Man's Journey: George Hodgson 1849-1924,' that can be found at the Welcome Centre and Pioneer Park in downtown Mindemoya, along with memorabilia from the heydays of the resort.

There are several accommodation options along Ketchankookem, including Island Spring and Cedar Grove rental cottages; between Pirate's Cove's cottages at the golf course and Mindemoya Court's cottages is the Mindemoya Public Beach, at Will-O-Wisp Way. This area is known as Old Spring Bay, and this beach is on Spring Bay, a lovely example of a 'classic' Lake Mindemoya beach: groomed and treed lush green lawn above and sand below with yards of sandy lake bottom to wade into, the wide public boat launch sees a steady stream of personal craft and there's a swimming dock at the end.

Still on Ketchankookem Trail, the road will join up with Lakeshore Road, another lovely lane to wander, and Highways 542/551; follow 551 along the south shore of the lake, stopping at still another small, quiet picnic area then proceeding west until the turn on the right to Monument Road.

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Island residents and kayakers Tanya Giles (Spring Bay) and Maureen Pearce (Providence Bay) emerge from the morning haze around Treasure Island.

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Monument Road is a bike route—as are all the roads around the lake—and a little piece of rural heaven: split rail fences sprout among flat limestone pavements, a few homes and cottages peep through the forest cover, cyclists and walkers, children and dogs meander as the road winds gently around the west side of Lake Mindemoya. The Stanley Park Campground comes into view, a sprawling, meticulously kept RV park with a convenience store carrying summer essentials such as ice cream (etc); a little farther along is a long public beach, or longed-for oasis, with picnic tables on a strip of lawn, benches, park-

ing and portable toilets. A few hundred yards up the beach is a new boat launch.

On this hazy morning, two kayakers approach the shore, Treasure Island shrouded behind them as in fog—Tanya Giles, of Spring Bay, and Maureen Pearce of Providence Bay slide up the sand bar in their orange one-person craft. The friends meet at this beach to go out in their kayaks, rounding the islands, in and out of coves “for half an hour, an hour,” then pack up their cars to head home. The usually tranquil water and peace of the morning draw them

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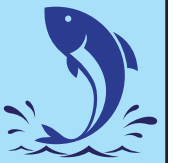
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# Sheguiandah veteran gifted with Quilt of Valour

by Alicia McCutcheon  
SHEGUIANDAH—Sgt. Patrick Huard, who resides in Sheguiandah with his wife Sandra and son Alex, was given a loving embrace from a grateful nation recently when he was presented with a Quilt of Valour from the Elliot Lake Quilt Guild.

Judy Millard made the trip to Sheguiandah on Father's Day to present the quilt to Sgt. Huard alongside his nominator, Darla Hennessy, herself a veteran of the armed forces.

Ms. Millard, with help from Ms. Hennessy, wrapped the quilt around Sgt. Huard, a recently retired member of the Canadian Armed Forces who lives with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a result of his work with the military.

"It's a thank you for everything done by him, and the forces, for us," Ms. Millard shared. "It's a way of us letting you know your service was appreciated."

Sgt. Huard told those present at the gifting that he was humbled by the gesture. The quilt is bright and colourful and contains poppies and maple leaves as an homage to his service.

Those eligible for a quilt are "Canadian Armed Forces members, past or present, who are ill or injured as a result of their service to Canada," the website explains. As well, those who automatically qualify for a Quilt of Valour are those who served in WWII, Korea, Bosnia, Rwanda and the Gulf Wars.

Ms. Hennessy's husband Howard was Sgt. Huard's boss in Ottawa during his time with the military police, and who eventually became a good friend. She told The Expositor that when she heard of Quilts of Valour, she immediately thought of Sgt. Huard, who has served in many countries, including Rwanda.

In a sit-down interview with this newspaper following the presentation of the quilt, Sgt. Huard told The Expositor that he retired two years ago, after 40 years in the military and public service, serving in both the airborne division and as a military policeman.

Sgt. Huard has served in Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Israel, Syria and from coast to coast in this nation. He met wife Sandra while the pair were stationed in Petawawa in the 1980s. Ms. Huard served eight years in the military too.

He says his time spent in Rwanda and Syria, as well as his work as a police officer, has caused his PTSD. "Rwanda had a big part to do with my PTSD, and my career as a whole, because I never had a chance to escape," he explains. "Most soldiers come back and have a bit of a reprieve, I didn't." If he flew back from a mission on a Friday night, he was back reporting for duty on Monday, despite the horrors he might have witnessed. "I think my PTSD is cumulative."

In 1994, after years of cultural tensions between the majority Hutus against the minority Tutsis, Rwandan

president Juvenal Habyarimana (a Hutu) was killed after his plane was shot down. This sparked a wave of violence that saw over 800,000 Rwandan civilians, mostly Tutsis, massacred.

Many of the Canadians deployed to Rwanda as part of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda suffered from PTSD, including the Canadian general who led the United Nations campaign, Romeo Dallaire, and whose pleas for help from the international community fell on deaf ears.

He attributed some of his PTSD to "the lack of support given to the Rwandan mission and the sense of helplessness felt." Sgt. Huard was there for six weeks, and within that time, 650,000 people were slaughtered. There was no hiding the atrocities done.

A few years ago, the sergeant's family started to notice behaviours that pointed to PTSD. It all came to a head when he attempted to go to work, but had to turn around and come home. The autumn following his diagnosis was largely spent sleeping, he admits.

"I have my good days and my bad days," he shares. He points to his supportive family and his dogs as his biggest supports, as well as the move to Manitoulin and the family's view of Bass Lake. "Living on the water helps, and the slow pace of the Island."

The sergeant says he sometimes has a hard time relating to civilians, after all that he's seen. Hearing complaints about the mundane seem incredibly trivial to him and so making connections with people from non-military backgrounds continues to be a challenge.

Despite the bad days, Sgt. Huard says the military is the best thing to have ever happened to him.

"I've worn a uniform since 1974," he shares. "I was in the Sea Cadets as a teen, then I joined the reserves, then the forces. (The military) gives you education, training, purpose."

Sgt. Huard stated that anyone thinking about the military, or who has graduated from school and isn't sure what to do, should give it a try. "Everything I have today, I owe to the military. There's no more worthy place to work."

Sgt. Huard still lives with his PTSD every day and sees his family doctor regularly. He also has high praises for the Royal Canadian Legion, especially Dominion Command, for their work with veterans.

"We're truly blessed. Canadians have to start understanding, we live in the best country in the world."

For more information on Quilts of Valour, visit their website at [quiltsofvalour.ca](http://quiltsofvalour.ca).

The Expositor's annual Remembrance Day edition will feature an in-depth interview with the Huards on their time served with the Canadian Armed Forces.



Darla Hennessy, left, and Judy and Aubrey Millard, right, flank Sgt. Patrick Huard as he's wrapped in a Quilt of Valour, a show of thanks for his services with the Canadian Armed Forces.

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## ...Lake Mindemoya: Abundant beach options

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## Ministry outlines fish stocking program for manitoulin this year

MANITOULIN—The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry has stocked fish in four different lakes around Manitoulin Island this year.

Jolanta Kowalski, senior media relations officer with the ministry told The Expositor last week, "this is what we have on fish stocking for Manitoulin this year. All stocking has been completed. For Lake Manitou, 9,447 brook trout spring yearlings have been stocked from Tarentorus fish culture station (FCS). In Kagawong, 51,510 summer pond fingerling walleye have been stocked from the Blue Jay Creek."

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**yard sale**

**Lyons Memorial United Church** in Gore Bay is holding a rummage sale of children's and adult clothes on Saturday, July 10 from 9 am to 2 pm. Weather permitting there will be some other items on tables outside. Please bring your own bags. COVID rules will apply, please wear a mask. 8-9p

**Multi-Family Yard Sale**, Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25, rain date the following weekend, 387 Lakeshore Road, Kagawong from 9 am to ? Lots to choose from, lawn furniture, bicycle, children's toys, kitchen utensils and more. 9c

**Yard Sale**, Saturday, July 17, 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, July 18 from 9 am to 12 noon at 7 Red Mill Road, Little Current. Antiques, collectibles, tools, kitchen wear, equipment, children's toys and books. COVID restrictions apply. 9-10p

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**Garage Sale** at storage lockers behind JK Automotive in Kagawong, Saturday, July 17, 9 am to 2 pm. 9c

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**rentals**

by Peggy Brown  
The Western Manitoulin Community Garden (WMCG) operates as a not for profit under the auspices of the Northern Ontario Permaculture Association (NOPRI). This has enabled us to hire two employees through the Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program offered by the federal government. We are very grateful to MP Carol Hughes for her support of this initiative.

