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Owen Sound Transportation Company celebrates 100 years

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## Owen Sound Transportation celebrates century of serving Manitoulin

### MS Chi-Cheemaun the latest ship in a long history of marine service

by Warren Schlote

OWEN SOUND—Today, March 10, 2021, marks exactly 100 years since the founders of Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC), the present-day operator of the MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry between South Baymouth and Tobermory, filed their letters patent to launch the company as a competitor in the busy Lake Huron shipping trade of the early 20th century.

"The planned 100th year celebrations for 2021 have turned into a low-key commemoration: an interactive permanent installation on the original OSTC property down on the Owen Sound Harbour, adjacent to where the ship winters," said OSTC president and CEO Susan Schrepf in an email to The Expositor on the occasion of the centennial.

Details about the historical installation will come forth later this spring once the piece is ready for the public's eye. OSTC plans to hold a small-scale outdoor event for the unveiling, abiding by applicable physical distancing requirements.

OSTC began operations in 1921 as a primarily freight-oriented company. It served the interests of

Owen Sound businessmen who owned the North American Bent Chair Company. Bentwood chairs are those that use single, bent pieces of wood for their frame and the chair company, founded in 1892, was the first in Canada to use the process, which originated in Austria in 1845.

The entrepreneurs saw OSTC as an arm of their business to both gather and deliver raw wood supplies from around Lake Huron, including Manitoulin Island, as well as a way to ship their finished products to ports farther afield.

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SUN, ICE AND, HOPEFULLY, FISH! Justeen and Evita were having a blast during the Wiikwemkoong Anglers fishing derby on Manitowaning Bay. The derby attracted over 32 adults and 38 children who were able to fish wherever they wanted to dip a line. Some chose the pre-drilled holes at Buzwah, while others settled into South Bay and even Sheguiandah.

photo by Michael Erskine

## Wiiky PPE manufacturing going well but Canada still purchasing offshore

by Michael Erskine

WIJKWEMKOONG—The production of personal protective equipment (PPE) masks in Wiikwemkoong and Sagamok are great good news stories, with FNProcurement Inc. and its part-

ners sighting in on the one million mask mark at its First Nations-based facilities in those communities. But the veritable fly in the ointment is the roadblock to expansion presented by the federal government's procurement

policies and practices.

"Things are going very well at the factories," said Matthew Owl, president of FNProcurement Inc. when contacted by The Expositor recently about how things are going. But the entrepreneur couldn't keep the frustration from his voice when it came to selling three-ply masks to the federal government. "We can't seem to get any contract for the three-ply masks."

Mr. Owl said his sources indicate the government is still purchasing those items of PPE from off-shore sources, despite their own oft-touted five percent targets for purchasing from Indigenous businesses.

an extra dozen doses for front-line health care workers.

Several partners joined forces to ensure the vaccination days went forward effectively. Noojmowin Teg Health Centre,

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## Recent M'Chigeeng clinics vaccinate 325 more people

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Last week, M'Chigeeng ran two days of vaccination clinics for 325 community members and Island-wide essential workers, with other Manitoulin First Nations set to continue the vaccine rollout for consenting citizens this week.

"We were planning this for the last six weeks. We put together a rollout plan and gave it to our leadership, and they accepted it two weeks ago," said Roger Beaudin, M'Chigeeng Health Services manager, as the clinic concluded on Thursday afternoon, March 4. "It went so smooth. There was no glitches whatsoever and we had really good teamwork."

The First Nation received authorization for 312 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine the week before the clinic and on the morning of the second day it received

## Free tax filing offered to select Island groups

### Northeast Town woman makes request, Sudbury firm agrees

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOULIN—Credit Counselling Sudbury (CCS), supported by United Way Canada North East Ontario, is again offering its tax-filing services to clients on Manitoulin with qualifying incomes. Due to the pandemic, the tax returns will be filed with a volunteer over the phone.

Barb Baker, who owns and operates \$umthing, which offers a number of courses, including those on managing one's finances, said she recalled the advertisements in this paper three years ago from CCS, which hosted in-person tax filing services for

those whose annual salaries met the criteria. Ms. Baker reached out to them this winter to see if they might be willing to do this again. The response was that they were not permitted to leave the city due to pandemic travel restrictions. Not to be deterred, Ms. Baker worked with John Cockburn at CCS to see if they could find a workaround which they did—tax filing by phone.

Ms. Baker said she wanted people to understand that although filing by phone sounds counterintu-

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## Weengushk Film Institute in expansion planning stage

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Things are currently hopping at Weengushk Film Institute (WFI), with filming on six films currently underway, but all eyes are cast to the future as the organization is looking to expand its facilities—somewhere on Manitoulin. The \$50,000 grant from the provincial government will be put to good use in completing a feasibility study and business plan for the Turtle Island Project, the organization's expansion strategy.

"Arts organizations make an important contribution to our province, providing thousands of jobs for musicians, writers, painters, actors, dancers, stagehands and the many others working behind the scenes," said Lisa MacLeod, minister of heritage, sport, tourism and culture industries in a release announcing arts funding. "They entertain us, but they also play an important role in the mental health and well-being of Ontarians and an equally important role in the province's economic and social recovery. Providing the help they need is a critical part of our plan to sup-

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# Mindemoya hospital among Gore Bay Masons' last-ever beneficiaries

**by Warren Schlote**  
 MINDEMOYA—Members of the now-closed Masonic Lodge #472 in Gore Bay gave a \$20,000 gift to Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) toward its major project this year to expand and renovate the emergency department at the Mindemoya hospital site.

"We had looked at how much money we would have left once we shut down the lodge, and we decided along with the Shriners' Hospital in Montreal and the Medical Centre in Gore Bay, (the Mindemoya expansion) would be another great choice," said the lodge's more recent master Aaron Wright, who visited the hospital last Thursday, March 4 to present the cheque.

He handed over the donation alongside lodge inner guard Marcus Mohr and past master Adam Smith. Receiving the funds on behalf of MHC were fundraising chair Angela Becks and president and CEO Lynn Foster.

"MHC's Mindemoya site has a long history of serving patients," said Ms. Becks. "The renovation and extension of the emergency department will

improve physical space and flow. Both are much needed as MHC strives to meet its goals and mission of putting patients first."

The total cost of the project, named 'Let's Emerg Together,' is pegged at about \$5 million. MHC will cover half of the costs and the rest of the funds will come through fundraising efforts.

Gore Bay Masonic Lodge #472 had a century-old history before it closed effective December 31, 2020. Mr. Wright said the lodge members had made the decision to close the lodge after the pandemic accelerated its decline. Declining membership has been a trend but the pandemic's disruptions created more instability.

"We wanted to make sure we left a legacy because if we had kept the lodge open a little longer, we would have burned through all of our savings. This way, we can help the community one last time," said Mr. Wright.

"We're very pleased you thought about MHC and helping us with this project," Ms. Foster said as the Masons presented

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From left are MHC president and CEO Lynn Foster, Gore Bay Masonic Lodge #472 Master Aaron Wright passing the cheque to MHC fundraising committee chair Angela Becks, past master Adam Smith and Masonic inner guard Marcus Mohr.

photo by Warren Schlote

# Nature Conservancy of Canada buys Vidal Bay Forest property

**by Tom Sasvari**

MANITOULIN—It was confirmed last week that a deal has been reached by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) to purchase the Vidal Bay Forest property on Western Manitoulin.

Gary Taylor, broker in the Wiarton office of Chestnut Park Real Estate Limited, confirmed last Tuesday, "The sale did close at 4:58 pm last Friday, January 26," said Mr. Taylor.

"NCC did purchase the property," stated Mr. Taylor, "and it is in our system that the sale has been closed. The property was purchased for \$13 million. It was originally listed at \$14,999,000."

Esme Batten, NCC program director, told the Manitoulin West Recorder in an email, "I am able to share an update about the Vidal Bay property that NCC is about 85 percent of our way to our fundraising goal, which needs to be met before we can officially announce the successful completion of the project."

"Although NCC now owns the property we are not in a position to announce it or develop any formal plans for the property until the fundraising campaign is completed," wrote Ms. Batten. "We look forward to building our relationships with First Nations and local communities. We will be in touch when we can share more."

NCC regional vice president Ontario Mike Hendren said in a

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# Regional economic development officers prepare for another strong tourist season

*Municipalities invited to join adaptation study, signage project*

**by Warren Schlote**

MANITOULIN—Economic development officers (EDOs) across Manitoulin and in the townships of Sables-Spanish Rivers and Killarney have reached the second application stage in a FedNor funding proposal to cover most of the costs of a study into adapting to a surging domestic tourism demand during the pandemic, as well as unified signage to enhance visitors' experience at attractions and

amenities.

"It was identified as an issue for (nearby communities) that 2020 was a strange year and we had a lot of local tourism—from Ontario, mostly. A lot of these attractions were overwhelmed and we wanted to set us on a course to be more well-prepared for 2021," said Marcus Mohr, community development and outreach co-ordinator at the Municipality of

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# Overwhelming support for the Mindemoya Old School commemorative coin inspires new minting

**by Michael Erskine**

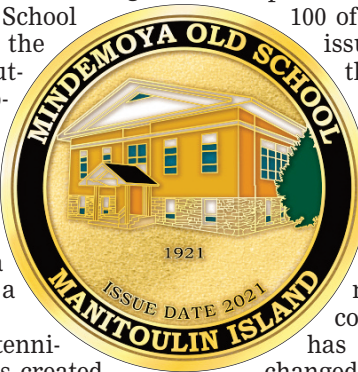
MINDEMOYA—Never say never. The Friends of the Mindemoya Old School were hesitant about minting a second run of a commemorative coin featuring the historic Old School building, but the incredible outpouring of support for the \$25 coin saw the initial 100 minting sold out within days. That led to a rethink and a new plan.

"The first centennial medallion was created to help save the old Mindemoya heritage school building has sold out," announced Mr. Smith. "The first minting of only 100 numbered coins went quickly to collectors and supporters of the cause. A second minting of 300 numbered medallions is now underway."

Although there was some initial resistance to creating more of the coins, the outpouring of support clearly dictated a change in course was in order.

"There was so much demand,"

said coin designer Jim Smith of Mindemoya of the pressure to mint more coins in the first run, but he felt honour-bound to stick to the original script. "I kept to the promise of only minting



new coin has changed."

The result is a new and improved version.

"It has a different picture of the Mindemoya Old School on it. Really, I kind of like this one better," he said. Like the first coin, the new run of 300 will be of a gold-coloured coin about two inches in diameter.

The second run has opened up a remarkable unlooked-for new opportunity. "Collectors seem to want to get the second coin with the same number; they want matching numbers," said Mr.

Smith. Each of the first 100 coins were numbered from one to 100 on the bottom edge (six o'clock position), he explained, noting that the second run of 300 will also be similarly be numbered.

The new coins are set at \$25 a piece, the same as the original issue.

Those interested in obtaining one of the new coins may place their order for one or more (limit of five) to Jim Smith at friartuck53@netscape.net by electronic money transfer, or by sending a cheque to Jim Smith, 1867 HWY 551, Mindemoya, ON. P0P 1S0, or phone 705-377-4013.

As to when money for the original issue can be sent in, Mr. Smith didn't hesitate, "Now!" Those who ordered one of the original coins can send in their money to the same address. If mailing of the order is not required, medallions may be picked up instead under the buyer's name at Williamsons' Hardware in Mindemoya.

# Ontario extends pandemic support to municipalities

TORONTO—The Ontario government is providing an additional \$500 million to help the province's 444 municipalities address ongoing COVID-19 operating costs. The new financial relief will help ensure the delivery of critical services and keep capital projects on track.

"Our government continues to adapt and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as it evolves, and we know our municipal partners are on the front lines of this effort, providing the critical services people depend on every day," said Steve Clark, minister of municipal affairs and housing. "Our municipalities have been clear that they need ongoing operating funding in 2021 and it's important that we step up and provide more financial relief. At the same time, we need the federal government to join us and provide our municipal partners with the additional support they deserve."

A government press release stated municipalities facing the worst impacts of COVID-19 will receive priority and each municipality can identify

how best to use the funds to ease pandemic-related operating pressures.

Each municipality will get an amount based on Municipal Property Assessment Corporation household data, plus an amount based on the proportion of provincial COVID-19 cases from January 1 to February 18 in the municipality's respective public health unit.

On Manitoulin, that means municipalities will receive the following sums: Northeast Town, \$66,935; Central Manitoulin, \$54,154; Killarney, \$35,404; Assiginack, \$33,921; Billings, \$31,218; Gordon/Barrie Island, \$30,455; Gore Bay, \$24,701; Tehkummah, \$23,523; Burpee and Mills, \$22,673; Dawson, \$21,670 and Cockburn Island, \$17,071.

The base funding amount appears to be \$9,000, which went to 14 municipalities. Toronto took in the most funding, with a total of \$164,006,045.

Municipalities have already received \$1.39 billion through the joint federal-provincial Safe Restart

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# "Big" Ron Wouthuis has answers to your home improvement asks

Retail has been a lifelong focus for "Big" Ron Wouthuis, who began working at Mindemoya Home Hardware Building Centre a dozen years ago after moving to Manitoulin from Cambridge for a better lifestyle.

He once worked with his uncle, who ran a greenhouse down south, where Big Ron developed a passion for horticulture. He eventually studied in that field and ran his own garden centre.

Big Ron said he loves working retail and being a guiding voice as customers plan for major life decisions.

"It is strictly about the people. You get to know them and help them out, and become part of their projects," he said. "It can be so rewarding and amazing to connect with somebody on that level."

Big Ron most often works at the lumber sales desk but knows a bit about the whole store. Word has gotten out about his background, though, and the people of Mindemoya know where to turn for gardening tips.

"A lot of the locals do come to see me regularly for advice and ideas," he said. He has a 10 by

40-foot greenhouse and a 30 by 70-foot garden at his Mindemoya home.

He and his wife are missing their three children and their grandchildren down south in the midst of travel restrictions. Fortunately, his in-laws are close to home.



"Big" Ron Wouthuis

Big Ron sees his career as having a deeper impact—as more people shop at his store, he gets to know about their businesses and can support them through their own companies, building a more resilient community.

Remember that when you shop locally, you're supporting your friends and neighbours like "Big" Ron Wouthuis at Mindemoya Home Hardware Building Centre.

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## editorial

### Manitoulin weathered well its year of living dangerously

As news of steadily increasing supplies of various COVID-19 vaccines begin to shore up the globe's defences against the ravages of a pandemic that has claimed millions of lives, Canada is cautiously beginning to heave a sigh of relief—normality may soon be rising above the horizon.

As we look back over a year that clearly fits the description of "living dangerously," Manitoulin communities may be forgiven a certain sense of satisfaction of having, so far, weathered the storm—fending off a pandemic that has threatened to lap upon our shores. With an older and more vulnerable population than most, made up of a 60-40 split of Indigenous residents and a very high rate of diabetes, we have not endured the devastation that has struck so many other communities.

When the pandemic first arrived in Canada, and particularly Ontario, Island leaders reacted swiftly—especially within the First Nations—albeit some of those reactions, in hindsight, might be considered to be a bit draconian in retrospect. But it is far easier to balance responses from the vantage point of an armchair replete with the advantages of a year of experience and science than it is in the midst of impending crisis.

Today we stand secure, with no attributed deaths and barely a handful of positive cases to our credit. Island long-term care facilities have been spared the terrifying infections and mortalities that have beset other facilities. Some within our own riding have not been so fortunate, as Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes has noted, a Kapuskasing long-term care facility saw nearly every resi-

dent testing positive and numerous deaths occurring.

The dedication of Island residents to diligently maintaining COVID-19 protocols, wearing masks, keeping distance, avoiding unnecessary travel and, yes, washing and disinfecting hands at every turn, has made a difference. As an added bonus, this year's flu season has proven to be the lowest on record. Sorry conspiracy buffs, the same protocols that have kept the pandemic at bay also limit the spread of influenza.

It is important as we come close to cresting the pandemic hill to remember the admonition of one Che Guevara and stay vigilant. That wily Cuban guerilla fighter advised striking enemy patrols just before they crested a hill because that was when their guard would be down and most vulnerable.

As more and more people are vaccinated we will approach herd immunity, but that moment when the virus has been wrestled into that place to which polio has been consigned has not yet arrived.

We have weathered much of the storm and safe harbour is heaving into sight, but we are not safely nestled at the docks just yet. This is not yet time to let down our guard, as the latest blip in the numbers has shown—we are not yet safe.

Do not let social media conspiracy theorists deter you from stepping into line to receive a vaccine when your turn arrives. Together we will win if we simply stay the course. Keep your shields up, your masks on and wash your hands—and yes, stay kind.

We will get through this together.

## letters

### Plea for a reprieve from yet another Northern CU branch closure

#### *Manitoulin deserves better from Northern Credit Union*

**To Northern Credit Union Board and Management team,**

It is with great sadness that once again I'm lobbying for a reprieve in closing yet another Northern Credit Union (NCU) branch on Manitoulin Island. To say that the recent announcement of the forthcoming closure of the Little Current branch was a shock would be an understatement, a dujan vu moment to be exact. In 2018 this same scenario played out when NCU suddenly announced the closure of the Mindemoya branch.

In 2018 Manitoulin had a very strong delegate group that was left completely out in the cold regarding the Mindemoya branch closure decision, and its impact on our membership. Following several phone calls and emails I personally met with chairman of the board and the delegate steering committee to convey our displeasure with the 2018 decision and the method in which the decision was made. At the time, there was an acknowledgement from NCU that "mistakes" were made in how this was handled and "NCU could have done better," after all NCU had very little experience in closing branches. You both promised us, the delegates and members, that this would be a "learning experience" and you would learn from these errors and not repeat them! Well here we are just a couple of short years later, with many of the same players making the same "mistakes!" I, for one, and I suspect the majority of your Manitoulin membership and previous delegates/ambassadors, feel betrayed once again by NCU.

During merger talks we were given assurance that "NCU wasn't in the business of closing branches." Despite the bitter taste left in our mouth from the Mindemoya branch closure, we begrudgingly accepted and tolerated the closure of the Mindemoya branch. The planned clos-

ing of the last NCU remaining branch on Manitoulin, after just a few short years of establishing the NCU footprint here, smacks of nothing less than corporate raiding; taking the best that the former Espanola and District Credit Union had to offer and tossing the rest aside (its members). When the Mindemoya branch was closed we were told that the membership numbers did not support keeping that branch open (under 1,000). Now we are being told that the Little Current branch numbers don't support its staying open (under 1,500 members). How long before you tell us that the Espanola branch can't stay open with their membership of about 1,500 members? While there may be a business case to be made for the closure of the Little Current NCU branch, the NCU boards should consider its ethical and moral, and some would argue legal obligations to the residents and shareholders of Manitoulin, a commitment made during merger talks.

Manitoulin deserves and expects better from NCU, a credit union built on membership. Your form letter response to concerned members shows a total lack of respect for your membership, particularly here on Manitoulin where you made promises and commitments!

I ask you to please intervene in the planned closure of the Little Current NCU branch, please step up and do the necessary and right thing. If you truly care about the NCU brand, as you say you do, you won't further tarnish it here on Manitoulin.

**Steve Shaffer,**  
**former NCU delegate/ambassador**  
**Mindemoya**

P.S. You say "foot traffic is down in all of retail." Do you think NCU is immune to this pandemic?

### Writer supports opposition to M'Chigeeng liquor store proposal

#### *Questioning neo-colonialism still runs the risk of being ostracized*

**To the Expositor:**

I wish to honour last week's excellent letter by elder George Corbiere ('Writer registers strong opposition to M'Chigeeng liquor store proposal'). Even for non-Indigenous people, growing up with media brainwashing causing us to be puffing on cigarettes, swilling beer and other alcoholic beverages like our heroes on film and TV, it is a major accomplishment to question these proven dangerous addictions. For First Nations people still struggling with politically correct neo-colonialism, questioning these socially acceptable rituals runs the risk of being ostracized for not enabling our friends, family and neighbours.

Though I don't talk about this often, when I was six months old, growing up in Sault Ste. Marie, my parents were talked into giving me the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, which caused an immediate seizure that almost killed me. It took seven years before I was finally diagnosed with Celiac disease and autism, for which there is no cure. As my mother was a nurse, she had complete confidence that eventual modern medicine would come up with a "magic pill" to cure me. When my parents were finally confronted with the official news, my father approached Ojibwe relatives at the Garden River First Nation and they agreed to perform a healing ceremony. Remarkably, within 24 hours my symptoms went away, the most immediate response being that I began to speak and bloating from gluten went away.

After many years of taking good health for granted, eating junk food, smoking cigarettes and social drinking with my pals, I finally realized that I had to stop smoking cigarettes, which gave me sore throats. I observed that most people determined to quit smoking went through the cycle of temporarily quitting, back-sliding, beating oneself up, then falling back into the indulgence. I decided to give up giving up things. I would stop buying cigarettes, and if a friend offered me a cigarette, I

would only smoke one at a sitting and not while I was busy with any other activity, as chain smoking seemed to be my biggest problem. Remarkably, something totally unexpected happened, that no one talks about. Smoking deadens one's taste buds and after reducing the quantity of smoking over a two-week period, taste buds will revive. It is amazing how terrible cigarettes actually taste, as the tobacco is stale and mixed with a large quantity of horrible chemicals.

Some years later, I was exposed to parasites from well water in Northern Ontario, which revived my celiac condition. All the regular doctors I approached had no clue why I was again bloating from alcohol, refined sugar products, wheat products, refined carbohydrates or GMOs. A naturopath explained that though there were herbal remedies I could take to rid myself of the parasites, I had to first change my diet and eliminate the clogging of my intestines from this junk food diet. He also reminded me that Celiac is a pre-diabetic condition and that if I didn't immediately stop drinking and eat a diet for my blood type, the chances were good that I'd be poking myself with insulin for the rest of my life. Apparently, as I have a type 'O' blood, I should be eating a traditional indigenous diet: no alcohol, no refined sugar products, no refined grains, vegetables, fruit, nuts, wild meat and wild fish. Remarkably, after my earlier success with giving up giving up things, I was able to immediately stop drinking alcohol and sugar drinks, as well as for the most part, radically cut back on carbs. It is true that once in a blue moon, I might have a glass of wine, a bottle of beer, a piece of pizza or pie. However, the good news is that I'm not particularly overweight and I'm not diabetic. Knock on wood.

**Derek Stephen McPhail**  
**Mindemoya**

## Online store pilot project tests consumer reactions to reusable grocery packaging model

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

SUDBURY—A pilot project launched last month will test Ontario consumers' response to a new reusable packaging model. Loop, a partnership between recycling company TerraCycle and grocery company Loblaw, is an online store selling groceries, personal care and household items in reusable packaging. While it's not an option yet for this region, the project is ultimately a test of whether consumers are ready to embrace this new model. The store carries some popular brands including PC, Organic Meadow, Seventh Generation, Hershey's Chipits, Ocean Spray, Heinz Ketchup and Nature's Path. There are 98 products listed online, although not all are currently in stock.

"The fact is that there's too much plastic waste in our environment. We are part of the problem and must be part of the solution," said Galen Weston, executive chairman, Loblaw Companies Limited. "We are actively reducing plastic waste in hundreds of ways in our business today through better processes, new materials, and packaging design. Loop is one of the most innovative opportunities as we work with them to make it easier for consumers to be part of the solution."

Loop works by having consumers pay a deposit on each package that is fully refundable when the package is returned. People place their order online through loopstore.ca which is then shipped by FedEx in a tote. Containers are returned for refund and Loop sorts and professionally cleans them, thus creating a zero-waste shopping loop. Deposits range from \$0.50 to

\$5.50 for a stainless steel Haagen Dazs ice cream container. There is a \$25 FedEx fee that is waived for orders over \$50.

"Loop is designed to be as convenient as the single-use shopping experience while creating a sustainable, circular model for consumption," said Tom Szaky, founder and CEO of Loop and TerraCycle. "Collaboration is necessary to tackle the waste crisis head on. As Canada's largest retailer, Loblaw's operational scale and years of expertise will make Loop accessible to more shoppers and make meaningful progress toward our shared goal of reducing waste."

In October 2020, Ontario introduced regulations to improve the existing blue box program. In a statement, Jeff Yurek, minister of the environment, conservation and parks, explained that, "By harnessing the innovation and ingenuity of industry and expanding recycling opportunities for people and business across the province, we will divert more waste away from landfills by finding new purposes for products and reinserting them back into the economy."

The legislation was intended to transition the costs of the program away from municipal taxpayers by making the producers of products and packaging fully responsible for costs. Reducing plastic waste and litter and making producers responsible for managing the full lifecycle of their products is a key part of the province's Made in Ontario Environment Plan. The proposed framework ensured that programs that were already having a positive environmental impact, such as the Beer Store's deposit and return program, could continue under the new producer responsi-

bility model.

The Loop pilot project does function like the deposit return system on beer and wine bottles except with food packaging, but questions arise about the upfront affordability of the program, especially with quickly rising food costs.

Liz Anawati, owner/co-founder of The Nickel Refillery, a zero-waste store located in Sudbury, thinks high deposit fees could be a barrier for some. "If you're focused and worried about putting food on the table, you're not going to worry about where the plastic ends up."

Demand itself is essential for the price point to come down, she believes. "The only way for us to see improved pricing is through demand and for it to become more normal, across societal norms. It's going to be a really big deal to get people to start paying more attention."

She thinks Loop is a good start. "These name brands, up until this point, have gotten away with putting out there whatever they want. There's been no questions asked and very little accountability. They sell how they sell. The packages are how they have them. The pricing is what they can price. For the most part they haven't had a lot of accountability besides just making sure that product was available."

Retailers and brands are beginning to understand that consumers will change the way they buy, and although the initial pilot may be expensive, she does think that will change in time. "I don't think it's going to stay that expensive," she said. "Maybe they can make it cheaper and choose not to? I don't know. I personally think a lot of their prices currently are very expensive, much

more so than in our store, and we're a lot smaller, so I think they can do better. But with this initial rollout, I think they're just giving people a glimmer."

Ms. Anawati noted that people who are already waste reduction minded are always looking for new ways to do it and so the pricing won't be that shocking to them. "The average person is not going to be able to afford the prices or they're not going to bother buying the product," she said. "In time, once consumers get more comfortable with their model and it catches on, all the producers are going to try to get on board. I think with that, too, prices will come down."

Single use packaging and waste is a people issue, Ms. Anawati said. "If producers don't do something they're just going to look negligent. They're going to lack accountability from all angles. It's a really good thing they're trying to do here. Whether they're at the right price point, I would probably say they aren't yet, but it's a great step in the right direction."

"It does target mainstream and that's the key," she said. "Our model can't target everybody. Some people see our store as radical. When you see big companies doing this it starts to normalize it. It starts to normalize reusable and refillable and I think that's a benefit for everyone, whether it's a small business like us or a mainstream name brand. The main thing is people are going to start talking about it now. I hope to see prices come down. I hope to see more products available. In the meantime, I'm really happy to see it started."

## Cold temperatures bring a heartwrenching conclusion to some pet and stray rescues

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Bleu Fisher apologizes for some profane language she lets slip while describing her feelings while she waited for the veterinarian to examine the young black cat pitifully shivering on the floor of the cat carrier on her knees.

"I just get so upset at the ignorance of some so-called pet owners," she explains. Ms. Fisher is a pet rescue warrior who attends over 40 calls a year to deal with strays and lost cats—too often those calls end tragically, especially in the deep cold of winter.

Ms. Fisher posted an unnerving video of her latest charge on Facebook. The small black cat lies shivering uncontrollably and the caption holds little back on how Ms. Fisher was feeling.

A few moments later the dreaded sequel appears.

"Thanks everyone of course I'm sad this guy couldn't be saved, but I'm more disgusted and pissed that the mentality in some people is 'it's just a cat.' No, it's a living being. People have lost compassion. I see so many heartless comments especially with trapping that is happening. How does anyone find joy in killing animals? Dumping animals? Leaving dogs outside tied in the back of the yards 24/7 while you sit your asses in your warm houses? Who raised these (expletive) people? Thank God this boy was found and didn't have to suffer in these cold days!"

Ms. Fisher had received a call from neighbours just up the street from her house that a cat was curled up in a little ball.



This sad little fellow was found curled up and frozen in Little Current. Unfortunately, he didn't survive.

photos by Bleu Fisher

"It was feral," she recalled. "It was shaking and in pretty rough shape."

She managed to collect the cat who was beyond fleeing and, unable to get him warm, she quickly raced off to Island Animal Hospital in the hopes of being able to save the poor animal. Alas, this time it was not fated to be.

"They put a heater on him, a heating pad, and he did eventually get warm," she recalled. "But he had neurological damage along with being frozen."

Protocols that followed highlighted the dangers Ms. Fisher faces in her self-appointed role as a pet

rescue warrior: After the cat was euthanized, its severed head was sent off for analysis. The neurological damage could be a sign of rabies.

"It's not likely at all," Ms. Fisher assured The Expositor. "But we have to check anyway."

Another story follows shortly after. A small white and black kitten is spotted among the wood pallets at Barney's Bargain Barn. Ms. Fisher grabs her trap and carriers and heads out to try and entice the little fellow into her warm embrace. The kitten was having none of it.

"She scampered back into the

pallets," said Ms. Fisher. "She was only about four months old and she was just about frozen." She finally managed to lure the skittish creature into a trap using cans of food. Monikered Baz, the newest (temporary) addition to the Fisher household had to endure some time in quarantine before she could join the rest of the pride.

Although Ms. Fisher describes Baz as being feral when captured, complete with much hissing and carrying on when Ms. Fisher reached her heavily gloved hands into the cage to retrieve the shivering kitten, that condition was apparently short-circuited by some tender loving care.

"Now she is just a little purring machine," laughs Ms. Fisher, "a



Nicknamed Baz, this four-month-old kitten had a much better result.

real little mush guy."

The kitten also had a fever of 104 ("that's high for a cat," said Ms. Fisher) but that has since subsided.

The kitten is now fixed, has its shots and is ready to make the journey to Pet Save Sudbury, where hopefully she will be adopted out to her forever home.

While pet owners may think their animals can take care of themselves when let out the door, Ms. Fisher notes that there is a world of danger awaiting. Leaving aside the dangers of predators and traffic, disease stalks the streets.

"Almost every cat I tested has FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus)," she said. That's an alarming statistic, as Ms. Fisher tests a lot of feral cats over the course of her year of pet rescue.

FIV is similar to the human HIV, but is not as fatal for cats and is not transmissible to humans. Cats can carry the virus for years.

"As long as they don't bite, they are okay," said Ms. Fisher. "It's transmitted (to other cats) through a bite."

Ms. Fisher depends on donations and the good will of others to assist in her efforts to rescue stray animals and lost or abandoned pets. She credits Barney's Bargain Barn in Little Current for a lot of the assistance she receives from the community, while the Northeast Town provides some assistance with the spaying and neutering of stray cats.

Those seeking to help out with the significant financial cost of her volunteer efforts can contribute by sending an electronic money transfer to [zoenwillow@yahoo.ca](mailto:zoenwillow@yahoo.ca) or by making arrangements through the same contact. Ms. Fisher can also be contacted through her Facebook account where many of her recent rescue operations are documented.

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#### A big "hooya" for a local furnace company

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Little Current

#### George Corbiere letter on the mark

*More alcohol is needed like a hole in the head*

To the Expositor:

Those who have not read George Corbiere's letter in the March 3 edition of The Expositor regarding the proposed liquor store in M'Chigeeng need to read it! George, this letter is 100 percent on the mark. Then in the same paper the government is giving away \$26,117 to Split Rail Brewery for more production of alcohol. We need

more alcohol in our communities like we need another hole in our head. What a waste! Hopefully the government does not hand out more money to produce more cigarettes, it makes about as much sense.

Sincerely,

Lyle Dewar  
Providence Bay

## Northeast Town water users can expect a four percent increase in rates

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson presented the proposed water and sewer rates for 2021 at the March 2 meeting of council, with a public meeting set for March 30.

Residents of Little Current can expect to see a four percent increase in their water rates, an annual increase of \$18.53 (from \$463.37 to \$481.90), or \$4.63 per billing quarter.

The Little Current water treatment plant will see some significant capital projects this year, including the replacement of the plant filters to the tune of approximately \$550,000. Earlier this year, the municipality

was warned by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), which oversees the day-to-day maintenance of the two water treatment plants, that the filters may not last through next winter. The funds to cover the substantial cost will come from the Little Current water reserves, which would draw it down to \$967,000.

The total amount of the Little Current capital projects (numbered at 12), including the filter replacement, comes in at \$613,714.

Little Current water users will also see a raise in their sewer rates of \$134 per year (from \$348 to \$482). This is due to the multi-million lagoon expansion project that wrapped up this fall and which saw the

municipality take out a loan of \$553,077.94 to help cover costs. Mr. Williamson explained that as this is a user-pay system, Ward 2 residents will be billed accordingly. The total amount of capital projects for the Little Current sewer system is \$135,000.

Councillor Barb Baker suggested council look at alternative, less costly, filtration systems, such as sand filtration which is currently utilized in Sheguiandah.

In the village of Sheguiandah, home of some of the costliest water rates on the Island, residents can also expect a four percent hit to their water bills, an annual increase of \$54.87 (from \$1,371.77 to \$1,426.64).

There are seven items on the Sheguiandah plant capital projects list for 2021, totaling \$28,241.

Sheguiandah Councillor Jim Ferguson asked Mr. Williamson for the reasoning behind a four percent increase to Sheguiandah water users. Mr. Williamson explained that the four percent would cover OCWA's operating costs and reminded council of the small number of users on the Sheguiandah system, which in turn means higher user fees.

A public meeting on the water and sewer rates for 2021 will be held, via Zoom, on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 pm.

## Water, sewer rates to continue following 2.5 percent annual rise in Tehkummah

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—The Township of Tehkummah passed its 2021 operating budget, its tax rates and water and sewer rates at the March 2 council meeting, resulting in a 2.8 percent increase for the township's ratepayers.

"Since we last spoke about the budget, we went back and did some fine tuning and our instruction to staff was to keep it under four (percent)," said clerk-administrator Silvio Berti.

Residential tax rates, the base rate for the municipality, will see a 2.8 percent increase to the mil rate. Assessments did not change in Tehkummah this year.

A copy of the budget was not included in the meeting's agenda package but Tehkummah provided a copy to The Expositor on request.

This year's expenditures total \$2,397,570, offset by \$1,141,554 in revenues. This left the township to collect \$1,256,016 via taxation in 2021, up by 4.19 percent when compared to last year's tax revenues of \$1,205,520.

This year's 2.8 percent tax increase compares to a 3.75 percent increase in 2020.

At the meeting, Councillor Michael McKenzie asked about the number of properties included within the 'exempt from taxation' category, assessed at \$3,043,000. These properties include churches and municipal buildings and all tax exemptions flow from Ontario's Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Deputy treasurer Barb Deforge said she would find out which properties have a tax-exempt status in the township.

Council also passed an interim tax rate bylaw to allow it to begin collecting taxes this year at half the rate of the previous year, and a budget expense exclusion report that accounts for post-landfill closure costs, amortization expenses and post-employment benefits expenses, none of which regularly appear on operating budgets.

On the water and sewer rates, Tehkummah continued

following its 2019 bylaw that the township increase water and sewer rates in South Baymouth by 2.5 percent each year in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Council discussed a new service charge for turning water on and off at ratepayers' homes. This was previously a free service but the township is now charging \$25 for each of the spring and fall visits. Council previously approved this in the user fees and charges bylaw.

Residential water and sewer rates for 2021 stand at \$2,039.36. Small commercial operations are set at \$3,050.56 and large commercial is set at \$5,075, though the larger businesses in South Baymouth have individual rates.

Ms. Deforge said Ontario Clean Water Agency, which operates the South Baymouth water treatment plant, takes care of the calls to turn water on and off. Fewer than 10 customers get this service each year.

Councillor Rick Gordon was against the annual fee increase and said South Baymouth residents were paying too much already, in his opinion.