CSJ has been offering not for profits like our community garden a 100 percent grant during COVID to provide much needed summer employment for youth in places like rural Manitoulin



where jobs can often be difficult to find, especially during this pandemic.

However, the grant will only be 40 percent in subsequent years. We are taking advantage of the government's generous offer of the summer youth program this year.

However, we are working hard to not only grow food for community programs but also to raise funds to make our garden a people place. We raised some funds last summer selling produce to Local Food Manitoulin for their good food boxes and also at markets and we hope to do

the same this year, so we can raise enough monies to be able to provide summer jobs every year for young people in our community.

It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm about growing food and learning so many aspects of horticulture, as well as their leadership development in dealing with the public and taking charge of the jobs at hand. The CSJ program provides young people an opportunity to earn money for their future education, to learn about gardening and growing their own food and about local community needs and how they can help make a difference.

The WMCG has hired two young people, Luke Heinen and Cheyenne Barnes, for this summer. They will tend the community food garden, supervised by Chuc Willson, and generally keep the garden spaces in order. They will also care for the herb and perennial gardens that the Kids Can Grow (KCG) group from C.C. McLean Public School usually look after.

Linda Willson, coordinator of the KCG program, is always saying how much we

miss the school kids at the garden. They bring so much joy, grow so energetically and really add an amazing element to the community there. We are really hoping they will return to the garden once it is safe for them again. The summer employees will also develop a composting program this summer for garden members in order to start creating viable compost to use in the garden. Luke returns from last year and Cheyenne brings a wealth of experience in gardening and work experience that will be invaluable in their work this summer.

We have lots of special tasks lined up for the students this summer, from the composting program, to the painting of garden signs to the creation of scarecrows which help to keep the critters away. So, as you drive by the garden look for the scarecrows as they appear this summer.



Cheyenne Barnes and Luke Heinen will be tending to the Western Manitoulin Community Garden this summer.

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**Knox United Church** Rummage Sale in Manitowaning has re-opened and will be ongoing Mondays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Social distancing and masks required. 5fn

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

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Internal/External Posting

**Position Description:**

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**This is a fulltime contract position until February 4, 2022.**

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

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- Assist program participants in continuing their recovery via life skills, education, therapeutic interventions, and transition into community
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- Responsible for liaising with community organizations and making appropriate referrals for participants return to community
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- Conduct groups for community participants in person or via an online platform

**Qualifications:**

- Minimum requirement is a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Social Work, or related field with mental health and addictions training with preference given to Masters level candidates
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- Proven experience with program development and implementation, research, and outcome measurement
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- 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

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- 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
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Complete applications may be emailed to [mattm@gwek.ca](mailto:mattm@gwek.ca).  
Please reference email: Community Aftercare Counsellor Application

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### Nakiiwin Azheyaaksin Employment Opportunity Accounts Payable Clerk Indeterminate Full-Time - Third Posting

The Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory ('WUT') Financial Services Unit is accepting applications for the position of Accounts Payable Clerk.

Reporting to the Accounts Payable Manager, the Accounts Payable Clerk is responsible to ensure that assigned accounts payable activities are completed in accordance with specified objectives of the WUT Financial Unit. A substantial portion of these activities are data entry, filing and other related duties as assigned or required.

A complete job description is available from the Accounts Payable Department.

**Qualifications**


- Must have Grade 12 OSSD or equivalent
- Completion of a business administration program from a recognized post secondary institution and/or two years of employment experience in a computerized accounting environment
- Working knowledge of computerized accounting software programs (i.e. ACCPAC, Simply Accounting), provide copies of certificates for any training completed
- Proficiency working in MS Word and MS Excel software programs
- Must work well as a team member
- Must be bondable
- Knowledge of Anishnabemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and development

Interested applicants must submit a covering letter, resume, names and contact phone numbers of three (3) recent work references, copies of relevant diplomas and/or certificates to:

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory  
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 Email: gloriadewing@wiikwemkoong.ca

Closing date: Open – until position is filled

We thank all interested applicants. Only those selected for interview will be contacted. Please submit copies as there is no return of submissions. Late submissions will not be considered. The successful applicant will be required to submit a current criminal reference check.



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY GROCERY STORE MANAGER

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**Job Requirements**


- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced environment
- Above average communication skills (oral and written)
- Full knowledge of department operations and skills
- Proficient use of Microsoft office suite
- Qualifications with University preferred, minimum five to eight years' retail and/or grocery store management experience
- Experience reading and analyzing financial reports, and experience in developing and adhering to budgets

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

**Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME AND THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES** (All work-related references).

Kayla Paul, President, MFN Grocery Store  
 M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
 M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

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For job description, please contact Penny Roy-Corbieri at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email pennyc@mchigeeng.ca.



### Nakiiwin Azheyaaksin Employment Opportunity Finance Officer One Year Contract Position

**Summary**  
The Wiikwemkoong Co-ordinated Financial Services Unit is seeking applications from qualified individuals to apply for the position of Finance Officer. Working under the supervision of the Band Finance Manager, the Finance Officer will perform various general accounting duties for the WUIR and related companies.

**Job Duties**

- Generate monthly financial statements for distribution to program managers, finance committee, and Chief and Council
- Review financial statements and general ledger listings with program managers and prepare adjustments as required
- Review transactions then record and post transactions to the general ledger
- Perform reconciliations for various accounts
- Maintain capital asset records for additions, dispositions, amortization, insurance, etc.
- Assist program managers preparing financial reports for funders
- Assist program managers with budgets and record budget data to the financial accounting system
- Assist other finance personnel
- Other duties as required

**Requirements**

- Excellent knowledge of financial management systems
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite applications
- Familiar with quality management systems
- High standards of ethics and maintain confidentiality when handling sensitive information
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to work in a multi-tasking environment
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to learn and implement new concepts
- Exercise good judgment, show initiative and be proactive
- Able to work overtime when evening work is required
- Knowledge of Anishnabemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and development

**Closing Date: Open until position is filled**

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three work-related references and copies of your qualifications to:

**Confidential: Finance Officer Position**  
 Box 112, 19A Complex Drive  
 Wiikwemkoong Unceded Indian Reserve  
 Wiikwemkoong, ON POP 2J0  
 erc@wiikwemkoong.ca

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**MEDICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT FULL-TIME**

Manitoulin Health Centre requires a full-time Medical Laboratory Assistant to work at its Little Current Hospital site.

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

- Required:
- Graduate of a recognized Laboratory Assistants course or Medical Laboratory Technician Certificate (One (1) year community college)
  - Current certificate with the OSMT as a Registered Medical Laboratory Assistant

Preferred:

- Recent/related experience in hospital setting
- Certification in Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

**COMPETENCIES/BEHAVIOURAL:**

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

**COMPETENCIES/TECHNICAL:**

- Proficient in specimen collection, handling, and processing
- Point of Care System proficiency
- Knowledge of basic Quality Control practices
- Proficient in Microsoft Platform (Word, Excel, and Outlook); Policy & Procedures and Learning Management System
- Proficient in Meditech Lab module

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

- Please email a cover letter and resume to the attention of Human Resources at recruitment@mhc.on.ca.
- Please reference Job Posting # 2021-OP-06 in your subject line and cover letter.
- Applicants with the required qualifications may be interviewed. Thank you to all who apply.

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



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMUNICATIVE DISORDER ASSISTANT (CDA)**

**Job Summary**

The CDA will report to SHSS Manager and work under the direction and clinical supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).

The CDA will provide direct one-on-one therapy sessions to individuals and small groups of children ranging from two to 21 years old in schools on Manitoulin Island, the Northshore and surrounding areas, under the supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist. The qualifying CDA will need to drive between schools and home base office.

**Responsibilities**

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

**Qualifications**

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

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

**CDA**

**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: July 30, 2021 at 4:00 pm**

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AASNAA NAAD MAAD DAA WORKER**

**Contract Position: August 2022**

**Summary**

Under the direction of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Aasnaa Naad Maad Daa Worker will be responsible for coordinating the support, advocacy, and holistic wellness to individuals who have experienced violence and historical trauma as a result of involvement with educational institutions and/or organized groups/churches.