"We have an island in the middle of Lake Huron and we pay too damn much for water. I wouldn't want to be living in a house in South Baymouth and paying \$2,000 a year for friggin' water. I think it's ridiculous how much they've got to pay," he said.

Reeve David Jaggard countered that he believed the rates were similar to those in Mindemoya, to which Councillor Gordon replied that Mindemoya's rates were also too high. The councillor acknowledged that a smaller user base on the water system contributes to the higher cost.

Council passed the water and sewer rates and collection policy, with Councillor Gordon voting against.

## Rural halls face uncertainty in time of global pandemic

*Rockville Community Hall calls on MPAC to waive taxes*

by Alicia McCutcheon

ROCKVILLE—Last month, Carol Sheppard, who has served as president of the Rockville Community Hall for the past 30 years, wrote a letter to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in the hope it might reconsider its taxation of community halls, especially considering the COVID-19 pandemic, which makes raising money for halls like Rockville's all the harder.

Ms. Sheppard wrote to MPAC, giving a brief synopsis of the Rockville Hall, which began its life as a church, built in 1928 and opened for worship the following year. The church closed its doors in 1945 and, almost two decades later, reopened in 1963 as the Rockville Hall.

"From 1939 to 2019, there have been funerals, weddings, anniversary gatherings, weekly senior euchre parties and monthly dinners," Ms. Sheppard writes. "Due to the fact of aging volunteers, the cost of insurance, taxes, maintenance and now COVID, my concern is that we will be forced into closing this building for good."

"The Manitoulin Island has a small population of 12,000," she continued. "My plea to MPAC is to consider exempting these small community halls from land tax. Looking forward to hearing from you."

The three halls located in the Northeast Town, Rockville Hall, Green Bay Hall and Howland Seniors' Hall in Sheguiandah, are unique on Manitoulin in that the municipality has never owned any of these community centres which were repurposed from previous uses and owned and operated by their respective communities. The halls are the property of the community groups that operate them and, as such, are subject to taxes unlike the other halls on the Island, which are considered municipal assets.

Ms. Sheppard has high praise for her Rockville neighbours and those seasonal residents who have donated funds to the hall since the pandemic's start. "The summertime people have really stepped up," she added.

The annual insurance fee for the Rockville Hall runs around \$1,200 with taxes adding another \$800, Ms. Shep-

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## Manitoulin Sporting Life



**Remembering Walter**  
Last week, one of the most recognized hockey Dads in Canada died. **Walter Gretzky** was 82 and had been one of the most recognizable Dads for close to 60 years. He now famously made a rink for his kids at their Brantford home every winter and it was where **Wayne** honed his skills at the age of three.



Aurel Fox-Recollet of Wiikwemkoong is pictured with the legendary Walter Gretzky at an October 18, 2009 Pittsburgh Penguins vs. Toronto Maple Leafs game.

Walter tirelessly maintained his rinks so his children could develop their skating and puck handling quickly, as outdoor rinks tend to demand. This past Saturday, Hockey Night in Canada honored Walter by having thousands of people send in pictures of their own outside arenas under the hashtag 'Walter's Rinks.' Walter was a huge hockey fan himself and studied the game and tried to instill his enthusiasm and knowledge to his kids and Wayne just happened to excel. Walter had lots of game theory that he passed on to Wayne. One piece of advice that is often attributed as a Wayne quote was, "don't skate where the puck was, skate to where it is going." This quote has since been used by everyone from house league coaches up to Fortune 500 executives down on Wall Street.

During the game on Saturday, one of the announcers said that everyone had a picture of them with Walter. Part of the reason was because he was Wayne's Dad and watched Wayne play thousands of games but Walter also went farther by hosting fundraisers and always had the patience for the long line of fans. Even a look through your social media friends you will see many people you know who got to meet this generous man.

Part of Walter's identity will always be the ubiquitous backyard rink and what a great thing to be known by. Many of us, myself included, benefitted from our hockey Dads (and Moms) who went out during the coldest part of the night to get a couple of good floods in so it was ready for us the next day. Everyone can also relate finding a place to hide when you left a puck to melt in on a sunny day!

### Active Assignack!

The Manitowaning Arena was fortunate to continue to run hockey practices in all six divisions and some of the Panther players and kids from other associations joined them. Recreation director **Jackie White** was so pleased to say, "it was the most amazing thing seeing three coaches from house league and Panthers and 20 players on the ice (still at the time in orange zone so it was allowed). Kids from Manitowaning, Panthers and Mindemoya were all practicing and all having the best time. While COVID did a number on the world, the opportunity for hockey to move around like this was truly wonderful. For some I think the love of hockey came back, not the winning or losing but simply playing the game." Amen.

Following red zone protocols they are running kids dance, and just started adult and senior dance classes with registration open now. Yoga is once again starting up this spring, so stay tuned for that.

### Heaven's Gate Trail property fundraising update

The Fundraising by the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) is going quite well, according to **Cathy Jeffery** who, along with her husband **Dr. Roy Jeffery**, have generously vowed to match up to \$250,000 of donations to buy the important Heaven's Gate Trail land. The EBC treasurer told Cathy, "Manitoulin accounts for about 15 percent of the donors—impressive for 12,000 residents."

We are hearing all sorts of heartwarming stories about how important people think it is to preserve the property. Please help if you can. Check out the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy website.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR?**  
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Clinton and Connor Kaboni, left, and father Wayne Kaboni pose for a photo at the BC Sports Hall of Fame where both brothers have been recognized for their skills on the lacrosse field.

## Lacrosse players with Wiiky roots making history in BC

by **Michael Erskine**

MERRIT, BC—Two Ontario lacrosse players, Clinton and Connor Kaboni, grandsons of Raymond Jackson of Wiikwemkoong, will be joining the Humboldt State University lacrosse team this year thanks to sports scholarships earned through their outstanding skills on the field, but the duo has placed their sights on careers in business.

Clinton, 18, is currently a freshman in college at Humboldt, a university located in Arcata, California. He will be joined this coming school season by his brother Connor, 17, who is just finishing up Grade 12.

Clinton has been playing lacrosse since Grade 6 and has already made his mark on the sport after travelling to Los Angeles for college prep school and playing on the national team. His jersey from the 2018 summer games in Cowichan is on display celebrating the first time in 40 years of British Columbia Summer Games competition that an all-Indigenous team had participated. His father, Wayne Kaboni of Wiikwemkoong, was the team coach.

Clinton was recruited to play on the Humboldt team after being scouted by the university coach who was impressed by the young lacrosse player's performance. By happy circumstance, Humboldt was one of the colleges that Clinton had shortlisted for his post-secondary education.

"The coach gave me the scholarship as he is working on rebuilding the program," shared Clinton when contacted by The Expositor. He noted that although the team is currently in division two of its league, the coach wants to take things to the next level and compete in division one.

Enter Connor, who has also been playing lacrosse for several years. "I applied to the school through the California state application process," said Clinton.

Teamwork is vital in any competitive sport and the coach decided the synergy between the two brothers was an ideal ingredient to help build the team's cohesion.

Both brothers admit being influenced by their father's love of lacrosse, although Mr. Kaboni downplays his own accomplishments. "I played in the bush leagues," he laughed from the other room. Turns out Mr. Kaboni played in the Iroquois League—he went on to coach his son's team.

"Both my boys have received the premier's award for the region: Connor in 2018 and Clinton in 2020," said the proud father. "Clinton's award has not been officially announced yet, but he received his award in the mail this week and if Clinton gets selected as the regional rep he will be featured in the BC Sports Hall of Fame for a year in the Indigenous awards area."

But both young men have their sights set on the far end of the field; they will be studying business administration while playing for Humboldt. Once again being influenced by their father, who has built successful businesses in British Columbia.

The duo was born in North Bay and are members of Nipissing First Nation, although their father is a Wiikwemkoong band member. They moved to Longlac before ending up in British Columbia.

"We spend a lot of time in Wiikwemkoong," said Clinton. "We were planning on going this past summer, but then COVID hit."

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## After almost 33 years in downtown Little Current, the McCullochs make a breakaway for retirement

LITTLE CURRENT—Donnie McCulloch has left the building. The popular downtown merchant and co-owner (with his wife Carrie) of Breakaway Sports fielded his last shift just over a week ago.

Known almost as much for its welcoming atmosphere as for its clothing and sports equipment, Mr. McCulloch has held court with a steady stream of customers and friends perched on the large wooden bench situated near the front counter.

The McCullochs first purchased the business in July of 1989; it was known as Current Clothing and Sportswear and the owners at that time lived upstairs above the store. The McCullochs decided early on that they were not going to follow that route—or rent the upstairs apartment for that matter.

"I wanted to," supplied Ms. McCulloch, eliciting a grimace from her husband. "Don didn't want to." Tackling a new retail operation was more than enough of a challenge at the time.

"Besides, you really have to be careful who you rent to," said Mr. McCulloch. That and you want to be able to get away from the place.

Over the last few years, Mr. McCulloch has put in a lot of time at the store. "We really have been here seven days a week, especially in the summertime," he said. "You don't have time to go do any fishing or anything yourself."

Therein lies the crux of why the couple decided to sell the business and retire.

Those familiar with Breakaway Sports would likely be astonished at the sheer size of the building, as the store only utilized a small portion of the downstairs, with the rest dedicated to storage and oft-sought minnows that reel in a steady school of anglers throughout the winter.

The previous owners of the business had operated a hardware store, noted Ms. McCulloch, but their supplier had gone into receivership and other distributors would not take them on as they already supplied other Island businesses. Caught between a rock and a hard place, the previous owners had to re-align their business model.

When the McCullochs first took over the business, they concentrated heavily on sports (hockey) equipment and fishing tackle, with one wall dedicated to each in its season. But as time went on, the clothing side of the business gradually grew in proportion as the other sank. It was a question of supplying what the customers needed.

The division of labour was settled early in the operation, with Mr. McCulloch handling the in-store merchant role, while Ms. McCulloch did all of the ordering and bookkeeping. Both were very comfortable in their respective roles.

"When we started Don was still working at E.B. Eddy," said Ms. McCulloch. "So I ran the store for the first few years and didn't pay myself. Then Don left his job, he didn't say anything beforehand, he just left. He came in and I had to show him what to do." Luckily, Mr. McCulloch was a quick study. That was in 1992.

"Oh, yeah, Don's a great guy," laughed Ms. McCulloch. "You heard that!" interjected Mr. McCulloch, laughing.

"Don did the ordering of the hockey equipment and I did the rest," said Ms. McCulloch.

As for the chatting bench... "That wasn't what the bench was originally intended for," laughed Ms. McCulloch. "We put it in so that customers could try things on without toppling over. People were always teetering on one leg." Apparently the bench works well for the purpose of trying things on too—there were also change rooms in back of the store that allowed customers to try on the high quality clothing and sportswear that became Breakaway's hallmark.

It was only over the last 10 or 15 years that the bench came to be a favourite gathering spot for Mr. McCulloch's large group of friends.

"It seems everybody was retired except for me," laughed Mr. McCulloch.

"The new owners will have a lot of old guys coming in to chat," Ms. McCulloch chuckled.

There have been plenty of changes over the years. When the McCullochs first took over the business there were old uneven sidewalks and a plethora of hydro poles, "that was a great thing," said Mr. McCulloch.

But when the grocery store (Dunn's) left and both pharmacies departed there were some scary times.

"With all the online ordering going on, it really had us concerned for a while," said Ms. McCulloch. "But the pandemic has really been a boon in that way. A lot of people have been doing their shopping locally. I really wish people



Donnie and Carrie McCulloch share some of their reminiscences before handing over the reins to Little Current's Breakaway Sports. The couple has operated the downtown fixture since July 1989.

photo by Michael Erskine

"It's the local people who support you through the year," said Mr. McCulloch.

"When we first started, I thought it would be the tourists who made the difference," said Ms. McCulloch, "but that's only a couple of months a year. We are so thankful for the support we have received from the community over the years; without them, we wouldn't have lasted 32 years the way we did."

That local loyalty allowed the store to support countless community causes over the years.

"We never even claimed any of it," laughed Ms. McCulloch. "I never had any idea what Don had given away in any week."

The store has not seen a lot of theft over the years, but they were robbed on one occasion and burglarized on another.

"You know, people talk about how they felt after being robbed," said Ms. McCulloch. "I never thought much about it until it happened." A man slipped into the back while she was with a customer and stole her wallet from her purse. "You feel violated," she said.

The burglary was a much bigger hit, with literally thousands of dollars of merchandise stolen by a more "professional" gang.

"They dropped money on the way out," recalled Mr. McCulloch. "One fellow on the way to work pointed out to them that they had dropped a bunch of loonies on the ground—he didn't know."

Those culprits were eventually arrested and charged with hundreds of thefts in southern Ontario. "But there were so many charges that they just dropped ours," recalled Mr. McCulloch. It was disheartening.

The other challenge was the rollercoaster nature of retail trade in a small rural community.

"At the start it was very scary the way things dropped off after the summer," recalled Ms. McCulloch. "But Don would point out that it was the same every year, and it was, you eventually got used to it."

As for the strangest thing that's happened to them, Ms. McCulloch recalled the time she found a small garter snake nestled in the front window.

"I think somebody must have brought it in as a joke," she said. "It was just a tiny thing. Maybe they thought I would be afraid of it."

Ms. McCulloch took the tiny interloper outside, but it slipped from her fingers and onto the sidewalk.

"Next thing I knew I was in the middle of the road stopping traffic so it wouldn't get run over," she laughed. "Jeff Crowell saw me and came and helped. He took the snake over to the grass where it was safe."

The few negative incidents that occurred over nearly a third of a century in business could not sour the couple's memories of retail lives well-lived, however.

"It has been really uplifting," said Ms. McCulloch. "It's crazy the relationships you create when you operate a store."

Many of the friends Mr. McCulloch has made over the years are from away, many from the US.

"They stop in over the summer to catch up on what has been happening," said Ms. McCulloch.

Come this summer the McCullochs will be missed on the front street, but they said they are very excited to see what the new owners have come up with.

"They are young, full of energy and have great ideas," said Mr. McCulloch. "We are really looking forward to see what all they do."

See future editions of this paper for an interview with new owners Sarah and Ben Quackenbush and their exciting plans for Breakaway Sports.

could realize what a difference that has made for a lot of Island businesses."

The Breakaway Sports retail model was a bit of a challenge for some of their suppliers. "We are a small community," noted Ms. McCulloch. "People don't like to be wearing the same thing as other people, so I would only order a couple of each item. The salespeople had a hard time understanding that, but it worked for us."

"The other thing is the summer people," said Mr. McCulloch. "We have had great support from the summer residents. A lot of people would come over from Sudbury to shop because they like to shop in a small store."

But when it comes to how the business has survived and thrived over the years, the couple is both adamant.



Manitoulin Secondary School

### PLAYER PROFILE

by Zoe Redmond

Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association

**CONGRATULATIONS, DARWIN!**



DARWIN WOOD



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Darwin Wood is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. He is a Grade 11 student who certainly keeps himself busy. When Darwin isn't busy with practices and school he can be found playing the guitar, playing dungeons and dragons, as well as other board games. Darwin also enjoys hanging out with friends and playing video games.

During his years at Little Current Public School he participated in a large variety of sports such as chess, basketball, volleyball, soccer, flag football, track and field and cross country. Outside of school he takes part in martial arts and in previous years he played soccer. Darwin's main source of motivation and encouragement comes from his dad. He says that his dad loves sports just like Darwin does. Darwin's dad helps teach him a lot of what he knows and with their shared love of sports it really helps to resonate a deeper level of skill within Darwin. Darwin's step-dad teaches him karate and also gives him tips while working out. Darwin finds that they help him to be active and all around make his sports and athletics that much more fun.

Throughout Darwin's sports experience he has achieved a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to setting goals and accomplishing them. Specifically an accomplishment for Darwin is receiving 1st place in division for sparring and kata (martial arts). Starting off Darwin's sports experience in his earlier years he received various ribbons and medals in both track and field. From Darwin's growth and strengthening of his skills he has been able to improve himself in many areas. When it came to volleyball he and his team were able to get the 2nd place medal at NSSSA. His early years of taking part in sports have no doubt helped give him the skills he has today. From thinking about how he plays and practices, he always looks forward to practices as he is able to take what he has thought about and apply it.

Darwin continued to play sports in high school and in Grade 9 he played right side in volleyball, as well as badminton doubles with his partner Chris White. Grade 9 was a year filled with many sports that kept Darwin very busy. He also took part in track and field and competed in shot put, javelin and the 100m dash. When it came to Grade 10 he played volleyball in the position of right side, and curling. Darwin is highly experienced when it comes to attending NOSSA and NSSSA and certainly has much to show. He has been to NOSSA for curling and volleyball, where he and his team put up a great show of effort and strength. At NSSSA Darwin went for volleyball, badminton and track and field! Currently Darwin is looking forward to volleyball, badminton and tennis as many of them were cut short due to COVID-19. All of these sports have their seasons coming up, however, it depends on restrictions.

Throughout Darwin's sports season he is considerate towards his teammates and constantly provides motivation and words of encouragement. His uplifting attitude never fails to keep him and his team excited. Darwin loves to play badminton because it can be both a team sport as well as an individual sport. When playing badminton with a partner there is someone else to rely on, and whether you win or you lose you can do it together. Darwin certainly shows that he loves the game, as he is always eager to play new people and try out his skills at the chance of victory. He likes playing sports because he likes being active and having fun. In many different varieties of sports there are endless possibilities to the fun that he can have, especially with friends. Darwin also likes the potential for learning new things and skills. In badminton he is constantly learning and adapting to his opponents as well as his partner.

In school, Darwin's favourite subject is anything with science. He finds that science is his favourite subject because he loves how it can involve different elements and touches on chemistry and physics. Darwin also really enjoys the presence and teachings of all the science teachers at MSS and he hopes to use science at some point in his future. When Darwin finishes high school he hopes to leave the island and go to some kind of college or university.

Darwin is one of many super Mustangs, and with his creativity, comedic aspects and adventurous lifestyle, he is sure to represent MSS well. Have an awesome year, and keep up the outstanding work Darwin!