**Responsibilities**

- Coordinate advocacy and support services to community members who have experienced any form of violence
- Coordinate advocacy and support services to community members who are involved in the various lawsuits
- Have an intimate understanding of the lived experience of First Nation People
- Ensure confidentiality in the provision of all services
- Coordinate the implementation of healing opportunities, sharing circles as well as knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach
- Knowledge on access to historical records/documents
- Knowledge on concepts related to class action claims
- Knowledge and understanding of intergenerational impacts of all forms of trauma and abuse
- Adhere to policies, procedures and guidelines of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory (WUT) and any other policies, procedures and guidelines related to NAHNDAAHWEH TCHIGEGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

**Qualifications**

- Demonstrated life-long learning and knowledge of Anishinabek People and Traditional Wellness approaches
- Successful completions of post secondary degree or diploma in social services or related discipline
- Minimum of three years of experience in the helping field
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, value and beliefs
- Fluency in Anishabemowin would be an asset
- Strong communication, interpersonal, advocacy and leadership skills
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to reliable vehicle required

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

**Aasnaa Naad Maad Daa Worker**

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

**Deadline: July 23, 2021 @ 4:00pm**

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT 1 YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE**

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre requires a motivated, energetic and career-minded Occupational Therapy Assistant in our Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinhik Program serving the communities of Wikwemkoong, M'Chigeeng, Whitefish River First Nation and Sagamok Anishnawbek.

**Summary**

The Occupational Therapy Assistant will act as a team player operating in a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment, with a focus on enabling occupational performance in the areas of self-care and productivity within the school environment. As an effective communicator, the Occupational Therapy Assistant will have demonstrated skills in group settings and one-on-one situations, and work well both independently and in collaboration with others. He/she will provide occupational therapy treatment to students and complete associated documentation.

**Responsibilities**

- Utilize specialized occupational therapy knowledge and skills to encourage/facilitate activity of daily living skills and productivity;
- Provide individualized intervention, consultation and education as part of an interdisciplinary team either in-person or through virtual means (telephone, email, videoconferencing);
- Consult to define, monitor and adapt the appropriate plan of action of the specific individual's case;
- Provide on-going monitoring of individual's progress towards identified goals;
- Document pertinent information as it relates to the delivery of occupational therapy services;
- Understand and comply with the legal requirements of licensure, legislation, scope of practice, and policies and procedures of the program;
- Respect the individual's beliefs and values and protect their right to confidentiality, privacy and dignity.

**Qualifications**

- Diploma from a college-level Occupational Therapy Assistant and Physiotherapy Assistant program preferred. Other college-level diplomas and university degrees in combination with relevant experience will be considered;
- Employment or fieldwork placement experience in pediatric occupational therapy settings preferred, with school health experience considered an asset;
- Ability to function within an interdisciplinary team (including education and health care professionals);
- Demonstrated ability to work independently;
- Ability to adapt to and work effectively within a variety of situations, and with various individuals or groups;
- Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with pediatric clients and their families and with colleagues using a variety of formats;
- Ability to recognize individual learning styles and adapt communication and therapeutic approach accordingly;
- Demonstrated ability in problem-solving and critical thinking.

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

**Occupational Therapy Assistant**

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

**Deadline: July 30, 2021 @ 4:00pm**

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# Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

This pandemic has shown us huge gaps and deficiencies in the care system for our seniors. 'Happily Ever Older: Revolutionary Approaches to Long-Term Care' was written by Canadian Toronto Star journalist Moira Welsh in the midst of our current worldwide COVID virus ordeal. This book is well-researched with a primary focus on present day care standards, types and models. It concentrates on the need to create better, safer and more supportive situations for those who live in senior care communities. Welsh shares examples from across the country as she details the ideas and visions of those who work in the system and want to see it vastly improved. This is a book that states the facts and faults but still manages to offer and display optimism, hope, encouragement, dignity and inspiration. A very timely read!

We know what technology does for us but what does it do to us? 'Deadly Wandering: A Mystery, a Landmark Investigation, and the Astonishing Science of Attention in the Digital Age' by American author Matt Richtel, a reporter for the New York Times and Pulitzer Prize

winner, is an informative and riveting read. It centers on how overwhelming the information highway has become in this world. Richtel brings light to this syndrome by using the example of the true story of a teenager involved in a tragic accident as the result of texting and driving. This is a candid, well-researched book that could influence, change and ultimately save lives.

Kristin Hannah is a popular American author. Her novel 'Winter Garden' is a hauntingly beautiful tale set in WWII Russia. It is a story that intimately examines the relationship between mothers and daughters. This is an intensely dynamic chronicle woven over 60 years bringing to light and laying bare a truth that will shock, change and alter a family forever. It is an all-encompassing example of strong women—a great choice for a book club read!

One of my all time favourite books is 'Captain Corelli's Mandolin' by author Louis de Bernieres. His newest novel, 'The Autumn of the Ace,' is a compelling account of the fractured bond between a father and his son—both have had profound, painful

and overpowering exposure to war. This story is a gripping and touching illustration of how indomitable and persistent the human spirit can be at removing the barriers that interfere and impede loving connections with one another.

Young Adult Read: 'Hatch' by Canadian author Kenneth Oppel—an exciting sci-fi adventure novel.

DVD Pick: 'The War with Grandpa' starring Robert DeNiro, Uma Thurman, Christopher Walken and Oakes Fegley—a great comedy for the whole family!

The library is continuing to provide curbside pickup service and is also open for a maximum number of patrons is 15, with a maximum browsing half-an-hour, if no others are waiting for entry. All standard COVID rules apply.

Call the library on Tuesdays or Saturdays (705-859-2110) between 10 am and 3 pm for help or assistance. The library wireless internet is always on and can be accessed outside the building and from the parking lot. The password is on the front door of the library.

Stay safe and well!



## WE'RE HIRING!

### ROCK DRILLER/QUARRY HAND

(2 + POSITIONS AVAILABLE) \*\* START: IMMEDIATE \*\*

We are seeking **qualified and responsible ROCK DRILLER/QUARRY HAND** workers to fill our current **FULL-TIME** positions in our Mindemoya (Big Lake), Manitoulin Island, ON quarry.

Quest Stone Quarries Inc. is an industry leader in shoreline erosion control stone.

We provide shoreline restoration material, installation and trucking services to residential and commercial properties across Ontario.

**Average Work Week:** Monday to Friday (may require a 'weekend shift' depending on order schedules); 8 to 12 hour days; approx. 44 hrs/per week; overtime may be required.

**STARTING Wage:** \$20.00 per/hour

**Requirements:** Surface Miner Common Core certificate is required and any other heavy equipment operating tickets would be an asset.

**Job Expectations:**

- Hard, physical labor: some stone products can be 4 feet high and may require worker to jump/climb on top for processing
- Operation of quarry machinery/equipment; ie: loader, bobcat, rock drills
- On site safety gear; ie: hard hat, work boots, reflective attire
- Follow health and safety practices to include PPE re: COVID-19
- Must have own transportation to and from the worksite

Quest Stone Quarries Inc., welcomes serious and qualified inquiries to the current available employment positions. If you are interested in applying, please send your employment credential details and any other inquiries through our **CONTACT FORM** on our website: [www.queststone.ca](http://www.queststone.ca) or call 705-662-5427.

Ensure to include your name, best means of contact back and best time to contact you.

**ONLY QUALIFIED individuals will be contacted for interviews.**



### Nakiwin Azheyaaksin Employment Opportunity Junior Payroll Clerk

**Summary**

Under the direct supervision of the Payroll Manager the incumbent assists the Senior Payroll Clerk by performing similar duties and by assuming authority and responsibilities of a Senior Payroll Clerk during her absence. This position is responsible for ensuring that implementation and prescribed payroll activities are carried out in accordance with specified objectives. The Junior Payroll Clerk is the liaison between payroll department unit and other related units.

**Job Duties**

- Collect all activity sheets on paydays, verify the hours, credits earned/credit used/credit balances.
- Process payroll bi-weekly.
- Calculate payroll, print check register and verify all deductions and balance the deductions.
- Complete all payroll steps and submit the file to Manager.
- File payroll records and keep records of materials filed and removed.
- Provide departmental costings reports to departments upon request.
- Process Record of Employment as required.
- Provide payroll history reports when requested by an employee.
- Enter payroll deductions in payroll profile for payroll processing biweekly.
- Assist in preparation of T4 statements.
- Assist with group benefits and pension changes as needed.
- Perform other duties as requested.

**Requirements**

- Excellent knowledge of financial management systems
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite applications
- Familiar with quality management systems
- High standards of ethics and maintain confidentiality when handling sensitive information
- Strong organizational skills and able to work in a multi-tasking environment
- Strong interpersonal skills with excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work independently
- Exercise good judgment, show initiative and be proactive
- Able to work overtime when required
- Knowledge of Anishnawbemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and development

**Closing Date: Until Position is Filled**

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three work-related references and copies of your qualifications to:

Confidential: Payroll Clerk Position  
Box 112, 19A Complex Drive  
Wiikwemkoong Unceded Indian Reserve  
Wiikwemkoong, ON POP 2J0  
erc@wiikwemkoong.ca

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION WORKER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojinik 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  
Wiikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

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

**Deadline: July 30, 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.**

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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:

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

**Posted: May 26, 2021**

**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.**



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**COUNSELLOR**

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 with all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution

**Qualifications**

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

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

**Nookomisnaang Shelter**  
**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: Until filled**

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**Employment Opportunity**  
**WELLNESS FACILITATOR**

**Summary**

The Wellness Facilitator will address addictions and mental health through an innovative approach in collaboration with various community programs as well as Natural Helpers/Knowledge Keepers. This will include and is not limited to a culturally appropriate community-based case management system which is inclusive of the First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework. The Wellness Facilitator will be responsible for engaging the community in addressing PDA. This highly motivated and energetic facilitator will ensure effective collaboration meets the needs of the participants.

**Responsibilities**

1. Promote individual and family empowerment for well-being;
2. Manage, deliver, supervise and coordinate with agencies high-quality hands-on initiatives which promotes resilience and well-being through delivery of educational and prevention services to meet the community needs;
3. Provide micro-counselling and motivational interviewing;
4. Engage community in organized initiatives;
5. Develop and implement communication strategy;
6. Coordinate an active community relations campaign;
7. Host regular sessions throughout the community as well as satellite communities to ensure awareness is achieved;
8. Coordinate and facilitate showcase of community members achievements;
9. Ensure that there is compliance with all reporting requirements.

**Qualifications**

- Degree / Diploma in one of the helping disciplines;
- Experience in developing and delivering programming;
- Experience in conflict resolution, life skills and motivational interviewing;
- Experience in working with Aboriginal populations;
- Experience in delivering culturally safe practices with a strong knowledge and appreciation of Indigenous Culture;
- Highly motivated and energetic;
- Anishinaabemowin is an asset;
- ASIST Training and Mental Health First Aid Canada are assets;
- A strong community development advocate.

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

**Wellness Facilitator**  
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: July 23, 2021 @ 4:00pm**

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**CASE MANAGEMENT WORKER**  
**1 YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE**

**Job Summary**

The Case Management Worker will take an innovative approach towards providing a Culturally Appropriate Community-Based Case Management System in addressing addictions and mental health in collaboration with a team of professionals. The Case Management Worker will provide support and ensure consistent services are provided via a team approach. The team will include but is not limited to Traditional Resources, Mental Health Workers, Addiction Workers, Child and Family Service Workers and Justice Program (i.e. Probation and Parole) in addressing complex needs of those affected by addictions.

**Responsibilities**

1. Culturally appropriate case management;
2. Ensure that culturally appropriate and effective harm reduction support services are provided to the community of Wikwemkoong;
3. Ensure the provision of culturally appropriate clinical assessment and counselling services of a supportive, educational and skills building nature is delivered to individuals, groups and families;
4. Facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient addictions and mental health services to the community of Wikwemkoong;
5. Ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager;
6. Keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Addictions and Mental Health staff;
7. Assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff;
8. Maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis;
9. Promote culturally appropriate addictions and mental health services in the community of Wikwemkoong.

**Qualifications**

- Degree / Diploma in one of the helping disciplines from a recognized institution.
- Experience in case management.
- Experience in First Nation's health services/mental health and addictions services.
- Experience in delivering culturally safe practices with a strong knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal Culture, Traditions and Language.
- Knowledge and experience in working with First Nation, provincial and federal government systems of health.
- Fluent in Anishinaabemowin is considered an asset.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people.
- Good time management and the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Current and clear criminal reference check.

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

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

**Deadline: July 23, 2021 at 4:00 pm**



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT - NADMADWIN

### Summary

The Administrative Support - Nadmadwin performs administrative tasks and office support duties in the Nadmadwin Mental Health Program.

### Responsibilities

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

### Qualifications

- College diploma (Administrative - Medical Support program or business college equivalent); OSSD diploma.
- Two years' experience in an administrative role.
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records Software.
- MHFA and A.S.I.S.T Training is an asset.
- Ability to communicate and work effectively on a multidisciplinary team.
- Excellent computer skills: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Calendar.
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures.
- Strong working knowledge of software packages.

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

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

**Deadline: July 23, 2021**

**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.



## MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE PART-TIME

### Overview:

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

### Required Competencies:

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

### Qualifications and Work Experience:

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

**Deadline: posting open until position filled**

### Submissions:

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

### Human Resources

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



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NOOKOMISNAANG SHELTER CASUAL COUNSELLORS

### 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
  - Complete comprehensive assessments, circle of life self-assessment and healing journey plan of care
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
  - Submitting documentation for feedback, revision and approval
  - Updating client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
  - Identifying and developing safety plans for high risk situations
3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
  - Adhering to and abiding by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
  - Completing and submitting weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
  - Completing and submitting monthly reports
4. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
  - Working cooperatively and in coordination with all staff members
  - Communicating concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution
  - Providing compassion/nurturance to those involved with the Shelter who are experiencing death/tragedy e.g. cooking

### Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline or a minimum of three years' equivalent combination of work and volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding violence and other relevant disciplines
- 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:

**Casual Counsellor**  
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

**Posted: June 20, 2021**

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

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

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



## MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Transition Facilitator (ITF) Full-Time

### Overview:

The Transition Facilitator (ITF) shall seek to integrate provincial, federal, and other community health and social support services across the care continuum to improve access to quality care through a variety of providers, both clinical and non-clinical, including both Western and Traditional healings. The Transition Facilitator will address the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual care needs of the client by linking clients to services.

### Required Competencies:

- Respect cultural diversity
- Work efficiently and demonstrate time management
- Show initiative and be action-oriented
- Demonstrate problem solving and critical thinking
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Continuous Learning

### Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario OR Social Worker in good standing with the OCSWSSW, or other allied health professional with relevant skill set; minimum of 2-5 years' nursing or social work experience.
- Knowledge of system navigation, community resources, legislation, research, and funding arrangements specific to Indigenous programs and services.
- Experience in an Indigenous health and/or social service organization, hospital or community-based case management, health promotion, public health or social work is essential.
- Proficiency in the use of computers and various software applications including EMRs.
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture, and language
- Current Ontario Driver's Licence (and vehicle)

**Deadline: Friday, July 23, 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  
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# Anishinabek Nation launches treaty education resource

by Michael Erskine  
NIPPISSING FIRST NATION—Recent studies have noted that while more than 50 percent of Canadians are pleased to hear Indigenous land acknowledgements, barely 24 percent realize they live on treaty lands. The Anishinabek Nation has recently launched a series of online education tools ‘Ezhi-nawending: How we are related’ in order to facilitate education on First Nations history, treaties and aboriginal rights.

While the tools are primarily aimed at Indigenous elementary students and new learners, they are open to everyone and provide an ideal opportunity for anyone who wishes to learn more about the stories of the land, as told by the original inhabitants of Turtle Island rather than through the usual non-Native lens.

“‘Ezhi-nawending: How we are related,’ this critical teaching tool builds upon our shared history to assist and grow to understand our responsibilities and relationships,” said Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe. “We are connected through the treaty relationships between Anishinaabe and the Canadian nation with which we share our territory. As the importance and discussion around treaties continue to grow, tools such as this will help everyone learn important information before joining conversations.”

Grand Council Chief Niganobe referenced the work done in the past by the late Sam George, brother of slain Anishinaabe activist Dudley George and noted that these free online

resources will enable the caregivers of the 80 percent of Indigenous children who live off-reserve to explore and learn about their history, culture and language.

Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories Ogimaa Duke Peltier, who was involved in the project, said he was happy with the products developed by the development team and referenced the timing of the project, “given events happening across Canada.”