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# ...Weengushk in expansion planning stage

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port individuals, families and job creators impacted by the virus, while laying the foundation for a strong economic recovery.”

“We are just finishing up our feasibility study and will be putting a business plan together,” said Nano Debassige, WFI managing director, when contacted about that organization’s plans for the funding. “It is part of what we are calling our Turtle Island Project.”

The Turtle Island Project is aimed at building a ‘state of the art’ facility to support the growth and sustainability of WFI that “brings together artists from diverse cultural experiences and allows them to share their stories.”

Mr. Debassige explained the project will enable WFI to “expand programs, deliver a culturally land-based curriculum, improve outreach, increase economic viability and provide a world-class training facility in the arts on Manitoulin Island.”

Although Mr. Debassige said that the feasibility study and business plan are aimed at “what is the future, is it feasible, where is it feasible,” the intent is definitely to keep WFI on Manitoulin.

The challenge for WFI’s expansion is that the current footprint only facilitates a student body of 10 to 15 students.

The Turtle Island Project will be a community-based Indigenous media training facility on Manitoulin Island, he notes. “Our growth is limited by our existing space. We receive 50 applications on average per year and can only accommodate 15 students. We lose potential students from across the world due to insufficient facilities.”

The funding was sought to enable

## ...PPE going well but Canada still purchasing offshore

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Much of the success of the FNProcurement Inc. facilities is linked to the orders pouring in from First Nations organizations, noted Mr. Owl. But when it comes to federal orders, it’s crickets in the hallways—well, not exactly. A short letter back from Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) offered condolences that their bid had not succeeded, but offered no insight as to why.

“It’s disheartening the government has not stepped up to the plate,” admitted Mr. Owl, who was anticipating expansion of a business that has brought huge dividends in local employment and social wellbeing to remote Indigenous communities. The lack of feedback was also dispiriting.

“When I asked, ‘was the bid too high? Was the bid too low?’ They invoked the Emergency Provisions Act, which means they don’t have to divulge any information,” he said. “What exactly is national security about three-ply masks?”

The federal procurement requirements called for the company to have 16 million units ready to go, with plenty on hand to fill stopgaps in supply. His company was more than ready and willing to meet that bar. “We had high hopes,” said Mr. Owl.

Three-ply masks are the familiar blue rectangular disposable masks that have become ubiquitous during the pandemic. FNProcurement Inc. also manufactures N95 masks, which are white and produced to exacting standards.

“We are not asking the government for money,” said Mr. Owl. “We are just looking for them to purchase a high-quality product that meets their needs.” He noted that Canada has had to return a huge amount of sub-standard PPE to other nations, primarily China. “I just don’t get it,” he said.

Mr. Owl has reached out to Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes for assistance in finding answers, but despite her best efforts much remains opaque in the procurement process.

“I received a letter on this on January 4,” noted Ms. Hughes, who also has had little luck in changing the narrative so far. It is a situation that the MP finds puzzling.

“The government should be supporting those businesses that stepped up and retooled their operations to supply the materials we found ourselves short of at the start of the pandemic,” she said. “Instead, the government has continued to procure supplies from abroad.”

Ms. Hughes said that the government should be doing everything they can to provide opportunities to Indigenous-led businesses. “I am still hearing of frustration due to lack of PPE from administrations,” she said. “The cost of PPE has gone up globally and the government should be ensuring there are domestic suppliers.”

She related hearing that workers in long-term care facilities are still being restricted when it comes to accessing adequate supplies of PPE—with escalating costs being cited.

Ms. Hughes noted those challenges are still happening

WFI to “fulfill our quota request to meet the demands of the interest.”

Historically, what began simply with community-based weekend workshops in the filmmaking crafts now has blossomed into a 17-year media-arts training and creation program for aspiring, emerging and professional artists alike, noted WFI in its application. “The institute hosts artistic programming to cover all aspects of filmmaking, including the



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specialized crafts of screenwriting, directing, producing, cinematography, editing and composing. We now deliver a progressive program of media arts training and development that provides for quality cultural and traditional knowledge transfer with land-based training and fostering the long-term artistic growth of all participants.”

WFI founder and chancellor of Brock University Dr. Shirley Chee-choo, C.M. was inspired to establish the Turtle Island Project by “her lifelong journey” and by the “many talented artisans across Turtle Island.”

She noted that the current building and facility is not equipped to facilitate a larger student base and does not provide space for residences for the students or instructors, with the students currently billeting in the community.

“We envision an international state-of-the-art performance centre,” she said.

The ambitious plans to increase enrollment and impact through the creation of a larger intake stream that will be supported by the construction of the new facility over the next five years will see a world-class arts centre that houses: a training facility with administrative offices and study halls; land-based learning facilities; elders in residence; a residence for artists and students; social and guidance services; a dining facility; production and post-production facilities; a theatre and sound stage; and an equipment facility.

WFI hopes to accomplish its expansion through an aggressive capital campaign and seeking potential investors.

Turtle Island Project not only hopes to meet the goal of expanding, integrating, educating and promoting Indigenous and youth diversity, but also strengthen the infrastructure of Indigenous arts communities of the North.

“We have secured an architect to begin planning what the facility will look like,” said Mr. Debassige. He noted that the capital committee consists of himself, Dan Donovan, Phyllis Ellis, Darlene Kaboni and Randy Trudeau.

Mr. Debassige suggests folks stay tuned for updates on upcoming ventures and to follow the progress of this project.

“Keeping in mind the COVID pandemic has affected us all in many ways but the vision, funding partners and team members behind this project have been making this manageable through online meetings,” said Mr. Debassige.

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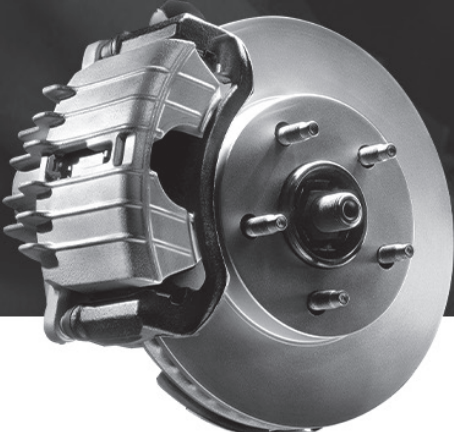
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# Manitoulin Lodge and other Jarlette homes reopen to essential caregivers

by Warren Schlote

GORE BAY—Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay has reopened to allow essential caregivers into the building to provide important support for their loved ones, after a period earlier this year when parent company Jarlette Health Services barred essential caregivers from all of its sites.

“Earlier this year, essential visits were temporarily suspended to the home as an added layer of protection for our residents, family members and team members. With an increase in positive COVID-19 cases across the province and new variants of concern posing an increasingly high risk to our community, this difficult yet proactive decision was made out of an abundance of caution, as it is our duty to exercise every measure possible to safeguard all those we serve,” said Stephanie Barber, Jarlette spokesperson, in an email to The Expositor.

The Ontario government took a less-restrictive approach to essential visitors. Its policy during the pandemic has been that even in grey-lockdown zones or at facilities experiencing an outbreak, one essential caregiver is still allowed to visit family members for extra support and much-needed connection.

In health units that are in green-prevent or yellow-protect stages of restrictions, Ontario allows up to two essential caregivers to visit a resident.

Despite the temporary ban, Jarlette still allowed an essential caregiver to enter the home to provide compassionate and end-of-life care to a resident.

Ontario Health Coalition, in a news release February 8, urged the Ontario government to intervene and reverse this policy. All Jarlette homes paused essential visits, along with a few other care facilities, but the majority remained open to at least one essential caregiver.

The province issued a COVID-19 visiting policy to long-term care (LTC) facilities on December 26, 2020, which included directive three, allowing essential caregivers to still attend homes even in the hardest-hit

areas of the province.

Regular visitors could not attend, but essential caregivers were intended to still visit homes, provided they followed all health and safety protocol at individual homes.

“At this difficult time, it is more important than ever that residents have access to essential caregivers for assistance and support,” stated lawyer Jane Meadus, an advocate at Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, in the Ontario Health Coalition press release. “Under the Resident’s Bill of Rights in the LTC Homes Act it is unlawful for homes to interfere with this right.”

“We all know the suffering and death of residents resulting from isolation and inadequate care. Locking out all essential caregivers is not a solution; it causes harm, and in some cases, irreparable harm,” stated health coalition executive director Natalie Mehra.

Ms. Barber, in her statement to The Expositor, acknowledged the impact that suspending such visits may have had on both residents of Manitoulin Lodge and their families.

“Our team (members) have, and continue to be, wholly committed to supporting the comfort, safety and well-being of our residents, and worked diligently to facilitate virtual visits and phone calls to maintain the flow of communication and connection with loved ones,” she stated.

This issue has been a challenging one to balance during the pandemic—ensuring vulnerable people stay connected with their families and friends while minimizing the risks of bringing more potential infection sources into the building.

As much as the SARS CoV-2 virus poses significant risks, the hidden epidemic of loneliness has proven to be a major issue over the past year according to studies on the well-being of LTC residents.

The policy at Jarlette homes has since eased, but Ms. Barber did not respond to The Expositor’s query as to the date essential caregivers could re-enter the home.

serves as president of the treasury board, said municipalities are important partners in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

“We know the global pandemic has created significant financial challenges for communities across the province,” he said. “I encourage our federal partners to step forward with additional investments as all three governments work together to protect people’s health and jobs.”

## ...Ontario gives municipalities support

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Agreement. The second phase of that agreement was given to all Ontario municipalities in December to ensure that no community ended 2020 with an operating deficit.

“This additional \$500 million for 2021 builds on a record of provincial government support under the 2020 Safe Restart Agreement and the life-saving Social Services Relief Fund,” said Graydon Smith,

president of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. “It will help offset the impact of COVID-19 on 2021 municipal budgets in every part of Ontario. By protecting the municipal services people and business rely on most and preventing delays in capital projects, this funding is an important investment in Ontario’s economic recovery.”

Finance Minister Peter Bethlenfalvy, who also

## ...Nature Conservancy buys Vidal Bay

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December 2, 2020 letter that it is the organization’s intention “to purchase a significant property on the Island, located at Vidal Bay. The property is an incredible 7,608 hectares (18,800 acres).”

Boasting globally rare alvar communities, coastal cliffs, over 18 kilometres of undeveloped Lake Huron shoreline, inland lakes and wetlands and intact forest systems, the Vidal Bay property presents an

incredible opportunity to conserve a vast coastal wilderness south of the Canadian Shield in Ontario and the unique species it sustains, explained Mr. Hendren.

“NCC’s motivation for purchasing the property is to maintain the significant habitats and species that are found there,” he said. “In addition, we want to conserve the land for people to enjoy in ways that are compatible with these goals. If NCC is successful

in raising the funds necessary to purchase this property, we would welcome the opportunity to work with First Nations communities, townships, local politicians and representatives from tourism and business groups to ensure the lands are managed and promoted in a manner that provides traditional, economic and recreational benefits to the local community. We will also welcome the help of those interested in management of the land.”

## ...Masons donate to Mindemoya hospital

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their unsolicited donation. “We still have a bit of a way to go but we appreciate the help and we look forward to recognizing your gift so the community knows how you’ve helped us.”

Masons are maintaining a presence on Manitoulin through Doric Lodge #455 Little Current. Some of the Gore Bay Masons will be joining that group but Mr. Wright said he and some others would be joining

Sudbury. Others, however, may opt not to join another lodge.


“Masons strive for contributing to their communities. We hope the Little Current (lodge) can keep supporting our whole Island,” said Mr. Wright.

In addition to this donation, one to the Montreal hospital and the third to the Gore Bay Medical Centre, Lodge #455 members will be giving a final donation to NEO Kids Foundation in

Sudbury, the masonic district deputy project.

“A sincere thank you is extended to the Gore Bay chapter for their generosity; together, we are building a legacy for our community,” Ms. Foster stated in the press release, on behalf of MHC’s board of directors and the fundraising committee.

MHC will be starting the public phase of its ‘Let’s Emerg Together’ campaign later this spring.



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**Trivia Tuesdays at 8 am**  
Every Tuesday morning a trivia question will be posted. Answer will be posted in the evening.

**PA DAY March 19**  
Come join in the fun making an Easter Dot Picture at 1 pm at the Information Centre.  
Please call to register as spots will be limited.

**Virtual Cooking Workshops** on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30  

March 10	Biscuits and Scones
March 17	Irish Stew and Bread Pudding
March 24	Easy Appetizers
March 31	Easter Desserts

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**National Quilting Day** at the Centennial Museum on Saturday, March 20th from 10 am to 2pm  
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Let’s show our community spirit and decorate our yards!  
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You must submit your address for judging by March 30 to lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca.

Please register by emailing: lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will be presenting the draft budget for the Water and Sewer system for both the Little Current and Sheguiandah users at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2021.

Due to COVID restrictions this meeting will be held via Zoom at 7 pm. You may join by using the meeting code 489 313 1974 or by calling 1-587-328-1099.

This will be considered a public meeting and those community members wishing to be heard can do so under the direction of the Mayor. Those members who wish to make a written submission can do so to Box 608, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or by email to pccress@townofnemi.on.ca.

Information packages are available on our website as well as at the Town Office located at 14 Water Street.

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### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Due to the ever-changing environment that we are all dealing with, Council meetings will be held every Tuesday Night at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Meeting # 489 313 1974 Or call 1-587-328-1099

Please be advised regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting.  
For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website.

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## ...EDOs' tourism adaptation study, signage project

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Central Manitoulin.

Several municipalities in this region are members of a group called Manitoulin-La Cloche Economic Development Officer Network, which meets monthly to discuss issues and opportunities across the constituents' area.

A subcommittee of that network has been working toward addressing tourism needs since November 2020. The subcommittee ultimately submitted an application through FedNor, the Canadian government's economic development body for Northern Ontario, with Central Manitoulin serving as the lead applicant.

Communities and businesses have expressed their need for expertise on how to prepare for another year of significant growth in tourism visitors, including accommodations, amenities (the infrastructure tourists use such as RV services and washrooms) and signage.

The subcommittee members hoped that this report would help their communities find ways to ensure travel remains COVID-19 safe, does not lead to local conflicts and mitigates any potential negative impacts of tourism growth on communities, residents and the environment.

The study also aims to identify gaps in the area's tourism capacity and address those in ways that could apply across the area.

It estimated the total project would be \$120,000, of which \$40,000 would be for signage costs and \$80,000 would be to cover the consulting fees for the tourism study and its report.

Of this total, the group has asked FedNor to cover \$54,000 (45 percent), has asked Destination Northern Ontario to become a partner and also contribute \$45,000 through its budget process (due in April), and for participating communities to contribute the final 10 percent, or \$12,000.

Based on a survey from last year, 10 communities in the area have expressed interest in applying for this FedNor funding. These include the Town of Gore Bay, Municipality of Killarney, Township of Billings, Town of Northeastern

Manitoulin and the Islands, Sheshegwaning, Wiikwemkoong, Assiginack Township, Municipality of Central Manitoulin, Township of Tehkummah and Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

If all 10 communities take part, that would mean a nominal cost of \$1,200 per community. If more join the effort that per-community funding may reduce further.

"There seems to be excitement around the project. Everybody saw the amounts of tourists that were here last year, so they realized a need for something to be done for 2021 because we don't (expect to) see any change in these sorts of travel restrictions happening in 2021," Mr. Mohr said.

He added that the group sought to partner with Destination Northern Ontario because it has its own existing signage program and this would afford an opportunity for a unified branding strategy across the Northeast.

Mr. Mohr could not estimate how many signs the group would be able to secure for the \$40,000 budget, given the variation between sizing and the type of sign each community requests. He said each community would get access to a minimum of \$2,000 worth of signage and the leftover funds in that category would go toward tourism hotspots in need of better signage, as would be identified in the report.

If a community has a unified signage design strategy already underway, they will be allowed to continue that signage rather than following the tourism adaptation strategy's recommended design.

"We will give them a toolkit and best practices for how to proceed. It's going to be made for this area," Mr. Mohr said,

acknowledging that the funding is somewhat small for signs but will enable planning for future expansions.

Destination Manitoulin Island (DMI), the destination marketing organization for Manitoulin Island, has been working on an Island-wide branding initiative in recent years. It remains one of the priorities in its future planning document.

DMI director of tourism Shelba Millette has recently also taken up the post as EDO for Killarney, Assiginack and Tehkummah, but said she has not taken a direct role in this campaign because it was underway before she became EDO for those communities and she did not want to be in a conflict.

DMI has agreed to be a partner in this strategy and Ms. Millette said she supported the idea of a cohesive, cross-Island concept and appearance for its branding.

"We always think anything that promotes tourism is a positive," she said. "We will do as much as we can to contribute but (DMI's) role may be more of people doing lobbying on behalf of the project."

A part of the campaign is to improve information sharing, both through signage and digitally. Mr. Mohr said the digital component is still under consideration but may involve ensuring tourism partners have up-to-date and accurate information shared online and through apps, as well as training people on the continual maintenance of their digital presence to ensure the information is appropriate.

He added that signage still has relevance in the age of digital technologies and virtual guides, especially when it is presented in a format that can be understood by people of

diverse backgrounds and knowledge levels. This is key to making the Manitoulin tourist experience inclusive of all individuals.

There will be a rather short turnaround time if the study gets funded. Mr. Mohr said he hoped to see the survey complete and signage underway by June 2021 at the latest.

Tourism-related business operators in the area can contact Mr. Mohr at the Central Manitoulin municipal office if they seek further details. He said information sharing will roll out to communities if and when FedNor approves the funding.

At its March 2 council meeting, the Township of Tehkummah's council voted against joining the initiative. As of press time Monday, three of the potential participating communities had given the green light to join, said Mr. Mohr.



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M'Chigeeng nursing supervisor Leah Migwans, left, holds her needle steady next to M'Chigeeng community wellness worker Gerri Ense McGregor's arm at the end of the two-day vaccination clinic held last week.

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## ...clinics vaccinate 325 more people

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M'Chigeeng's health team and other departments in the First Nation administration helped to organize and run the event. Paramedics from Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Service helped administer shots and UCCM Police offered security at the event.