The resources will enable parents “to become involved in learning about the land that they live on” as they engage with their children.

‘Ezhi-nawending: How we are related’ builds on the ‘We are all Treaty Peoples’ elementary teachers’ kit that was launched in May 2015. That kit included a 800-piece LEGO replica of the Treaty of Niagara wampum belt.

Team member Kelly Crawford noted that the development team had visited many schools and shared with a lot of students during the initial phase of the production. She pointed out the new online set of resources introduces young students and new learners to topics like wampum and natural law and is comprised of 80 animated shorts and videos, including interactive games in which learners will enjoy the vivid animation, avatars and videos. The online resources also include activities such as a virtual escape room, mapping and trivia games.

The Anishinabek Nation is committed to supporting clear and responsible understanding of the treaty relationship, noted

Regional Chief Niganobe, who pointed out that the education and awareness of treaties made with First Nations will help Canadian citizens understand their own obligations as subjects of treaty conditions in this country.

Just shortly following the press conference, it was announced that the Canadian oath of citizenship now includes an affirmation of respect for the treaties and Indigenous rights.

Ms. Crawford also stressed the point that, although the resources are geared to elementary level students, the resources are open to everyone and will provide people of all ages an opportunity to learn more about the treaty relationships.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action, recommendation No. 62 Education for Reconciliation, called upon the federal and territorial governments, in consultation and collaboration with survivors, Indigenous peoples and educators to: “make age-appropriate curriculum on residential schools, treaties, and Indigenous people’s historical and contemporary contributions to Canada a mandatory education requirement for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students.” While initially geared to Indigenous schools, ‘Ezhi-nawending: How we are related’ is connected to the Ontario curriculum and available for teachers from any school system to download free of charge.

While ‘Ezhi-nawending: How we are related’ resources are only available in English, the kits themselves are all avail-

able in French, Marci Becking, senior communications officer with the Anishinabek Nation responded to a question from the media.

“I have always thought it’s great to get our educational resources out to all schools in Ontario and across the Anishinabek Nation,” said Southeast Regional Deputy Grand Council Chief James Marsden. “It’s so important that young people learn of our history and treaties to give them a better understanding of our plights as First Nations people. I hope that students and new learners alike enjoy this new interactive educational resource filled with wonderful teachings from Anishinaabeg and knowledge keepers from across the nation.”

Wiikwemkoong elder Josh Eshkawkogan appears as an avatar in the online resources. “I could have used a little off my belly,” he joked, but quickly turned serious on the subject of the work itself, noting that he was

honoured to be able to share the knowledge he has built up over a lifetime. “It is really important to educate our young people on how we fit in the region,” he said. “I am really proud of the work.” Ms. Crawford addressed the pressures on the development team, focussed on getting the story right and

the fears expressed by teachers that they could be telling the story “wrong.” The resources should go a long way toward alleviating those kinds of fears.

The resources can be found on YouTube.com by searching for ‘Ezhi-nawending: How we are related.’



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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT START DATE: AUGUST 16/21

**Details:** Manitoulin Physiotherapy Centre is looking for enthusiastic, dedicated and reliable individuals with administrative experience and strong customer service skills to join our expanding team. Must have excellent communication and problem solving skills and be able to multi-task in a busy office of health care practitioners. We are currently recruiting individuals to support our Wiky Health Centre satellite site, as well as our head office in M’Chigeeng.

**Duties and Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:**

- Providing a positive first point of contact for all client interactions in person, on phone or by email
- General reception duties: greeting visitors, answering phone, returning messages, preparing intake and other forms, correspondence by fax and email
- Managing all information on an electronic medical record; working understanding of privacy legislation an asset
- Billing to insurance companies and to patients, day to day financial interactions
- Communicate efficiently with clinical staff, provide ongoing support
- Experience with Microsoft office, electronic medical records, and Apple operating systems is an asset

**Educational Background:** Office administration background would be ideal. Health sciences-related background would be an asset, as would experience or training in hospitality administration.

Contact the clinic at [inquiries@manitoulinphysio.ca](mailto:inquiries@manitoulinphysio.ca) to submit a cover letter, resume and 3 references by **July 23/21**.

Phone: (705) 377-6244. Visit us online at our website at [www.manitoulinphysio.ca](http://www.manitoulinphysio.ca) and on Facebook & Instagram.

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## UNITED CHIEFS and COUNCILS OF MNIDOO MNISING

### ENJI-DBAAKNIGET (COURT) CASE WORKER

**Location:** United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Tribal Council – M’Chigeeng First Nation  
**Duration:** Contract until March 31, 2022 with possible extension depending on funding

The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising Justice Program is an Anishinaabe Community Justice Program. The Enji-Dbaakniget (Court) seeks alternatives to incarceration by using restorative justice principles while utilizing the Seven Grandfather teachings and works towards re-establishing balance for the individual, the victim, and the community. The purpose of the Enji-Dbaakniget is to reduce the rates of recidivism and reduce the rates of the imposition of jail sentences or the length of sentences. The Enji-Dbaakniget Case Worker facilitates restorative justice options for Indigenous people involved in the justice system and acts as the liaison between the Ontario Court of Justice, the Enji-Dbaakniget and the restorative justice alternatives.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Case management, maintain client files, maintain a database to track statistics.
- Attend First Appearance Courts, both Adult Criminal and Youth Justice. Meet with Indigenous people to explain to them the Enji-Dbaakniget process and its eligibility criteria, as well as assist them in completing the application to transfer their case to the Enji-Dbaakniget.
- Liaise with the Indigenous Court Worker, UCCMM Community Justice Program, UCCMM Bail Verification and Supervision Program, Defense/Duty Counsel, Crown Attorney, and members of the judiciary as well as community resources regarding potential participants.
- Attend Healing Circles and assist in their coordination.
- Help develop culturally appropriate Healing Plans that utilize restorative justice approaches and file them with the Court and provide the Court with client updates.
- Must have superior ability to produce written reports for submission to court.
- Assist clients in fulfilling the recommendations outlined in their Healing Plans by finding the appropriate support services; and assist in ceremonies for completion of Healing Plans.
- Available to work evenings and weekends as required or extended hours for scheduled conferences, workshops, training, and ability to travel.
- Work with people who could potentially become violent, hostile and work in stressful situations.
- Other duties as requested.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Post-secondary Diploma or Degree in law discipline or at least two years’ experience working in Anishinaabe justice in Ontario.
- Knowledge of Canadian criminal court procedures, Criminal Code and the Youth Criminal Justice Act; Criminal Code of Canada, R. v. Gladue case and related court decisions regarding Indigenous people.
- Ability to manage a database; complete financial forms; produce written reports, correspondence, and work plans.
- Must have knowledge of services available in the Districts of Manitoulin/Sudbury/Algoma for Indigenous people.
- Must have knowledge of UCCMM Justice principles, local Anishinaabe teachings, culture, communities, history, elders, and local issues facing Indigenous people.
- Must support Anishinaabe red road teachings, promotion of positive role models and healthy lifestyles.
- Ability to speak Ojibwe an asset.
- Valid driver’s license (proof must be provided with application); have access to a vehicle; and be willing to travel.
- Up-to-date and clear Vulnerable Sector Screening Check and Criminal Record Check

**Remuneration:** Annualized salary \$50,000.00 and benefits **Closing Date: July 30, 2021, at 12 noon**

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

- 1) cover letter
- 2) resume
- 3) copy of valid Ontario driver’s license
- 4) Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening Check
- 5) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a supervisor/manager.

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

Mark “Confidential-EDCW” to:

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

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# ...author sets new thriller on Manitoulin



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 character, Kira, fights to save what is most important to her. “Manitoulin Island not only provided the mood of the novel, but the beach and bush offered the tools of conflict,” Ms. Anderson-Dargatz said.

The author completed considerable research for this novel but there was no personal inspiration for the book. It is total fiction, she said, except for this: “My husband and I owned a summer house on the Island for many years, where we gathered with family. We made the trek across country from rural BC every year to spend summers on Manitoulin, even living on the Island for an entire year as we contemplated living there full time. But moving back and forth between these two very different regions, I found it hard to fully commit to either location and was deeply homesick for both. You’ll see that ache and indecision as an undercurrent in ‘The Almost Wife.’”

She had truly fallen in love with Manitoulin Island but then her husband’s mother passed. “We could no longer justify or afford making the trek across country each summer and had to sell our home there. I was genuinely heartbroken. Setting this novel on the Island was my long

goodbye, a way to submerge myself within the landscape, even as we let it go. Anyone familiar with the Island will know that I took great liberties with the setting in service to the story, but you will see recognizable bits throughout the novel.”

“Locals often don’t like it but that’s just part of the fiction writing process. The Manitoulin in ‘The Almost Wife’ is a fictional Manitoulin, just as the Shuswap of my previous novels is a fictional Shuswap. If you know the region, then you’ll recognize parts of it within the fiction but it’s still very much an imagined landscape.” Readers will take their own version of Manitoulin Island into the fiction and that will undoubtedly differ from her own, she said. “The reader builds the novel right alongside the author.”

The characters arose from the research into the topics she was exploring in the novel and from the thriller structure, the domestic or psychological thriller structure. “For the writers out there who are interested,” she said, “Check out Jessica Brody’s ‘Save the Cat! Writes a Novel’ and you’ll see what I mean. Pacing and suspense is everything in the thriller, so, as is always the case with a novel, structure is the real work. And so is

building up to those twists and surprises in a satisfying way.”

“The Almost Wife’ may be her first commercial thriller, but Ms. Anderson-Dargatz has been working with the structure for years. Thriller elements are incorporated into many of her novels, beginning with her first, ‘The Cure for Death by Lightning,’ published in 1996. “While teaching within the University of British Columbia Creative Writing optional-residency MFA program for nearly a decade, and now privately, I’ve worked with a great many other writers on their thrillers both as a mentor and developmental editor,” she said. “I was asked to write a thriller for a literacy initiative by ABC Life Literacy many years ago.”

She went on to write three more of these adult literacy-learner or hi-lo thrillers for Orca Book Publishers and is working on another hi-lo thriller for middle school readers right now. “I really enjoyed writing them and asked my agent about writing a full-on commercial thriller and she found me a supportive agent at HarperCollins. ‘The Almost Wife’ is the result.”

Another adult thriller is nearing completion and she plans to write more. “I’m also applying what I’ve

learned in writing the commercial thriller back into my literary works,” Ms. Anderson-Dargatz added. “In any case, I’m always trying something new to keep writing fresh for myself. I work in many genres. I started out as a poet and short story writer. My first writing gig was as a small-town reporter, cartoonist and photographer.” Many if not most writers work in multiple genres, she said.

The response to the novel has already been amazing, more than she expected. “Writing the thriller is a playful process that I very much enjoy and promoting it is turning out to be just as much fun.” There was a book launch on Twitter. Ms. Anderson-Dargatz and her husband put together an author reading that was a bit of sketch comedy on coming out of isolation to record a reading at the tail end of the pandemic which includes some Manitoulin references (Look for The Author Reading at gailanderson-dargatz.ca).

“You have no idea how much I miss Manitoulin and in particular, Providence Bay,” she said. “I felt genuine grief at leaving, as did my husband and kids. I weep when looking back at photos of the Island (which are all over my website). We’re still in touch with friends there and I hope when it’s truly safe to trav-

el again we can go back and visit. I send my love to everyone there.”

Ms. Anderson-Dargatz will appear virtually when she joins the Manitoulin Reads Facebook group for a discussion of ‘The Almost Wife’ in September.

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

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**The Town of Gore Bay and the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island**

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RFP Packages can be attained by contacting the undersigned via phone, email or in person.  
 Deadline for submission is Friday, July 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. local time.

**Stasia Carr, CAO/Clerk**  
 Town of Gore Bay  
 PO Box 590  
 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0  
 Tel: 705-282-2420 email scarr@gorebay.ca

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN**  
**NOTICE OF TENDER**

RFT 04-2021 - Providence Bay Harbour View Centre - Roof Replacement

FOR Removal of existing, and replacement in steel of the Harbourview Centre Roof, as well as removal and replacement of existing Skylight. Full scope of work can be found as per tender documents available at:


<https://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/administration/proposal-requests/rft-03-2021-harbour-centre-roof-replacement>

**Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including JULY 29, 2021 AT 2:00 PM EDT**

**SCHEDULE**  
 Deadline to register for Mandatory Site Visit ----- July 20, 2021  
**MANDATORY SITE VISIT** ----- July 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m. (EDT)  
**Deadline for Inquiries** ----- July 23, 2021, 2:00 p.m. (EDT)  
**TENDER CLOSE** ----- July 29, 2021, 2:00 p.m. (EDT)  
**PUBLIC OPENING OF TENDERS** ----- July 29, 2021, 2:01 p.m. (EDT)  
**Tenders Review by Committee** ----- August 10, 2021, 7:00p.m. (EDT)  
**Council Award of Contract** ----- August 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m. (EDT)

The lowest of any tender will not necessarily be accepted and tenders are subject to the approval of Municipal Council.

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 Email: centralm@amtelecom.net



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**FOR: Creation and Updates of Policies & Procedures**  
**NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC, WIIKWEMKOONG, ON**  
 16A Complex Drive, Box 101, Wiikwemkoong, ON, P0P 2J0 Phone: 705-859-3164

Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre (WHC), Wiikwemkoong, ON, is seeking qualified individuals and organizations to submit proposals for consulting services related to the updating of the existing clinical policy and procedure manual and creation of new/updated clinical polices and procedures for the Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic.

Services offered at Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic include: mental health counselling and therapy, visiting psychiatrist, community development and public education services, opiate replacement therapy support services, crisis response, coordination with other agencies to ensure continuity of care, and support and advocacy.

The consultant will have expertise in social, health, mental health and/or community services operational policy and procedures development. The successful proponent will undertake an organization needs assessment/gap analysis and develop/update a comprehensive policy manual that includes updated clinical policies and procedures related to the provision of mental health services to Wiikwemkoong community members.

**SERVICES**  
 The proponent shall provide the following services:

- Undertake an organization needs assessment or gap analysis
- Undertake research to identify best practices in similar organizations
- Update or develop a comprehensive clinical policy and procedures manual

**SCHEDULE AND TIMING OF PROJECT**  
**Proposals must be received by July 16, 2021 @ 4:00pm EST**  
 It is expected that the project will begin during the week of August 2, 2021. The completion date is likely to be on October 29, 2021. Alternative timelines could be considered.

All enquiries related to this RFP posting including requests for the **RFP FULL PACKAGE** information, questions and clarification, are to be directed to:  
**Melissa Roy, Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca**

# Organizers gear up for annual Providence Bay Fair celebrations

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY—Yes, there will be a Providence Bay Fair this year!

“The fair is going to be a hybrid event this year,” stated Dawn Dawson, secretary-treasurer of the Providence Bay Agricultural Society Fair Board, “with both in-person, on-site and virtual events, and we will be having events all during the week to allow as many people as possible to be involved.” The theme of this year’s fair, which will run from August 15-22, is ‘Bushels, Bales and Tales.’

“We are looking forward to creative parade floats with this theme,” said Ms. Dawson. Float registration for the parade is through Bev McDermid at 705-377-4668.

Ms. Dawson said, “the exhibit hall is in-person but it will start a week before. Items are to be dropped off on August 15 at the exhibit hall which will be open for drop off of registered items. The deadline for pre-registration for exhibits in the exhibit hall is August 6. Judging of the exhibits will be Monday, August 16 and you can pick up your items on Tuesday, August 17.

“The municipality of Central Manitoulin is letting us use their 360 degree camera to create a visual presentation of the exhibit hall and the exhibits themselves,” said Ms. Dawson. “This will be posted online as of Tuesday, August 17.”

On Thursday, August 19 pickup of pre-ordered Providence Bay Fair swag bags will take place, said Ms. Dawson. “Various community businesses, such as Manitoulin Kettle Corn and other various businesses and the Ontario Farmers Association, which has donated free ice cream cone vouchers for Huron Island Time business have donated items for the swag bags, ‘A Taste of the Fair Home.’ We have a limited amount of bags, we started with a total of 137 to commemorate this year’s 137th fair, and are almost sold out. We have about 30 swag bags left.”

Adult swag bags will have a baseball hat, and the family swag bags will have a beach towel. All swag bags will have water bottles contained in them.

“On Friday, August 20 opening ceremonies will be held at 7 pm,” said Ms. Dawson. She explained, “there will be limited in-person (pre-registered seating available) and everything will be live on the internet. The online bingo will also take place, just like last year.”