Those in line to get vaccinated, besides the community's older members and front-line workers, included Wiikwemkoong health care workers, Manitoulin Health Centre workers who missed the earlier round and members of Ontario Provincial Police and UCCM Police.

A lot of work went into preparing the community-level vaccination plans. M'Chigeeng leadership sent out a survey to all community households to assess whether they wanted to get the vaccine, did not want to get the vaccine or were undecided.

This helped both to confirm numbers but also offered public health workers an opportunity to focus on the undecided people and share information about the shot or answer questions that may have been holding them back, to make sure they made an informed decision either way.

Mr. Beaudin said only a small number of people refused the vaccine and some who had declined on Wednesday decided to get their shot after all on Thursday.

Mr. Beaudin said 70 percent of community members older than 55 got the shot.

Everyone got an appointment time for their vaccination to avoid lines. Upon arrival, they signed in and underwent a screening before moving to a cubicle for their shot. Seats were spread around the community complex for people to wait after their vaccination so health care workers could monitor for any possible adverse reactions.

M'Chigeeng Health Centre nursing supervisor Leah Migwans said her teams had been working day and night the week before the clinic to ensure it was ready to go.

"It was a good learning experience. We've had nothing but positive feedback," she said.

Mr. Beaudin said the vaccination itself was an easy experience.

"It was painless; I was looking forward to it. It's all about protecting our community, families and elders," he said.

M'Chigeeng Ogidama-kwe Linda Debassige did not respond to requests for comment about her community's first mass vaccination clinic.

This week, the Island First Nation vaccinations continue with clinics in Wiikwemkoong, Mnaamodzawin-led visits to its member First Nations and Noojmowin Teg's sessions for off-reserve Indigenous people in the Manitoulin and

Espanola area. All are by appointment only and for people 55 years old and older.

Mnaamodzawin Health Services is running clinics in its member communities (Sheguiandah First Nation, Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River First Nation, Sheshegwaning and Zhibaahaasing) this week.

The Expositor was in contact with Mnaamodzawin Health Services to learn more about its vaccination rollout plans but did not receive details by press deadline Monday.

Noojmowin Teg's rollout is the only current one in the area that requires people to book their own appointment. Indigenous people aged 55 and older living off-reserve in the Manitoulin and Espanola area should call 705-368-2182 and press 2 to book their time slot.

Wiikwemkoong was slated to begin distributing the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to its community members aged 70 and older today, March 10.

"Our nurses have been busy from the health centre, contacting as much people as possible here in the community to advise them (if) they are considered high risk and they meet the criteria that's been set forward for the vaccination program," Wiikwemkoong Ogidama Duke Peltier said in a Facebook Live address last Friday.

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## ...Free tax filing offered to select Island groups

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itive, it will be completely safe.

"I've spent the last four years of my life with (OPP Constable) Marie Ford telling people 'don't give out your SIN over the phone!'" she laughed. In this case, however, the phone call will be initiated by the person using the service and is a safe option.

Tax filings for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 can be completed over the phone.

Clients must have the following ready for their phone appointment: date of birth; address; all tax forms (T4, T5007, T4A(P), T4A(OAS) etc.); medical expense totals; rent or property taxes totals; and information for any dependents.

All of the client's tax forms will be mailed back to the client at their home to keep for their records.

Those who qualify for the CSS telephone tax filing are as follows: single person income up to \$35,000 annually; two people up to \$45,000 annually; three people up to \$47,500; each additional dependent up to \$2,500 and interest income less than \$1,000.

It is important to note that volunteers will not prepare returns for individuals

who are self-employed.

Ms. Baker reminds everyone to never give personal information over the phone if someone calls you. While clients will be expected to give out personal information, "it will be initiated by you," she reiterated.

Ms. Baker said she thought it was important to see a service like this on Manitoulin because of her background teaching money management, a topic on which she would normally be offering classes through municipalities. She said she received a number of phone calls from Island seniors following last year's tax season, as they did not file because of pandemic restraints and which caused them to receive letters from the government warning them about the need to file as it pertains to their Guaranteed Income Supplement and Old Age Security. Ms. Baker said she did not want anyone to go without these important sources of income and so sought to make this easier for those who need the help.

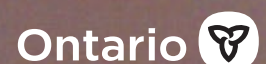
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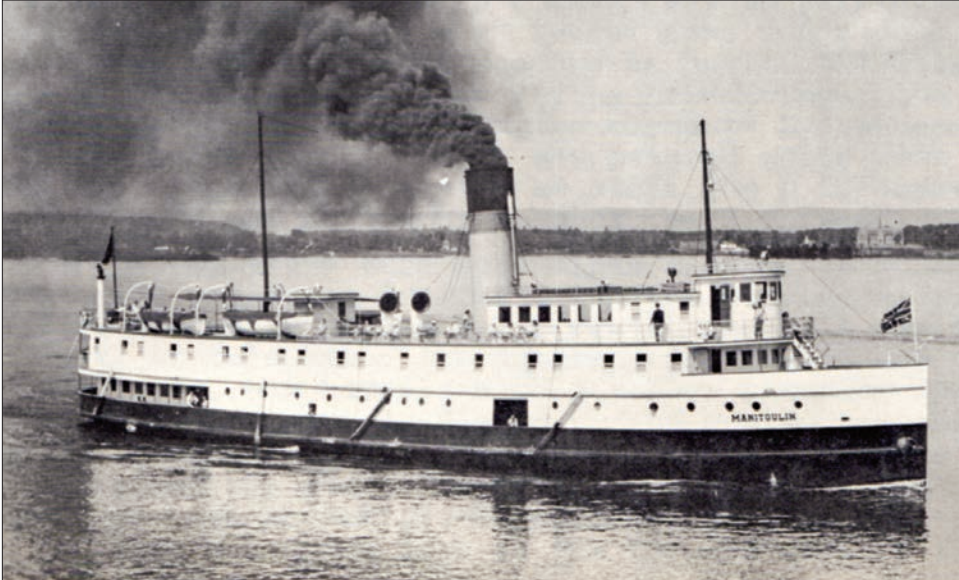


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The SS Manitoulin at Little Rapids Cut on the St. Mary's River, southeast of Sault Ste. Marie, seen late in the ship's career. This was Owen Sound Transportation Company's first passenger ship.  
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## ...celebrates century of serving Manitoulin

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The letters listed the company's capital as \$40,000, divided into 4,000 shares of \$10, and its initial three directors were Mr. Gray Hay, Mr. Garvie and Mr. Merritt Hay.

Provincial secretary Harry Corwin Nixon signed the letters in Toronto on March 10, 1921. On March 21, the provincial registrar officially recorded them.

The company's fleet began with the first SS Michipicoten, a freight ship. Five years after its inception, the partners purchased a passenger steamship, Modjeska, a twin-screw daytripper vessel that was slow, accident-prone and almost always listed to one

side, according to Maritime History of the Great Lakes.

At the time of purchase, it was reportedly in poor condition after its previous owner, Canada Steamship Lines, only completed partial repairs after a collision.

OSTC renamed Modjeska to Manitoulin and entered it into service along the "Turkey Trail" between Owen Sound and Sault Ste. Marie via the North Channel. It completed extensive renovations that improved its handling and passenger quarters, including upgraded accommodations and an abundance of concrete in its hull for stabilizing ballast. These upgrades earned the ship a much better reputation.

A combination of the ship's age, the introduction of the Norisle in 1946 and new fire-prevention regulations that Manitoulin would never have met led to the ship's retirement in 1949.

The Norisle was the first steamship built in Canada after the Second World War and featured engines designed for a navy corvette. It travelled through Lake Huron alongside the older Normac (named after Norman MacKay, the captain of the Manitoulin and general manager of OSTC) and the Norgoma, built in 1950.

The Normac left OSTC ownership in 1968 and later became Captain John's Harbour Boat Restaurant in Toronto, before eventually arriving at its current home in Port Dalhousie on Lake Ontario.

Norisle and Norgoma operated the ferry run between Manitoulin and the Bruce Peninsula until 1974, when OSTC introduced the MS Chi-Cheemaun, built in Collingwood, to replace both ships. OSTC brought in an extra ship to serve alongside the Chi-Cheemaun in 1989 and renamed it

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## ...M'Chigeeng clinics vaccinate 325 more people

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day, announcing the plans for this week's vaccination rollout.

After the Wednesday clinic, Thursday will allow community members aged 65 and older to get the shot, followed by a clinic for those aged 55 and older on Saturday. Everyone who is eligible will receive a call from band administration to set up an appointment; individuals do not have to call the health centre.

"Chi-miigwetch to everyone for your co-operation," Ogimaa Peltier said.

He stressed that despite the vaccinations, people must still follow public health

guidance such as wearing masks, maintaining distance and only travelling away from home when absolutely necessary.

This is partly because a large portion of the population has not developed immunity to the virus either through contracting COVID-19 or getting a vaccine. In addition, almost all of the vaccines in Canada require two shots—one does not get fully protected until a few weeks after getting their second dose.

Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre posted a question-and-answer video on its Facebook page this past Monday, offering information on common concerns about the vaccine.



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# Little Current residents get return cards of thanks from Canadian troops abroad

by Alicia McCutcheon  
LITTLE CURRENT—Following last December’s impressive efforts by Islanders of all ages to ensure that Canadian forces stationed around the world get a Christmas greeting, a few lucky people received cards back, much to their great surprise.

For the past few years, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, under the charge of Comrade Linda Bowerman, initiated the call out for Christmas cards to be sent to Canadian troops to ensure everyone gets a little Christmas joy. For two years running, Branch #177 has sent out more cards than any other branch in the zone, including from children attending Little Current Public School (LCPS).

Last week, LCPS students Hudson Smith and Morgan Dedman each received cards back, both of which were mailed from the United Kingdom.

Hudson was quick to remind everyone that he was the first to receive his card from a soldier known only as ‘Grant.’ Hudson told The Expositor that getting the card in the mail, addressed personally to him, made him extremely happy.



Hudson Smith received a card from a soldier named Grant, who is currently serving in the United Kingdom.

Hudson’s card reads, “Hudson, Thank you for your card at Christmas. I hope you are having a good winter” and is signed “Grant, a Canadian soldier in England.”

Morgan, too, was totally surprised to see a card come back as she has sent cards before. Morgan’s card came from Petty Officer Second Class (PO2) Smallwood and she said it felt good to know the cards they sent had an effect on those who received them.

PO2 Smallwood wrote: “Thank you for taking time



Morgan Dedman received her card from Petty Officer Second Class Smallwood, who is stationed in the United Kingdom.

to send me a festive greeting card this year. It was a wonderful treat to open while away from loved ones this holiday season. Remember kindness is contagious. Sincerely, PO2 Smallwood, Currently OUTCAN in the UK.”

Morgan said she knows exactly which card PO2 Smallwood received, as she put a joke in it. In return, PO2 Smallwood shared a joke: “Do oranges go to school? Yes, the navel academy.”

Elaine Peck, also of Little Current, received at least a dozen cards from around the world.

“You don’t send them to get a reply back, but when you do it just blows your mind,” Ms. Peck shared. “I

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MV Nindawayma. Due to ‘unsatisfactory performance,’ it left service three years later in 1992 and went to scrap in 2007.

Norgoma has been docked in Sault Ste. Marie for 30 years but its fate is in question after that city listed the ship for sale in September 2019. The Norisle remains moored at Burns Wharf in Manitowaning.

Several other ships made up OSTC’s roster over the past century, including the SS Hibou, SS Manasoo, SS Manitou and SS Caribou.

The Chi-Cheemaun continues to provide the daily seasonal ferry service between South Baymouth and Tobermory, through changes in the company’s ownership structure and renovations to the ship over the years.

Despite the storied past, the occasion of OSTC’s centennial will not carry the pomp and circumstance that might otherwise be expected.

“Two years ago we were preparing to hold an initial celebration on the spring cruise 2021, and have the concert cruises and other events through the season all follow that theme, but then the pandemic happened and the writing was on the wall. The pandemic situation would not improve sufficiently to support that kind of group activity in 2021,” Ms. Schrempf told The Expositor.

Although this year’s spring cruise is cancelled, the ferry service is slated to begin just under two months from today on Friday, May 7. Operations will continue to follow Transport Canada’s pandemic measures for passenger ships until the federal government revises these measures.

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photo by Warren Schlote



**Mobility mat extension for Providence Bay Beach**

Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club President John Bisailon, right, presents a cheque for \$3,500 to Marcus Mohr, left, community development and outreach co-ordinator at Central Manitoulin for one of two additional mobility beach mats to be installed on Providence Bay Beach in 2021. The project is a joint effort between the municipality and the Lions Club to extend the network of mobility mats closer to the water's edge. Central Manitoulin will be covering the cost of the second mat and ongoing maintenance. Mobility mats allow persons with mobility issues as well as families with strollers and other devices to access the beach area making it enjoyable to all who visit.

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

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**Manitoulin Family Resources** offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400.

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**Are you concerned about someone's drinking?** Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya, 705-377-4892/705-377-5138. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595.

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

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

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**Used snowmobile** in good condition. Call 705-377-6601.

43-44c

**welcome to**

**SOHLA SARPONG-GARNISS**

Matthew Garniss and Bridget Sarpong of Providence Bay welcomed their first child, Sohla Sarpong Garniss, born February 25, 2021 at 1:37 am, weighing 7 lbs. Sohla was born at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. Grandparents Martin and Lynda Garniss and Kwaku Sarpong and Kate Amoah (dec.) are overjoyed by the arrival of their newest granddaughter.

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**i coming events**

**Infant and Child "Boutique"** Sale, Saturday, March 13 from 9 am to 1 pm at Lyons Memorial United Church Hall (back entrance), 19 Meredith Street, Gore Bay. This will be a small-scale rummage sale specifically for children's clothing and toys. Please bring your masks, your own bags and smaller denominations of currency than \$20 bills! We will be following COVID-19 safety protocols.

42-43c

**Howland Seniors' Welcome Spring Take-Out Dinner,** March 20 from 5 to 6:30 pm. Some delivery available in Little Current. Serving ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, carrot salad, rolls and turtle cake. \$20. To reserve tickets, call before March 19, 705-368-3746, 705-368-3638 or 705-368-2589. No walk-ups please.

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**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Wing Night,** Thursday, March 11, 4 to 8 pm. Wings, \$1 each (sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and Cajun); cheese balls, two for \$1; Jalapeno poppers, \$1 each; cheese sticks, \$1 each; mushroom caps, nine for \$3. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. To pre-order call or text 705-348-0123. Delivery within town limits, Little Current.

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**or by email:**  
[nemilibceo@vianet.ca](mailto:nemilibceo@vianet.ca)

**Sea Cadet Events**

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

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**help wanted**

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




**Township of  
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**Public Works Assistant (2 @ 35 hours per week)**  
**Museum Assistant (35 hours per week)**  
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Applications (cover letter and resume) will be accepted by the Municipal Office until March 26, 2021 at 4 pm and may be submitted in person, by mail or email. Please direct enquiries and applications to:

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

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

**Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy  
Off-Reserve Representative**

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks applications to fill one Board vacancy specific to First Nation/Indigenous members living off-reserve. Noojmowin Teg is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who provide community-based, integrated, and on-site and off-site services including: primary care; allied health; mental health; traditional; and health promotion to the seven First Nation and off-reserve Anishinabek populations living within the Manitoulin Island District. The Board oversees the direction and accountability of the organization.

The successful candidate will have: health related work and/or volunteer experience, an understanding of the protocols and traditional ways of the Anishinabek; live off-reserve within the Manitoulin Island District; a clear criminal records check; and a commitment to the mission and values of the Organization. Previous familiarity with funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets an asset. Applicants of First Nation and/or Indigenous ancestry will be prioritized.

The length of each term is four (4) years. The successful applicant must commit to attending monthly regularly scheduled board meetings and other special meetings (annual general meeting, strategic planning, etc.) throughout the year, participating in up to 15-16 meetings per year.

The successful board candidate will be provided with an orientation and ongoing professional development to ensure his/her success as a full informed and participating member of the Board.


For more information about the organization, please see our website at: [www.noojmowin-teg.ca](http://www.noojmowin-teg.ca).

**Pre-requisites:**

- Cover Letter (outlining reasons for your interest, and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume **or** Description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear Criminal Reference Check

**Send "Confidential" to:**  
 Attn: Linda Debassige, Board Chair  
 c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
 Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002,  
 Little Current, ON POP1K0  
 Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 204 Fax: 705-368-2229  
 Or email: [danielle.wilson@noojmowin-teg.ca](mailto:danielle.wilson@noojmowin-teg.ca)

**Deadline: Friday, March 19, 2021**  
**Miigwetch/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application.**  
**Only those under consideration will be contacted.**



**Manitoulin Northshore  
Victim Services**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
MANITOULIN NORTHSHORE VICTIM SERVICES**

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services provides immediate crisis response, intervention and prevention services which are responsive to the needs of individuals, families and communities affected by crime and tragic circumstances.