Ms. Dawson said that there is not going to be a fair ambassador pageant this year because there is still no Canadian National Exhibition being held this year due to the pandemic. However, “we will be crowning the junior fair ambassadors.”

“On Saturday there will be a mobile parade held at 11:30 am,” continued Ms. Dawson. At noon hour the gates will open for registered visitors for music or the display grounds. After the parade at 12:30 pm the soap box derby will be held.

“On Saturday night (8 pm) the gates will open for registered guests for Manitoulin’s Got Talent and family movie night,” Ms. Dawson. “Participants will be able to send in video but master of ceremonies Karlene Scott will be live in person. And this will take place in an outdoor setting with a

projector screen and a family movie to follow, the latter being presented by the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church.”

For information and how and where to send in videos for the Manitoulin’s Got Talent please phone Karlene Scott at 705-377-5283 before August 15.

“On Sunday, August 22 we will be holding The Amazing Island Family Race,” continued Ms. Dawson. In last year’s Amazing Race, there was a total of 10 stops, 18 teams participating and 87 kilometres travelled. More details will follow, “but this year’s event will be even bigger and better than last year,” she said.

The family fun trophy is up for grabs again this year,” said Ms. Dawson. All family fun activities can be found on the providencebayfair.com website. “We will see if the McDermid family will maintain the title from 2020 or if another family will take the prestigious title.”

The virtual crop tour, with Google maps, will be available this week.

The Farmers Tan and the My Twin, and new this year, My COVID Haircut photo contests on Facebook will be starting in the next couple of weeks.

Late on the afternoon of August 22, the winners of the family fun trophy will be announced.

Those interested can go on to the providencebayfair.com website and view the exhibit list of items to be displayed and up to date listing of activities and events.

Ms. Dawson said that all events and programming requires free pre-registration. There will be no cost to take part in any part of the fair again this year. The registration for the exhibit hall and the 2021 exhibit list is found online at providencebayfair.com or by phoning Bev McDermid at 705-377-4668 or Dawn Dawson at 705-377-5003.



Angela Johnston and Pam Woods in their sewing float from the 2020 Providence Bay Fair parade.

## Death Notices

### JOHN GRAHAM TERRANCE FOX



John Graham Terrance Fox, 61, of Kutztown, PA and formerly of Peterborough, Ontario, passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 26, 2021 in his residence. He was the husband of Danielle L. Walker, whom he married November 21, 2009. John was born in Manitowaning and was a member of the Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island in Northern Ontario. He was proud of his Native American ancestry and participated in Native dancing and drumming. His Native American name was Little Bear. John worked as a social worker for Native American children for 20 years. Most recently, he was a stay-at-home Dad who enjoyed spending time with his sons. After moving to Kutztown, John became a member of the local AA meeting group, with whom he became close friends. In addition to his wife of 10 years, Danielle, John is survived by his two sons, Jonathan Fox, Canada, and Tristan Fox, at home; and several brothers and sisters. Along with his parents, John was predeceased by his daughter, Cheyenne Fox, whose death was extremely painful for him. There will be no formal services for John at this time, but a celebration of his life will be held in the future. Ludwick Funeral Homes, Inc., Kutztown, PA is in charge of arrangements. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.Ludwickfh.com](http://www.Ludwickfh.com).

### JOYCE JULIA MCGREGOR (nee Kitchemokaman)

Sunrise April 18, 1955 - Sunset July 5, 2021



Joyce began her journey into the spirit world peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre on Monday, July 5, 2021 with her beloved family by her side. Wife of 47 years to Andrew McGregor. Mother to Tah (Michael), Craig (Kathleen) and Tracey Campbell-Barkey (Kevin). Grandmother to Taylor, Tahnee, Tristan, Nicole, Sydney, K.C, Alicia, Joshua and Hannah. Great-grandmother to Braxton, Braelyn, Lincoln, Brennan, Graham (predeceased) and Azalea. Godmother to Jeffrey McGregor, Francis McGregor, Jeffrey Esquimaux and JT Migwanebi. Daughter of John and Margaret Kitchemokman (nee Paibomsai) (both predeceased). Sister to Tony (Valerie), Joanne (Evans), Erika, David, Rita (predeceased) and Bruno (predeceased). Joyce loved her family above all. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends. Joyce was a retired personal support worker. A job she enjoyed and loved. Always willing to help others in need. She also enjoyed her active living, walking, when she wasn’t able to walk far distances any more she enjoyed her scooter. Family and friends gathered at Joyce’s house, 84 Rainbow Ridge Road, Birch Island for visitation Thursday, July 8, 2021 from 5 pm. Funeral Service was Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 11 am. Cremation followed.

### KARL CAMPBELL

March 4, 1938-July 5, 2021



On Friday, March 4, 1938 in a humble farmhouse in Honora, Manitoulin, Karl Campbell took his first breath. With his two eldest children by his side, on Monday, July 5, 2021 at the age of 83, that same Honora Boy, in that same still humble farmhouse, took his final breath. His deepest wish

honoured. His family knows this for the blessing that it is. Predeceased by his first wife Patricia Campbell (nee Taylor) and his life partner Jean Benning. Beloved father to Wendy Campbell, Ward Campbell, Wade Campbell and Wanita-Jo Campbell.

Beloved Pappa Farm to Jennifer, Ashley, Cassandra, Taylor and Rebecca. Loving Great-Pappa Farm to Alexis. Brother to Leonard and Jessie (predeceased), Lawrence and Jay (predeceased), Ivan and Irene (predeceased), Leila and Wes (predeceased), Clayton and Marge (predeceased), Pearl of Sheguiandah and Ron (predeceased), Jean and Vic (predeceased), Floyd and Barb of Uxbridge and Keith and Betty of Toronto. Predeceased by parents George and Ethel Campbell. He will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. Karl was a dedicated police officer with the Sudbury Police Services for 31 years, retiring in June of 1994. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, woodworking and cutting firewood. As per his wishes, Karl will lay in rest in his beloved maple bush. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Donations in Karl’s memory can be made to your local charity of choice.

### ELIZABETH “LIZ” ANNE MILDRED FARREN

September 23, 1962 - July 3, 2021



Elizabeth “Liz” Anne Mildred Farren, 58, passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 3, 2021 in Port Hope at Regency Manor LTC surrounded by family. Liz was born September 23, 1962 in East York to Betty (née Freeman) and Clayton Lang. She joined RBC in 1987 where she met her future

husband, Bob Farren. They wed on December 31, 1990 and welcomed their daughter Mary in 1992. She enjoyed spending time with friends and family, reading and listening to rock music. She is survived by her husband Bob, daughter and son-in-law Mary and Matthew McKeigue, brother Robert Lang, sister and brother-in-law Dianne Lang and Todd Lovelock, sister Nina Cutrona and brother-in-law Chester Smeltzer. Liz’s family will be hosting a Celebration of Life at a later date. Special thanks to caring staff and volunteers at Regency Manor LTC. For more information, please visit [RossFuneralChapel.com](http://RossFuneralChapel.com).

### thank you



#### 50 years and still goin'

A big thank you to Peg, Bill, Nancy and sister-in-law Sharon for the 50th wedding anniversary party and making the day so special. Leeanne, the cake was delicious. You did an amazing job organizing the “old” folk. Thank you to all our special friends who attended, the gifts, the cards, food shared and stories. It was wonderful to see everyone under happy circumstances. Our family made it home, we feel blessed. The photo is our wedding party, John Woestenenk, Peg Turner Clark, Nancy Priddle Patreau and Randy Noble. Missing are my niece Kim Rumley Bate and my brother Andy Prior who we wish could have been there to make the celebration complete. Hugs to all, Bert and Bev Woestenenk

# Sheguiandah FN partners with Manitoulin Streams to plant trees

by Michael Erskine  
SHEGUIANDAH—World Environment Day activities at Sheguiandah First Nation had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances, but instilling traditional values of preservation for seven generations called for rescheduling.

“The reason why I am doing this is because I was thinking to myself ‘what can I do for the children, a way to pass on the teachings and the culture?’” said Shelba Deer, program coordinator for the Community Wellness Worker Program at the Sheguiandah First Nation Health Centre. “The idea of planting trees came to me when I took my three nephews and one niece out on Easter weekend to show them around Sheguiandah First Nation.” Her nephews and niece do not reside on the reserve or even Manitoulin Island, explained Ms. Deer, although one nephew has been living in Sheguiandah for over a year.

“I took them down to the Sheguiandah Bay or Sheguiandah beach by the powwow grounds,” she recalled. “I got them to offer semaa (tobacco) and I asked them to say ‘Miigwech to the water spirits.’ My nephew asked me why we say miigwech to the water and I told him to give thanks to the water spirits like the thunderbirds and Mishipeshu (the underwater panther also known as the great lynx) because they help and protect the water. Right then and there I got my answer on how I would help or teach children to learn the culture through programming or other work I do like Kagawong River Stories.”

“I was thinking ‘what can I do for the Earth and what can I do for the children?’ and I was outside on my break and I remembered planting trees as a child with one of the



Maddie Wagar, Sue Meert, Shelba Deer and Conan Agoneh, age 6, take a quick photo break from planting trees near the Sheguiandah First Nation waterfront.

Sheguiandah programs when I was about five or six years old. I thought ‘why not do something similar but do with a cultural approach’ and I also wanted to honour the spirit of the trees. Through offering semaa and praying it all came together on how to coordinate this project and decided to partner with Sue Meert and Manitoulin Streams.”

The next few weeks were spent planning on how they could coordinate the planting of trees for World Environment Day incorporating a science aspect on ecology. Ms. Deer had already met Ms. Meert through working with 4elements Living Arts in 2016 while putting on that organization’s highly successful River School. The plan the duo came up with included planting or giving community members spruce, cedar and white pine seedlings. “On June 9 I met with Sue Meert and her co-worker Maddie Wagar,” said Ms. Deer. “Sue and I offered tobacco and to give our thanks to the trees and water for doing this planting of the trees. We planted four trees for the community with some of our band members and posted a

demonstration on tree knowledge and on how to plant trees on our Sheguiandah First Nation Health Centre page for community members to view.”

On June 10, from noon to 2 pm the community held a take-away barbecue and pick-up for community members to take home their very own trees they could plant with their children and/or families. Ms. Deer encouraged community members to post photos of their tree planting on the community’s event page titled ‘World Environment Day.’

“Also, we will plant some milkweed seeds for the butterflies so the butterflies do not disappear,” she said. “They are also pollinators for the plants.”

“Doing this with the children is very important,” noted Ms. Deer. “They are the ones who are the new generation and their imagination is what will connect them with spirit and the culture since children have limitless imaginations. It is always good to start them out at a young age and one is never too young to learn the culture and what it means to be Anishinaabe.”

the tree and helped him lay down semaa (tobacco) for the spirit of the tree and to thank it for the comfort it had provided him in life.”

The benefits of planting trees extends into all aspects of life, noted Ms. Deer. “Trees help out with what we breathe in, as what they breathe out is an exchange of life. Trees carry our prayers and they are happy to help us when we talk to them and they celebrate with one another knowing they did that. That’s why it is good offer our semaa to them and say miigwech. They also help with and provide things

like wood for a fire to keep warm or for when we have ceremony.”

The bond between trees and the land extends out into every aspect of Anishinaabe life and culture. There is no greater symbol of securing abundance for the next seven generations and provides a fitting symbol for World Environment Day.

Funding for the program was provided by the Anishinabek Nation (Union of Ontario Indians) through the Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy program.

photo by Michael Erskine

For six-year-old Conan Agoneh trees are very personal. His mother explained that Conan’s favourite tree near where the family lives in Sudbury was recently cut down, devastating the young child who was very attached to the ancient tree. “He came home crying,” said Dez (Desiree) Aguonia. She took him to



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# Mason's honour Espanola man's lifelong blood donations

by Michael Erskine  
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Very Worshipful Brother Grant Moffatt of Whitefish Falls on the occasion of his 100 donations of blood and plasma over the past 30 years.

What makes his accomplishment all the more remarkable is that under the blood donor restrictions for most of each of the past 30 years, Very Worshipful Moffatt would have had to donate the full limit of three times a year to achieve such a milestone.

Although, like Manitowlin, Espanola lost its mobile blood donor clinics

a few years ago, Very Worshipful Moffatt has taken to driving into Sudbury every couple of weeks to donate plasma at that city's new plasma centre at 900 Lasalle Boulevard.

Not content with rolling up his sleeves a couple of

times a week, Very Worshipful Moffatt has also taken on the role of Espanola Masonic Lodge blood donor chairman—encouraging others to step up to donate as well. Blood donations have long been a particular focus of the

Masons. "This was quite a surprise," said Very Worshipful Moffatt. "I was told that I had to go to the Masonic Hall to sign something."

In making the presentation, District Deputy Grand Master Lipit noted that

charity and giving are the cornerstone of the fraternal organization known as the Freemasons, with members practicing charity with treasure and time in many forms.

"We are proud of Grant's service and dedication,"

said Worshipful Brother Brad Bracken, master of the Espanola Masonic Lodge. "I would encourage everyone to contact Canadian Blood Service via their website, Blood.ca, to find out more."



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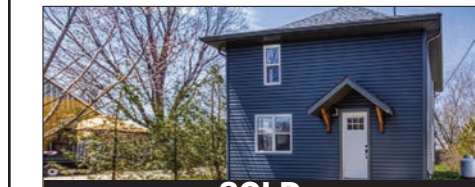
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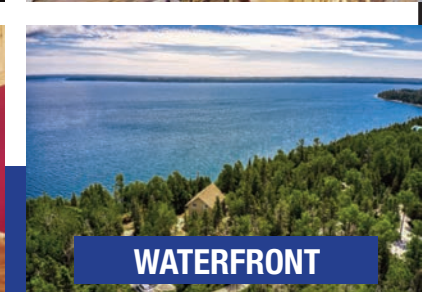
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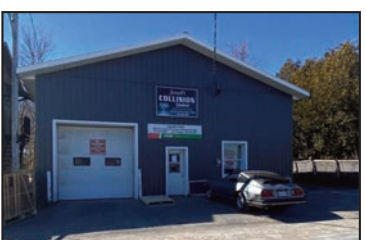


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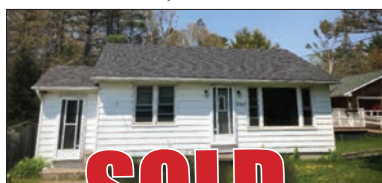
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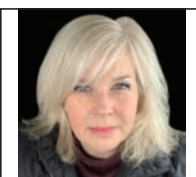
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**STUNNING NORTH CHANNEL WATERFRONT HOME**  
MLS 2095320 \$649,000



**QUAINT 2 BEDROOM COTTAGE ON ICE LAKE, 150' OF FRONTAGE**  
MLS 2097173 \$295,000



**3 ACRES WATERFRONT LOT ON TEN MILE POINT**  
MLS 2095261 \$90,000



**SOLD**  
**UPDATED THREE BEDROOM HOME IN LITTLE CURRENT**  
MLS 2095707 \$379,000



**SOLD**  
**CUSTOM-BUILT WATERFRONT HOME IN EVANSVILLE**  
MLS 2095216 \$780,000



**BEAUTIFUL HOME WITH OUTBUILDINGS IN EVANSVILLE**  
MLS 2092840 \$525,000



**LARGE LOT WITH DETACHED GARAGE ON SITE IN GORE BAY**  
MLS 2097038 \$95,000



**ONE-OF-A-KIND WATERFRONT HOME ON LAKE MANITOU**  
MLS 2094478 \$1,179,000



**3 BED, 1 BATH HOMESTEAD ON 2 ACRES IN BILLINGS**  
MLS 2097265 \$260,000



**HISTORIC SCHOOL BUILDING IN COUNTRY SETTING**  
MLS 2095824 \$210,000



**PENDING**  
**INCOME PROPERTY IN SOUTH BAYMOUTH**  
MLS 2095477 \$275,000



**3 SECLUDED ISLAND LOTS IN MCGREGOR BAY**  
MLS 2095861 \$150,000



**PENDING**  
**66 PRIVATE ACRES, 575 FT OF SHORELINE ON LAKE MANITOU**  
MLS 2095659 \$289,900



**FANTASTIC LOT IN SOUGHT-AFTER BAY ESTATES AREA**  
MLS 2095730 \$49,000



**INCREDIBLE WATERFRONT LOG HOME ON SOUTH BAY**  
MLS 2092314 \$789,000



**MAJOR CUSTOM-MADE INCOME PROPERTY IN MINDEMOYA**  
MLS 2095645 \$1,290,000

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