**PROGRAM/ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

This full-time, contract, position will be required to work out of our Little Current office and/or any satellite office within our catchment area, as well as remotely, in keeping with COVID-19 safety protocols. (SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TRAVEL WITHIN ONTARIO REQUIRED)

**Position Requirements:**

- Education/experience in office administration, social sciences and/or related field an asset
- Mature, responsible and superb organizational skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability or experience dealing with crisis situations
- Knowledgeable of office procedures
- Strong computer skills, including knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and database software
- Experience with website content development, design and maintenance
- High attention to detail and demonstrated accuracy in work
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team, in close quarters, in a police environment
- Flexible hours – willing to work some evenings and weekends
- Bilingual (French/English) an asset
- This position requires a criminal reference check, a valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle
- Completion of 40-hour Victim Services training will be required


**Primary Functions:**

- Reporting to the Executive Director, the position will provide program and administrative assistance to the Executive Director and Program/Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator
- Collection and distribution of program statistics
- Preparing a variety of electronic documents, such as: team leader minutes, committee minutes, correspondence, memo's, etc.
- Share in answering organization main phone line, including responding to referrals and crisis calls and completing all associated documentation
- Website and social media management, including content management, under the direction of the Executive Director
- Other duties as assigned

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS Friday, March 19, 2021 AT 4:00 PM.**

Please submit resume with covering letter to:  
 Victim Services Hiring Committee  
 Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services  
 54 Boosneck Road, Unit 101  
 P.O. Box 702  
 Little Current, ON  
 POP 1K0

Email to: Tanya Wall, Executive Director at [mnvs@vianet.ca](mailto:mnvs@vianet.ca)



**Manitoulin Northshore  
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**POSSIBILITE D'EMPLOI  
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La personne retenue pour ce poste à temps plein, contractuel, devra travailler à partir de notre bureau de Little Current et/ou de tout bureau satellite dans la zone que nous desservons, ainsi qu'à distance, conformément aux protocoles de sécurité de la COVID-19. (CE POSTE EXIGE UN NOMBRE IMPORTANT DE DÉPLACEMENTS À L'INTÉRIEUR DE LA PROVINCE DE L'ONTARIO)

**Exigences du poste:**

- Formation ou expérience en administration de bureau, en sciences sociales ou dans un domaine connexe, serait un atout.
- Personne mature et responsable avec des compétences solides en organisation.
- Excellentes compétences de communication tant à l'oral qu'à l'écrit.
- Capacité ou expérience de la gestion de situations de crise.
- Connaissance des procédures de bureau.
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- Capacité à travailler de façon autonome et au sein d'une équipe, en étroite collaboration, et dans un environnement policier.
- Horaire flexible – être disposé à travailler certains soirs et certaines fins de semaine.
- Bilinguisme (français/anglais), serait un atout.
- Ce poste exige une vérification du casier judiciaire, un permis de conduire valide et l'accès à un véhicule.
- Une formation de 40 heures sur les services aux victimes sera exigée.

**Tâches principales :**

- Sous l'autorité de la directrice générale, le titulaire du poste fournira de l'aide en matière de programmes et d'administration à la directrice générale et à la coordonnatrice de programmes et de la lutte contre la traite de personnes.
- Recueillir et distribuer les statistiques sur les programmes.
- Préparer divers documents électroniques, comme les procès-verbaux des chefs d'équipe et des comités, la correspondance, les notes de service, etc.
- Répondre à la ligne téléphonique principale de l'organisation, notamment répondre aux renvois et aux appels de crise et remplir tous les documents connexes.
- Gérer le site Web et les médias sociaux, y compris la gestion du contenu, sous la direction de la directrice générale.
- Autres tâches assignées.

**LA DATE LIMITE POUR POSTULER EST le vendredi 19 mars 2021, à 16 h.**  
 Veuillez envoyer votre curriculum vitae accompagné d'une lettre de présentation à :  
 Comité d'embauche des services aux victimes  
 Services aux victimes de Manitoulin Northshore  
 54, chemin Boosneck, bureau 101  
 C.P. 702  
 Little Current (Ontario)  
 POP 1K0  
 Courriel : Tanya Wall, directrice générale, à [mnvs@vianet.ca](mailto:mnvs@vianet.ca)



**Manitoulin Family Resources  
Director of Corporate Services  
2<sup>ND</sup> POSTING**

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

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

**QUALIFICATIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

Or by email to: [dleblanc@mfresources.net](mailto:dleblanc@mfresources.net)

**Closing date: March 17, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

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

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

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Conseil des Services du District de  
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Espanola, ON P5E 1R9  
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The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincial government to oversee the local planning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

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

**Integrated Social Services  
Summer Student Espanola**

**Temporary Full-Time**  
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Closing date: April 2, 2021

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

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
DRUG STRATEGY COORDINATOR**



**Classification Level: Community Services (CS-3)**  
**Employment Status: Term Full-Time (Regular - Pending Funding)**  
**Department: Health Services, Mental Health**

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

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

**Position Summary:**

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

**Qualifications & Requirements**

**Preferred**

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

**Minimum**

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

**Other**

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

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

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

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

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

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

For job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at  
705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email [marlened@mchigeeng.ca](mailto:marlened@mchigeeng.ca).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 19, 2021 AT 3:00 PM**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
REGISTERED NURSE**



**POSTING DATE: January 26, 2021**  
**STATUS: FULL-TIME POSITION**  
**SITE: WIKWEMIKONG NURSING HOME**

Under the direction of the Director of Care, and in accordance with the regulations of the Health Disciplines Act, the Registered Nurse shall plan, delegate and supervise care given by registered practical nurses and non-registered nursing personnel in accordance with the Standards of Practice of the College of Nurses of Ontario.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Current certification of competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Certification in Gerontology and current membership with GNA and RNAO is desirable
- Demonstrated understanding of current trends and concepts relative to professional nursing
- Minimum one-year experience in geriatric, rehabilitation or long-term care as an RN
- Knowledge of aboriginal culture considering asset

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provide quality nursing care to residents
- Ensures and promotes quality level of care to residents with respect to Bill of Rights
- Promotes the philosophy and practices of resident centeredness and humanizing in all residents' encounters and decisions
- Provides nursing leadership as directed by the Director of Care
- Promote interrelationships with family
- Maintain communication between staff and nursing administration and other department areas

**SALARY:** To commensurate with experience and qualifications according to salary grid

**APPLICATION:**

To apply please forward a detailed resume, cover letter, three current work-related references and copies of relevant diploma/certificates, marked "confidential" to:

**Wikwemikong Nursing Home**  
2281 Wikwemikong Way, P.O Box 114  
WIKWEMIKONG, Ontario POP 2J0  
Attn: Registered Nurse Position

Via email: [cheryl.osawabine-peltier@wikwemikongnursinghome.com](mailto:cheryl.osawabine-peltier@wikwemikongnursinghome.com)

All applications become the property of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home and will not be returned. The successful applicant will be required to provide a Criminal Reference Check and vulnerable sector screen.

# Island entrepreneur sees food and organic waste as potential source of clean energy

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
KAGAWONG—Colin McKeever wants people to know there is a solution for small communities in Northern Ontario wanting to reduce their carbon footprint and see a healthy return on investment. His company, CDM Agency, is the Northern Ontario agent for Eco-Growth Environmental Inc. based in Calgary. Eco-Growth uses a proprietary technology to reduce food and yard waste into a pathogen free biofuel material that is introduced into a biofuel boiler system, producing hot water that can be used for building heat or in industrial hot water processes.

Food waste costs the Canadian economy more than \$49 billion each year, according to a 2019 report. This means that 58 percent of the food produced in Canada, or 36.5 million tonnes, is lost or wasted each year. The average Canadian household spends \$1,766 on food that is wasted every year. Zero Waste Canada reports that most households waste an entire bag of groceries worth of food for every five purchased. That's a lot of food waste. Most of it ends up in our landfills, creating about 45.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions. When they decompose in a landfill, organics produce methane gas which is 25 times more damaging to the environment than carbon dioxide.

Much of the food wasted, about 32 percent or more than 11 million tonnes, could be redistributed through food banks or other organizations across Canada to support people in need. Food waste can be composted and turn into high quality soil nutrients for farmers or home gardeners. Another option is to break food waste down in an anaerobic digester where methane can be captured to produce renewable natural gas.

Eco-Growth also looks at food (and yard) waste as a source of clean energy. They're actually a laundry company with a 60,000-square foot facility. They were looking for alternative ways to use their waste stream and turn it into an energy source. Eco-Growth used to heat 13,000 gallons of water every day using natural gas but now divert their waste and turn that into a carbon neutral fuel source.

In a pilot project they undertook with the town of Cochrane, Alberta, Eco-Growth found that almost 70 percent of what went into municipal dumpsters was waste paper towels. Now Eco-Growth sells Cochrane \$3,000 of paper towels and consumables a year and the town saves about \$3,600 in tipping fees while also reducing their carbon



Kagawong resident Colin McKeever is offering organic waste management solutions to municipalities, institutions, commercial businesses and industry.

footprint. Eco-Growth diverts the paper waste to their facility where it is processed and heats their hot water.


A full circle economy is the way to go, said Mr. McKeever. Smaller Eco-Growth systems can handle 100 pounds per day up to 600 pounds per day and come complete with biofuel boiler and can be sized for small communities up to 20,000 people. The Eco-Growth Organic Recycler, called EGOR, takes organics such as wet food waste, wet

papers, fish, meat—anything that is organic—and then dehydrates it to remove the moisture. “What is leftover is a dry biomass substance that can be used as a biofuel in our specially designed gasifier boiler or it can be used as a soil additive,” he said. “The gasifier heats the organic matter to 1,700 or 1,800 degrees, essentially creating a sterile product. The methane and carbon dioxide gases that are released are burned inside the boiler and it is only water vapour that comes out of the stack, so it is a very environmentally friendly process.”

The systems are currently being used in waste treatment facilities, breweries, permaculture and hydroponics, Mr. McKeever said. “In hydroponics, they take the heat and water the process generates as well as the vapour that comes out of the burning process and they're feeding it back in and having very good luck growing leafy greens like kale and basil and lettuce. Their goal with this project is to get it into Northern communities to provide them with fresh food and heating.” Eco-Growth systems are also installed in four federal buildings in Ottawa and the company is working with Loblaws' corporate office to pilot a project for grocery stores.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY HEALTH DIRECTOR

**Summary**  
The Health Services Director administers and oversees all aspects of the Community Health Services as delivered from the Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre (WHC). Reporting to the Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) Director of Operations, the Health Services Director implements WHC policy promoting the mission and growth of the WHC maintaining the integrity of the organization and supervising the Program Managers and staff. Programs and services delivered at these sites are Children's Services, Youth Services/Centre, Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic, Community Health Primary Care, Long Term/Home and Community Care, Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojijinhik Wiin ni Gshkiwewziwaat (School Health Support Services), Nookomisnaang Shelter, Aboriginal Children's Health & Wellbeing Measure, Medical Transportation and Administration.

**Responsibilities**

- Lead a diverse group of professionals to implement effective and innovative programming;
- To administer and oversee all aspects of Wikwemkoong's Community Health Services;
- Lead/develop culturally grounded health programming;
- Develop and maintain the Health Centre's long-range strategy to achieve its mission and goals;
- Provide leadership in organizational and financial plans with the Health Services Committee and staff;
- Maintain official records and documents, and ensure compliance with federal, province and local regulations;
- Maintain a working knowledge of significant developments and trends in the health field.

**Communications**

- Publicize the activities of the Health Centre, its projects and goals;
- Ensure the community is fully aware of programs and services through promotion of services and presentations;
- Establish working relationships and partnerships with health agencies/organizations, stakeholders, members and funders;
- Link with external organizations to ensure that Wikwemkoong is kept informed of potential alliances and program opportunities;
- Represent the Health Centre in dealing with agencies, organizations and the public.

**Operational and Program Planning/Management**

- Maintain Human Resource management and be responsible for the recruitment, employment and terminations;
- Facilitate team approach and work with Managers and staff to deliver health services and programs for Wikwemkoong;
- Encourage staff development and education and assist staff in relating their specialized training to organization's programs.

**Financial Planning and Management**

- Build and maintain effective relationships with current and potential funders and develop proposals accordingly;
- Prepares budgets, authorizes finance payments, oversees all financial agreements and authorization of expenditures;
- Responsible for maintaining all financial records;
- Responsible for the acquisition of resources and new programs;
- Facilitate annual committee review and analysis of financial information.

**Qualifications**

- Degree in Health Services/Administration, Public Administration or Business;
- Five (5) years of proven senior management experience in a health service environment;
- Excellent written, oral, interpersonal skills required to work effectively with all relevant stake holders;
- Demonstrable knowledge of federal and provincial healthcare programs and funding as applicable to First Nations;
- Experience in budget planning, funds development, proposal writing and working with/for non-profit organizations;
- Ability to plan, organize, develop, implement and interpret goals, objectives and policies;
- Experience in working and communicating effectively with elders;
- Knowledge of the Ahnisaabemowin and experience in working with(in) Anishinabek Communities;
- A commitment to the further understanding and use of Anishnaabemowin.

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

**Health Director**  
**Attention: Kevin Wassegijig, Director of Operations**  
19A Complex Drive, P.O. Box 112, Wikwemkoong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705-859-3122 Fax: 705-859-3851 Email: kevin.wassegijig@wikwemkoong.ca

**Deadline: March 12, 2021 @ 2:00pm**  
**Posted: February 23, 2021**

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



## KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Location: Sudbury/Manitoulin

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

We invite applications consisting of: a resume detailing education, work experience, cultural participation and volunteerism for the position of:

**JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE – SERVICE COORDINATOR  
(2) FULL - TIME POSITIONS  
LOCATION: SUDBURY AND MANITOULIN  
Salary: \$61,966**

The Jordan's Principle Coordinator primary responsibility is to act as a focal point for the children and families who we serve. In particular, the Coordinator provides service coordination and planning in cooperation with other agency personnel related to children in care and children not in care of the agency served by Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services.

**Education and Experience**

- University degree or college diploma (two year minimum) in a field related to Human Services, Education or Social Work. However, other combinations of skills, education and experience that are relevant may be considered.
- Minimum of one-year direct service experience with children and families.
- Experience working with Indigenous people, organizations and communities.

**Duties**

- Review all Jordan's Principle documentation related to the Jordan's Principle Orders related to service and financial accessibility from an Agency perspective.
- Familiarize self with agency and Jordan's Principle, service coordination and planning – service workflow processes and make recommendations to modify the process to the Program Supervisor.
- Assist and develop agency Jordan's Principle (Reporting Templates) with Supervisor for formal submission based on budget and service needs of the agency.
- Work in collaboration with the service teams to identify “unmet needs” and work in collaboration with required team members to lead the completion of Jordan's Principle applications, respond to documentation requirements, status of approvals and complete appeals.
- Work in collaboration with the service teams and external service providers and First Nations to secure supporting documentation for applications including support letters required by parties.
- Work in collaboration with families served to empower advocacy and assist in navigating the Jordan's Principle application process.
- Participate in internal or external committees as required or requested.
- Liaise and work effectively with the communities served, service providers, collateral agencies and organizations and elders.
- Apply agency service coordination and workflow process from intake, ongoing case management and discharge in conjunction with agency mandated and non-mandated programs.
- Act as a liaison and provide education and information sessions to agency staff in relation to Jordan's Principle.
- Familiarize self with all Department of Indigenous Services Canada documentation related to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal and Jordan's Principle.
- Complete monthly, quarterly and annual reports as required.
- Track and maintain statistical data.
- Perform other duties as assigned and required.

**DEADLINE: OPEN RECRUITMENT UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED**

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Please submit your application marked “Confidential – Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator – Sudbury/Manitoulin.” Include in your application a cover letter, resume and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers. Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email, fax or in person, at

**Human Resources – Confidential**  
**JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE SERVICE COORDINATOR – Sudbury/Manitoulin**  
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services  
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"Another pilot project, with ConocoPhillips at their 700-man camp, led to ConocoPhillips actually investing in Eco-Growth," Mr. McKeever said. "Their situation is not unlike Manitoulin Island—they are 80 or 90 miles away from the nearest landfill and were having to truck all of their garbage and biomass to Fort McMurray. They wanted to reduce their carbon footprint and called Eco-Growth. They're now processing the biomass on site, using the biomass in their systems and have eliminated the trucking costs. They've reduced their carbon footprint while creating a product that can be used in their facilities."

Mr. McKeever wants to see a circular economy that doesn't cost the end user. He

began his career in the mechanical field over 50 years ago. Although most of his early career involved specialized projects, he has been applying his technical expertise to a variety of sales and special project settings for the past two decades. The McKeever family relocated to Manitoulin in 1997 and resided at the Carter House in Kagawong until recently.

"I am now in semi-retirement and have found myself with a bit more time on my hands to pursue areas that are of greater importance to me," he said. "One area that I have found myself feeling particularly passionate about is the reduction of the carbon footprint, particularly here on Manitoulin. More specifically, I have observed that most Canadian communities and businesses are

struggling with the issue of waste management. I am hoping that I can assist, on a smaller level, communities and businesses in my own neighborhood develop solutions, tailored to their individual needs, to reduce their carbon footprint and make Manitoulin an even greater place to live."

"I work with each client individually," he explained. "We identify the current costs of dealing with their waste and identify their needs and goals. I look at this as a solution to waste and reducing your carbon footprint but it's very important to look at the return on investment and the carbon credits that are available." There are turnkey systems available where everything is shipped as a functional unit in a container or the client could provide the building. Every system is

a custom solution, he said.

The system could work in a central, consolidated facility on the Island or could be utilized by individual municipalities, said Mr. McKeever. "It's also ideal for hospitals, retirement homes, schools and restaurants." He has approached some municipalities and hospitals but funding issues and COVID-19 protocols means these are basic introductions only to date.

"This is a full circle solution to organic waste management in industrial, commercial, institutional or municipal applications that would generate a return on investment and reduce the carbon footprint on Manitoulin Island," said Mr. McKeever.

Contact CDM Agency by email at [colen@rogers.com](mailto:colen@rogers.com).



## KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Employment Opportunity

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SERVICE SUPERVISOR FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION (1) SUDBURY POSITION

#### OVERVIEW:

The Service Supervisor is responsible for providing clinical supervision, administrative management, guidance and leadership of assigned staff. The position provides progressive leadership in all aspects of case management, including management and administration, along with supervisory case collaboration with agency and community stakeholders. The Service Supervisor will provide supervisory coverage and manage the staffing of the Service team to ensure the safety and well-being of children and provide clinical supervision and manage cases in accordance with member First Nations community-based models, Agency policies and Ministry of Child and Youth Services standards and regulations.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

##### Education and Experience

- Bachelor of Social Work Degree or Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline deemed appropriate.
- At least three (3) years of successful employment experience within a child welfare environment with progressive levels of responsibility, including two (2) years in frontline service delivery of Child Welfare Services.
- Experience in the delivery of First Nation Child and Family Services is preferred.
- Comprehensive experience in Child Welfare Frontline Case Management systems and Child Welfare recordings.

##### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Commitment to providing service in the Anishinaabe context of extended family and community involvement.
- Excellent supervisory, planning and organization, problem-solving, decision-making, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Ability to work within a multi-disciplinary Traditional Child Welfare Management Team.
- Working knowledge of group dynamics supported with working knowledge in consultation and conflict resolution techniques.
- Expert knowledge of Indigenous history, legislative rights, First Nation community models and holistic and indigenous models of healing and wellness.
- Expert knowledge of Child Welfare Legislation, Child Protection Standards, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Regulations, Guidelines and Policy Directives, Case Management and Supervision requirements particularly in relation to the delivery of Child and Family Services.
- Expert knowledge of Customary Care and the philosophy of service development and delivery; and, the communities and family structure specifically in relation to local First Nation customs and traditions.
- Sound working knowledge of the standards for children in care including recording timelines, reporting practices including Serious Occurrences, along with new legislative amendments relative to protection services.
- Good knowledge of the provincial Outside Placement Resources through OARTY and group home systems including specialized treatment placement admission processes and specialized rate agreements.
- Working knowledge of the administrative structure and operations of the Agency including the service delivery model, policies, procedures and guidelines related to protection services.
- Working knowledge of youth justice and mental health services and other community resources available for youth in care and for youth support.
- Knowledge of the structure and operations including the member First Nations, external services and service agencies in the area.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare comprehensive narrative and statistical reports regarding First Nation Child and Family Services delivery.
- Demonstrated ability to influence and facilitate community group decision-making processes through knowledge, ideas, and service delivery experience; and, extensive experience in designing, planning and delivering training workshops.

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#### DEADLINE: THIS POSITION IS OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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Applications are accepted on an on-going basis via regular mail, in person or email at:

#### Human Resources

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### After Hours Services Supervisor (2) Part time - Permanent Positions Location: Manitoulin/Sudbury Salary Range \$39,399 – \$48, 456

The After Hours Services Supervisor provides progressive leadership in all aspects of case management, including management and administration, along with supervisory case collaboration with agency and community stakeholders.

The After Hours Services Supervisor will provide supervisory coverage and manage the staffing of the After Hours Service Team to ensure the safety and well-being of children and provide clinical supervision and manage cases in accordance with member First Nations community-based models, Agency policies and Ministry of Child and Youth Services standards and regulations.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

##### Education and Experience

- Bachelor of Social Work Degree or Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline deemed appropriate.
- At least three (3) years of successful employment experience within a child welfare environment with progressive levels of responsibility, including two (2) years in frontline service delivery of Child Welfare Services.
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##### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Excellent supervisory, planning and organization, problem-solving, decision-making, interpersonal and leadership skills.
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- Knowledge of the structure and operations including the member First Nations, external services and service agencies in the area.
- Demonstrated ability to influence and facilitate community group decision-making processes through knowledge, ideas and service delivery experience; and, extensive experience in designing, planning and delivering training workshops.

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It's hard to believe that it has been a year since the beginning of the pandemic

and our last "normal" week at school. Despite that, Mustangs are staying positive and making the best out of every situation. That includes telling jokes! A St. Patrick's Day joke for you even though March 17 is a week away.

What do you get when you cross a four-leaf clover with poison ivy? A rash of good luck on St. Patrick's Day.

On Friday, February 26, the winners of the staff and student 'Love Local' photo contest were announced. Congratulations to Ms. Hurcomb for winning the staff category and Mason Leighton for the student category! In second place was Ms. McNeil for the staff category and Jorja Peltier for the student category. There was an excellent variety of submissions showcasing Manitoulin's beautiful landscapes, sunsets and seasons.

This week is Skittles week! Each day a different grade dresses up with certain Skittle colour clothing.

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



Rachael Orford

On Monday, March 8 the Grade 9s wore purple; the Grade 10s wore orange on Tuesday, March 9; the Grade 11s are to wear red today, Wednesday, March 10; and the Grade 12s will be wearing green tomorrow, Thursday, March 11. Everyone will be wearing school colours on Friday, March 12! Those who participate by wearing their grade colour on the correct day can come to the cafeteria and take a guess at how many candies are in the jar for a chance at winning a Skittles-related prize. Another surprise may just be happening on Friday too!

The vocabulary challenges are still happening each Friday. Check out the March vocabulary quizlet to prepare for the challenges in the cafeteria. If you end up on the leaderboard, you may win a prize!

In lieu of the March Break, Friday, March 19 is a PD (professional development) day! Students happily accept this three-day weekend.

Graduation photos are only a few weeks away. Photo sessions will take place the week of March 29. Graduating students must book their session online and pay the \$30 sitting fee. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Marshall in the guidance office.

In February, many extra-curricular activities such as gymnastics and volleyball were able to resume after school but due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in other schools in the Rainbow District School Board and in the public health district those sport activities have been cancelled. Now that the Public Health Sudbury and Districts is in the 'red zone' they will be postponed for until further notice.

The 'Living Well Locker' has been helping many students thrive in the school environment, whether it is for a lunch, a bag of groceries or hygiene products. All students are welcome to use the locker whenever needed. See Mrs. Aube in D

corridor and she will be happy to assist you. Every morning in

the front foyer there is a 'grab and go' breakfast program set up for students. If you are looking for something to eat before class, or need something for lunch, don't be afraid to grab what you need.

Don't forget that the clocks go ahead this weekend! We get an extra hour of sunlight at night, but it will definitely be difficult getting up on Monday morning.

Joke of the week: I'll turn back my clock an hour for Daylight Savings when I find where it landed in the yard.

Upcoming events include a PD day and graduation photos.

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



## JOB OPPORTUNITY



We are currently looking to hire a Licenced Automotive Service Technician.

The available position is full-time:  
Monday to Friday from 8am - 5pm  
Weekends Off

Competitive Wages  
Applications/Resumes with References included are being accepted in person, by mail or email.

JK AUTOMOTIVE  
1428 B Lakeshore Rd.  
Kagawong, ON.  
POP 1J0  
office@jkautomotive.ca  
705-282-2277



## KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Location: Sudbury/Manitoulin

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### HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (2) FULL- TIME PERMANENT POSITION LOCATION: SUDBURY/MANITOULIN

Salary: \$49,572 - \$60,967

The Human Resources Administrative Assistant (HRAA) is primarily responsible for providing administrative support to the Human Resources Team. The HRAA will be required to both take direction and work intuitively to support the completion of the agency's goals and objectives. The HRAA will work in a professionally and culturally appropriate manner that is consistent and cognizant of the KGCFs philosophy and local Anishinaabek customs and traditions.

#### Qualifications:

- An accredited college diploma in Business Administration or related discipline.
- Minimum of two years' experience in relevant administrative position in a First Nations social service agency.
- Previous experience in the delivery of human resource is an asset.
- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin is preferred and is a definite asset.

#### Duties & Responsibilities:

- Maintains the employee electronic personnel files by participating in HR scanning projects, receiving and uploading all documents required to be obtained within the personnel files and required for pension and benefits enrollment.
- Coordination of recruitment through completion of postings, receiving and responding to employment inquiries and preparing screening and interview packages through coordination with the interview panels
- Responding to employee HR inquiries and triage items to the required HR/Finance team members that are not within the direct role of the HRAA.
- Receive requests for completion of correspondence for and as requested by employees for Supervisory review
- Complete the full on-boarding requirements and initial orientation of new employees along with off-boarding processes including completion of exit interviews.
- Complete audit checklists of all HR and personnel files maintained and respond accordingly.
- Assist in development and distribution of new Job Descriptions, Interview templates and updating of HR documents and processes.
- Participate in HR projects and work with various team members as required relative to improving efficiencies and transition to new systems and processes.
- Maintain a performance database to ensure performance appraisals are tracked, uploaded, scheduled and completed as required.
- Participate in communication and promotion of EAP (Employee Assistance Program) and cultural supports available to employees.
- Maintain the Human Resource database system to ensure all HR documents are completed as required and HR forms and documents are updated in accordance with required time frames.
- Ensure that the strictest of confidentiality and need to know level of confidentiality is maintained at all times.
- Understands and adheres to all Agency policies and procedures.
- Other duties as assigned by the Direct Supervisor.

#### DEADLINE: OPEN RECRUITMENT

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### AFTER HOURS WORKER LOCATION: (2) MANITOULIN & (3) SUDBURY SALARY: \$50,000

The incumbent provides after hour, weekend and statutory holiday coverage for all protection services of the Agency. It is an emergency service designed to meet urgent service needs and crises that require immediate attention. The After-Hours Worker will respond to all allegations of children/youth in need of protection and to urgent issues related to children/youth in care.

#### Minimum Education

- Must possess an accredited college diploma in a related field of study. Preference is a Bachelor of Social Work Honours Degree or in a related field of study.

#### Minimum Experience:

- At least two (2) years of work experience in the delivery of direct, frontline, social service programming targeting children, youth and families, preferably within an Anishinaabe community/organization.
- Must possess knowledge of respect and sensitivity to the Anishinaabe culture as well as being committed to helping First Nation families strengthen and achieve a healthy level of well-being.
- The ability to speak the Anishinaabe language is a definite asset.

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# ...Community halls face uncertainty in time of global pandemic

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pard explained.

"I don't know how Green Bay is even managing," she added. "Our problem is we don't have a lot of younger people coming to our events. (Before COVID) we had euchre once a week and a pot luck dinner, with a \$5 charge, once a month. Between those two events we managed to keep in the black; this year not so much."

As Ms. Sheppard suspected, Green Bay isn't doing so well. Jack Ferguson, a trustee of the Green Bay Hall, shared that, like Rockville, the hall wasn't able to open in 2020 and is therefore suffering the financial consequences.

Mr. Ferguson believes there is enough money in the bank to see them through to July without hosting any of the Friday night euchres that help pay the majority of the expenses.

es. "This year doesn't look like we'll be operating again and our finances are dwindling," he added. The last tax payment made, in fact, came out of the hall's reserve fund.

The Green Bay Hall's annual operating expenses run at around \$1,700 and this includes taxes, insurance and hydro.

A meeting of the Green Bay Hall trustees will likely be called in May, Mr. Ferguson said, to discuss the future of the one-room schoolhouse—where he was a student—turned hall. He admitted that tough decisions may have to be made.

Dale Wood is president of the Howland Seniors' Hall in Sheguiandah, which has been able to host a

few takeout food events in its health unit-sanctioned kitchen since the pandemic began last spring.

The Sheguiandah hall pays close to \$3,000 each year between taxes and water and between \$1,200

and \$1,300 is also required each month to keep the lights on. One small blessing brought by COVID-19, Mr. Wood said, is the reduction in propane and hydro due to the hall not being in use.

Pre-pandemic, the Howland Seniors' group welcomed a tai chi group twice each week, euchre parties every week, dinners every few months and, their most important money-maker, rentals.

Mr. Wood said he totally agrees with Ms. Sheppard and stands behind her in her attempt to have MPAC reverse its decision to tax community halls. "If we had some assistance on our taxes that would be great—anything would help."

Ms. Sheppard acknowledged that the MPAC ask might be a

long shot, but, "if you don't ask, you don't get." She has yet to hear back from MPAC, but said she hopes to resume activities at the Rockville Hall as soon as she and her band of volunteers are able. Stay tuned for a potential strawberry social (to be held outdoors) this spring.



A meeting will be called late this spring to discuss the future of the Green Bay Hall, pictured above.

photo courtesy of Google Street View

### notice

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

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**Case Aide – Three (3) Full-Time Positions**  
**Location: (2) Manitoulin and (1) Sudbury**  
**Salary Range: \$49,572 - \$60,967**

Under the supervision of the Service Supervisor, the incumbent is responsible to coordinate and facilitate access visits between children and their family members, providing services on the continuum of access arrangements and assist staff in providing direct support services to children, youth and families.

**Education:**  
Two (2) year Social Service Worker, Child and Youth Worker diploma or other diploma in the social services field from an accredited institution, with relevant experience.

**Experience:**  
Relevant experience working with children and families, preferably in child welfare and/or social services.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Knowledge of relevant legislation, regulations and Ministry standards;
- Good understanding of the agency's values, service philosophy and objectives;
- Knowledge of child maltreatment, child development, attachment and separation, and family dynamics;
- Demonstrated clinical and counselling skills to provide assessment, engagement and support services to families and children;
- Demonstrated cultural competency social service work practice within an Anishinaabe Organization;
- Knowledge of evidence-based social service work practice;
- Familiarity with community resources;
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and within a team;
- Demonstrated problem solving, planning, priority-setting and conflict resolution skills;
- Demonstrated presentation skills to represent the agency in the community setting;
- Demonstrated interpersonal and collaboration skills to coordinate effectively with a broad variety of community resources;
- Must have the ability to maintain confidentiality of agency and client information at all times;
- Extensive knowledge and proficient competence of computer software;
- Possess and maintain a valid Class "G" Driver's Licence and personal insurance coverage with access to a reliable vehicle;
- Demonstrated ability to work in a fast-paced work environment and to deal with stressful situations;
- Demonstrated ability to work with clients including working with individuals who are dealing with mental health, addiction and poverty issues.

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**CULTURAL ENAADAAMAAGET**  
**LOCATION: SUDBURY**  
**SALARY RANGE \$43,376 - \$53,347**

Under the direction of the Service Supervisor, the Cultural Enaadaamaaget will work collaboratively with the Cultural Coordinator to implement the annual work plan / annual calendar.

The Cultural Enaadaamaaget will work in collaborative cooperation with the Cultural Coordinator in the delivery of job functions to assist children, families, staff and community partners for the preservation and promotion of traditional practices within member First Nations, to strengthen the cultural identity for children, families and staff, and ensure children stay connected with their culture, language and community.

**QUALIFICATIONS and EXPERIENCE**

- Must possess a minimum of two-year college diploma from an accredited college in a discipline related to Anishinaabe Studies.
- Minimum of three (3) years of experience in the delivery of services to Anishinaabe children and their families or a comparable social service program. However, a combination of skills, work experience and life learning experiences may be considered.
- Preference for an individual living a traditional lifestyle, and learning being a life-long journey in pursuing to further learn traditional Anishinaabe lifestyle.
- Must be willing to continue to learn the Anishinaabemowin language.
- Active participation in the Anishinaabe community especially with building knowledge of the teachings from the medicine wheel will be of significant consideration.
- Prior work experience for placing of Indigenous practices, approaches and methods integral to the design of Social Work practices and principles and Anishinaabe-based methods that will help families achieve a healthier lifestyle and safe well-being.
- An individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with understanding, practice and sharing of Anishinaabe history, clan system, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, ceremonies, principles and values is preferred, these qualities having resulted in maturity and good judgement.
- Excellent communication skills, written skills for completion of documents and reports, oral, facilitator and presentation.
- Working knowledge of computer equipment and programs, e.g. – Microsoft Office: Word, Outlook, Excel, Power Point and Frontline System/Penlieu.
- Must possess strong organization, evaluation and problem-solving skills.
- Must possess a valid Ontario G Driver's Licence, own vehicle and be willing to travel and proof of vehicle insurance.
- Must provide a clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract and must be alcohol and drug free for a period of at least four years.

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# Death Notices

## JOSEPHINE MARGARET MANITOWABI

May 3, 1951 - February 26, 2021



In loving memory of Josephine Margaret Manitowabi, who passed away peacefully at the age of 69, surrounded by her family and with a tender smile, at her home on Friday, February 26, 2021. Josephine was born May 3, 1951 in Wiikwemkoong, Ontario. Josephine was the daughter of George and Christine Recollet (Jacko), both predeceased. She married Eugene Manitowabi on September 27, 1968 in Wiikwemkoong. Predeceased by mother-in-law Jessie Kennedy (Manitowabi). Along with being a wife and mom, she was a tireless worker. Josephine worked at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home in her early working years and then became an owner/operator bus contractor with the Wikwemikong Board of Education for 38 years. She retired on June 29, 2018 after transporting hundreds of the community's children. She was also active in the community as an early member of the Amikook Seniors' Board. Josephine loved to travel. One of her favourite places to go was her spur of the moment trips to Kewadin Casino. She enjoyed picking traditional medicines, going on medicine walks and keeping active. She had a love for animals and enjoyed feeding apples to the family horses. Her favourite pastimes also included spending time at the family beach and cooking over the fire. She loved when family would gather, especially during Christmas and at birthdays. She loved visiting and the good laughs that came with spending time with family and friends. Josephine will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 52 years, Eugene Manitowabi, her children Rachel, Colleen (Patrick), Ruben (Marilyn), Arthur (Amy) and Wilson (Marlene), all of Cape Smith. Proud grandmother and great-grandmother to Julian (Kristen), Luke, Ian, Peyton (Eric), Lain, Sierra (Evanson), Bailey, Isabella and Oscar. Also remembered with love by her special fur babies Lilly, Wiizehns, Smokey the cat and Sammy dog. She is now reunited with her little princess Shanelle and her St. Bernard dog, Chi-Ruger. Josephine will be welcomed to Paradise by siblings Grace and Frederick Recollet (Viola). She is lovingly remembered by her siblings Johnny Recollet (Sheila predeceased), Rosie Trudeau (Emile predeceased), Leona Nahwegahbow (Adam) and special sisters Doris Recollet and Linda Recollet. Also remembered with love by special nieces Allison Recollet-Simon, Christine Recollet and Leslie Recollet. She will be sadly missed by her extended family and her many Godchildren, especially Krista and Joseph Mejaki. Josephine will be remembered by her special friends Marie Kimewon (Gotcheens), Shirley Trudeau and reunited with best friends Victoria Manitowabi, Lucy Ann Trudeau, Jennifer Oshkawbewisens and Victoria Pennachio. Visitation and Funeral Mass were at the Family Homestead at 929 Cape Smith Road. The visitation was on Monday, March 1, 2021 with immediate family from 11 am to 2 pm. Friends and relations were welcomed to a come and go visitation from 2 to 6 pm. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 1 pm. Cremation followed. Feast by take-out at 392 Cape Smith Road (Wilson and Marlene's). Our family would like to say Miigwech to those who came to safely visit and for the individual expressions of condolences. Due to COVID-19 there was a limit of 10 people inside the Family Homestead at any given time and all other COVID-19 precautions were followed.

## DAVID ELLIOT GILCHRIST

June 9, 1962 - February 27, 2021



It is with great sadness the family of David Elliot Gilchrist announces his passing at HSN on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the age of 58. David was born in Elliot Lake on June 9, 1962 and raised in Sudbury. David had a 23-year career with the Canadian Armed Forces as a weapons technician, retiring with the rank of Master Corporal. David had international postings, including Lahr, Germany and in Velika Kladusa, Bosnia Herzegovina. Canadian postings included Calgary, Petawawa, London and Edmonton. David retired back to Manitoulin, eventually settling on the family farm where he was happiest. David enjoyed woodworking, working with tractors, putting around the farm and riding his motorcycle. David was active in the community, having served on the Central Manitoulin Fire Department, the Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club and was a member of the Doric Masonic Lodge #455 in Little Current. David was predeceased by his beloved parents Gilbert and Donelda (Beange) Gilchrist, sisters Sharon Gilchrist Brown and Lorna Tremblay and brother-in-law Roger Tremblay. Left to mourn the loss of David are his sisters Sarah Bowerman (Merv) and Alma Sarazin (Gerry), his beloved and much doted on nieces and nephews Sam Gilchrist (Katie), Dexter Bowerman, Adam Brown, Alex Brown, Lana Tremblay (Mike), Blair Tremblay, Paxton Sarazin (Monique) and Preston Sarazin (Stephanie). Great-uncle of Gibson, Grayson, Ruby, Kyle (Courtney), Ben, Paul Jenna and Elodie. David was a son, brother, uncle, great-uncle, great-great-uncle, brother-in-law, nephew, cousin and friend, always willing to lend a hand and will be sorely missed by many. At David's request cremation has taken place. A Memorial for David will take place in the spring. If you would like to make a charitable donation in David's name please forward a cheque payable to the Providence Bay Agricultural Society, 9236 Hwy 542, Spring Bay, Ontario P0P 2B0. Arrangements have been entrusted with Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at RangersSudbury.com.

## MARION LOIS MARSHALL (nee Clarke)

May 13, 1934 to March 4, 2021



In loving memory of Marion Lois Marshall who passed away at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor surrounded by family at the age of 86. Predeceased by husband Jeff, married 61 years. Survived by children and grandchildren Anna (Paul), Kyle and Neil, Rob (Leslie), Jessica and Ben, Ron (Christine), Mackenzie and Matthew. Lois graduated nursing school in Sudbury in 1955, moving to Halifax, returning to Ontario (Brampton) in 1964 working at a nursing home and then to Little Current in 1978 working at the Manitoulin Health Centre until her retirement in 1993. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary or Tree of Lights, 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0 would be appreciated. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

### † in memoriam

**MIGWANS**—In loving memory of Lance (Reb) Migwans (Taibossigai). Mgwis, almost a year ago your magical energy came to a sudden stop. As broken as I am, I am honoured to be your Mom. Never forgotten by your family: Nikki and sons Braiden, Ryder and Jasper. Parents: myself Alma Jean (Mom), Rocky Taibassigai (Dad), step-mom Dora Bebamash. Aunties and uncles: Ivan and Christy, Audrey and Chubby, Tammy and Ed, Kelly, Vicki Lyn, Jason and Kirk, Kenneth Migwans and Linda, Shirley and James of B.C. Your brothers: Clint and Velvet, Talen, Falcon, Vince Jr., Rachele, Shanz and Camron (stepbrother). Many cousins, nephews, nieces and friends. Many, many miigweches for all of the people who came to help and support our family at time of loss. Special thanks to all of my Panamick family. Thanks for all the pipes that were lifted across Canada. May the Creator bless you all. Alma Jean Migwans

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### † in memoriam

**BROWN**—In loving memory of Goldwin (Goldy) Brown, July 28, 1934 to March 12, 2010. Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, So loved, so missed, so very dear. Whoever you hold in the heart of you, Is forever and always a part of you. Love you dad, till we meet again. Garfield, Nancy, Peggy, Rob and families

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**Land for sale**, Manitoulin Island Ontario, Concession 2, Tehkummah. Parcel #1, 196 acres, randomly tile drained in low areas, maple bush, stream runs year round. Parcel #2, 192 acres, tile drainage 40' centres 51 acres, stream runs year round. This property is 15 minutes north of ferry docking at South Baymouth. Contact 519-941-0836.

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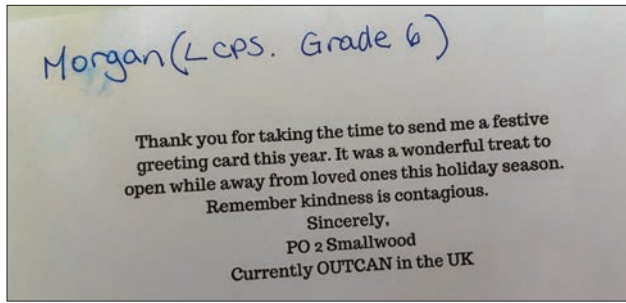
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# ...return cards of thanks from Canadian troops abroad

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Ms. Peck sent an astonishing 1,500 cards out last year, a task that takes her months to complete, but that she enjoys wholeheartedly. She's already begun addressing cards for next Christmas too, and even gets community support in the form of donated boxes of Christmas cards.

Comrade Bowerman was tickled pink to receive the news of the return cards. “I



A note from PO2 Smallwood to Morgan Dedman reminds us that 'kindness is contagious.'

think that's so nice," she told The Expositor. "I'm so happy that some of the students got replies. I'm so

happy to hear that they did and I'm glad for Elaine, especially after the amount that she does. It's so nice to

get good news.”

“It felt good to know they made someone's day a little brighter,” Hudson's teacher, Pam Rohn, added. “Random acts of kindness caused more kindness. They're making the world a better place, one act at a time.”

Morgan, Hudson and Ms. Peck each said they would definitely continue the tradition of sending cards to Canadian soldiers—music to Comrade Bowerman's ears.



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**WATERFRONT, YEAR ROUND, HOME** on 42.8 ac. & 321 ft. of Lake Kagawong frontage known as 133 Cedar Banks Trail accessed via Lakeshore Road. All stone & brick of 2,679 sq. ft. including, attached, insulated garage, 11 ac. hay field, 28.8 ac., fenced, pasture land & the road as well. The 2,000 sq. ft. living space has 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, open kitchen & dining, family room & living room w/stone wall enclosing a large fireplace that only pictures can describe. The 2 boat houses, at the water's edge, have marine railways & living space above. One is a guest room & one is a wood fired sauna plus games room. The level lot has a mixed bush, outdoor fireplaces, benches, yard lighting, 4 decks & trails. Great package on Lake Kagawong with a western exposure. \$725,000 (1505) (MLS #2092552)

**LAKE HURON WATERFRONT** w/207 ft. of limestone outcrop shoreline. Forested 8.9 ac. is fully surveyed w/zoning amended to permit a cottage. This off the grid retreat is seasonally accessible via Ocean Point and Poplar Roads. \$119,500 (1513) (MLS #2092202)

# HISTORIC CHARM IN KAGAWONG

**ASKING \$699,000**  
MLS 2092584

**KITCHEN** **LIVING ROOM**  
**LIVING ROOM** **BATHROOM**

**ABOUT THE PROPERTY**

Nestled in the small village of Kagawong with a water view of Mudge Bay - North Channel, sits this historic building which has been all newly renovated in the past 2 years. This historic stone building was built in 1925 and was home to such businesses as a butcher shop, ice cream parlour, pool hall, grocery store, Needles Restaurant, and most recently an art supply store! With this history comes loads of character and charm, which the current owners have been able to maintain while completing a complete makeover! On the main floor there is a large studio type room, a sitting room, a bar style kitchen and a large bedroom with ensuite bath. On the upper level is the main newly renovated modern kitchen, which leads to a separate dining, and living room with a built in propane fireplace. 2 bedrooms and a large 4 piece bath finish off this upper level. This house has charm from the limestone walls, to the original hardwood floors, to the thick window sills, right to the tastefully designed decor! 169 Main Street is on the front street of downtown Kagawong with a private back yard with quaint sitting area, and a front deck perfect for enjoying the quiet Manitoulin starry nights! Currently operating as an AirBnB, this property can be purchased as a turnkey!

- FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS**
- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
  - 2,424 square feet
  - Currently operated as an AirBnB
  - Stone throw from Bridal Veil Falls
  - Year Round Living
  - So much more!

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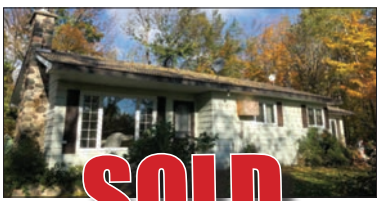
**LACLOCHE MOUNTAIN RESORT ON CHARLTON LAKE IN WHITEFISH FALLS!!!!**

This resort known as Bearskin Lodge and Outfitters comes turnkey with 9 rustic 2 & 3 bdrm log cabins as well as an owners' residence & another cabin, they allow friends & workers to stay. The housekeeping cottages each have their own hydro panels & each have their own bathrooms & appliances that are relatively new with upgraded wiring. Asking \$975,000. MLS#2077603



**TRULY SPECTACULAR NORTH CHANNEL WATER-FRONT POINT SITE**

- Mature hardwood forest & spectacular sand beach together with over 1,000 ft shoreline & 3+ acres of land offered with this fine waterfront site. Views to the north, east & west well compliment this exceptional North Channel building site situated on the point of Pristine Point. Very private natural setting with covenants on title preserving the natural heritage while allowing for cottage or home construction. Access by municipal road, Ontario Hydro underground cable power and Bell telephone service to the lot line. Asking \$279,000. MLS#2092512



**SOLD CHARLENE BUNGALOW**

- located on the outskirts of the picturesque village of Sheguiandah. The main floor of the home has a bright open spacious kitchen/dining area. In addition, there is a living room with a beautiful Manitoulin field stone propane fireplace, & the home has a large sunroom with a back yard deck area. The property includes 2 storage sheds, a vegetable garden, chicken coop, & fire pit on a beautifully large landscaped lot. Contact today for your viewing. Asking \$259,900. MLS#2092438



**SOLD PRIVATE PROPERTY**

This property is a short boat ride from the Sheguiandah boat launch, water access only. North east facing lot looking out on Sheguiandah Bay and the LaCloche Mountains. Very private piece of Manitoulin Island ideally ready for an off grid living. MLS#2092502

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**WATERFRONT LOT FOR SALE!**

- Vacant 1.6 acre waterfront lot in area of year-round homes & cottages on South Bay, Manitoulin Island. Excellent Fishing, boating & outdoor recreation activities await. Boat-Launch nearby. The Ferry terminal is only a 10 min drive away. Property has a driveway built & an area cleared ready for a build site. Enjoy 200+ ft of shoreline, wonderful Sunset views & catch the comings & goings of the MS Chi-Cheemaun in the distance to the south! Call for more details. MLS#2092579



**AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OVER AN ESTABLISHED EGG GRADING OPERATION**

- The house has a small orchard out front & has seen continuous upgrades including Geothermal. Two drilled wells provide good potable water. Pasture 70 acres, bush 28 acres, several outbuildings. Owner is prepared to assist in the transition of licence. Properties are separately deeded, farm & chattels can be purchased separately. MLS#2092616



**BAY OF ISLANDS WATERFRONT ACREAGE**

- Three island building sites situated very central to the Bay of Islands & comprising most of Island TP 2708. Each parcel includes hydro & complete septic systems in place, exceptional south & westerly views in a mature Pine Forest setting, safe dockage locations & an appeal level over the top! Ideal for family compound uses with ability to obtain three principal dwelling building permits. Please call for complete details! MLS#2092237



**AFFORDABLE TURNKEY 4 SEASON COTTAGE!!!!**

- This affordable turnkey 3 bdrm cottage on leased land is fully insulated, less than 10 years old & can be used year-round. The very large corner lot comes with large decks, many storage sheds & 2 driveways. Access to the sand bottom lake is a very short walk. Almost all contents including pullout couch, quality furnishings, dishes, etc. are included at a price of only \$139,000!!!! MLS#2087348

**MANITOWANING BAY**

Bungalow with double garage, approx. 180 ft frontage on Bay and 0.708 acres of land. Good neighbours, secluded, amazing views of Bay, good fishing, big yard for gardening and golf course is in walking distance. Asking \$349,000. MLS#2092533



**SOLD A WATERFRONT BUILDING LOT**

- with a wonderful view of the North Channel. Windjammer Boulevard is in an area of year-round homes and cottages. Located within minutes of the Hamlet of Kagawong, the Bridal Veil Falls, the local shops, the marina and the amenities of Kagawong. Ready to build your dream home or cottage. Call Now! MLS#2090813



**SOLD BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN MANITOU WATERFRONT COTTAGE**

- Over 35 acres & 610 ft waterfront, driveway mostly in place, great central Manitoulin location & incredible price @ \$199,000! MLS#2090845



**SOLD 8 YEAR COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!!!**

- This modern looking camp with a new roof comes adorned with a vaulted ceiling in the open concept kitchen/living room, indoor flush toilet, water drawn from the lake, a huge L-shaped deck, several outbuildings, a large portable garage & a very large beautifully landscaped lot. Asking \$85,000!!!! MLS#2087341



**SOUTH BAYMOUTH BUSINESS**

- Huron Motor Lodge - turnkey operation. Located directly across from ferry dock. Great financial statements. Asking \$1,400,000. MLS#2085430



**NORTH CHANNEL LAKEFRONT ON BAY OF ISLANDS DR.**

- Building lot in desirable prime residential waterfront community within minutes of Whitefish Falls, ON. Features a driveway, telephone & hydro services available. Year-round road. Enjoy world class boating & sailing. Build your dream home or cottage! MLS#2087533

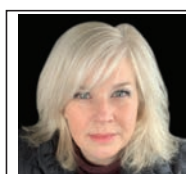


**950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!!!**

- This cottage located in a park setting at the north end of Mindemoya Lake is just a short walk to the nice sand bottom waterfront access which is very kid-friendly. The cottage features a large deck, a forced-air electric furnace as well as a propane free standing metal stove for heating. Asking \$115,000. MLS#2085649



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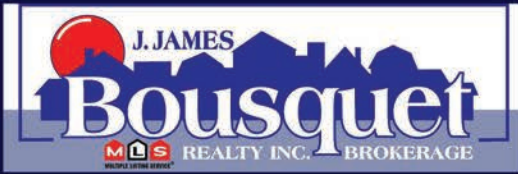
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## FEATURED LISTING



**STUNNING WATERFRONT OASIS IN WHITEFISH FALLS, BEAUTIFUL 2 BEDROOM HOME WITH ADDITIONAL BUNKIE AND SPACIOUS GARAGE ON THE RIVER.**  
MLS 2092516 \$425,000



**SPACIOUS 3 BED, 2 BATH HOUSE IN LITTLE CURRENT**  
MLS 2092497 \$459,900



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



**LARGE HOME OVERLOOKING WATER IN GORE BAY**  
MLS 2092089 \$450,000



**17 ACRES BACKING ONTO MANITOWANING GOLF COURSE**  
MLS 2092356 \$129,900



**GORGEOUS 3 BED, 2 BATH HOME IN SHEGUIANDAH**  
MLS 2090987 \$299,000



**AMAZING INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY IN GORE BAY**  
MLS 2090555 \$485,000

## REVIEW OF THE WEEK

"MY HUSBAND AND I PURCHASED A PROPERTY ON MANITOULIN ISLAND THIS PAST JULY. ABBIE DROLET WAS THE AGENT WE CONTACTED AS THE LISTING AGENT ON THE PROPERTY. WE LIVED 9 HOURS AWAY. SHE WAS AMAZING. ABBIE WAS PROFESSIONAL, PUNCTUAL AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. NOTHING WAS EVER TOO MUCH TROUBLE. SHE WAS ALWAYS ABLE TO WORK WITH OUR SCHEDULE. BUYING OUR PROPERTY WAS MADE SO MUCH EASIER BY HAVING AN AGENT LIKE ABBIE ON OUR SIDE. THANK YOU." - VICKI JEAN ALLUM



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*Congratulations!*

**TO ABBIE DROLET FOR RECEIVING HER BROKER DESIGNATION!**



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## Support Local!

Living, working and playing in the Manitoulin area with family and friends is what life is all about for Al. His family ties to the island date back to the late 1800's in the Spring Bay area and since 1905 in the Lee Valley area on the North Shore. Al has worked on Manitoulin since 1995 where he and his wife Jocelyne raised their 3 children. Al and his family often meet up at «the cabin» which they built together

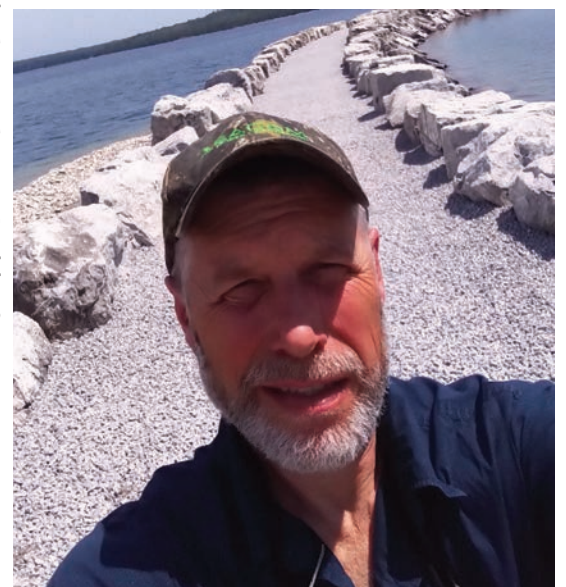


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on Maple Lake situated on the LaCloche Mountain range. Admittedly a workaholic, Al is always working on something. He recently went a step above the rest and obtained his full real estate brokers license. This time of year he's busy getting the sugar bush ready for another season of maple syrup.

Al enjoys running marathons and hopes to hopes to one day climb Mount Kilimanjaro. He believes that the most important things in life are family and friends and is tickled pink about having his first grand child, a girl, in May.

Al has decades of experience managing a thriving retail enterprise on Manitoulin and brings a high level of organization and work ethic to the team at J.A. Rolston Ltd. Brokerage.



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