

This week's Expositor a gift to new Islanders and a thanks to faithful friends

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This week, The Manitoulin Expositor—Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper—is appearing in mailboxes across the world's largest freshwater island. Please consider it a gift as we kick off our birthday month (we turn 143 on May 24). And for those of you who already boast an Expositor subscription, we say a hearty thank you for your continued support!

The Island's population is changing, there's no doubt about it. Some of you who have recently moved here perhaps haven't encountered a weekly newspaper before (or at least not one like The Expositor), or perhaps you were a subscriber once upon a time. Whatever your story, please enjoy this week's edition; we encourage you to give it a read, pore through the local retail and service offerings (Mother's Day is Sunday!), scope out the job offerings and the real estate and, of course, the news and events from

Manitoulin Island.

We don't often toot our own horn, but this is an award-winning newspaper. In fact, last Friday, April 29, The Expositor team took home an impressive 10 awards at the Ontario Community Newspapers Association Better Newspapers Competition, including top honours in the prestigious Best News Story and Best Website categories. You can read all about it on Page 3.

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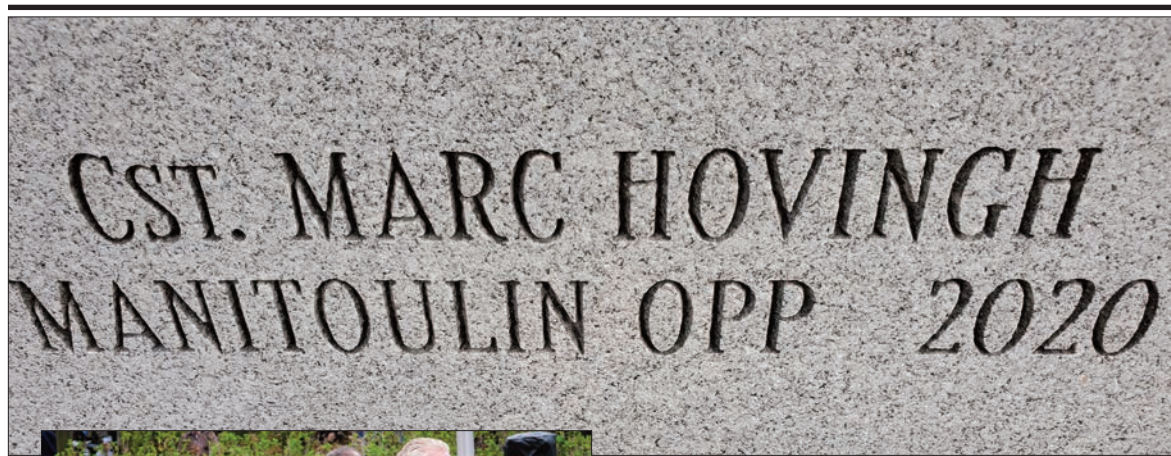


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Racial gestures towards MSS girls' hockey squad prompt apologies



Francophone public school board apologizes on behalf of girls' team at Ecole Secondaire Macdonald-Cartier

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario (CSPGNO) school board officials have worked with Ecole Secondaire Macdonald-Cartier school staff to identify those involved in what has been described as racism actions against the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs girls' hockey team, carried out in two incidents during this year's hockey season. CSPGNO has sent a letter of apology to a member of the MSS team who brought forward a complaint, taken action with the offending students at Macdonald-Cartier and is working with its schools in fostering an inclusive environmental based on the celebration of diversity. The Franco-Ontario schoolboard is also producing cultural sensitivity videos for its students and staff. As well, CSPGNO will now be implementing compulsory sessions on cultural sensitivity in all its schools.

"I received a letter of apology from CSPGNO," said Jorja Peltier, a Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory band member and resident of Lake Manitou, and member of the MSS girls' hockey squad. "I'm happy they took our idea of pro-



MSS girls' hockey team member Jorja Peltier brought the issue to the attention of the administration at both MSS and Ecole Secondaire Macdonald-Cartier.

viding cultural sensitivity training education. After similar incidents happened twice, there is something wrong and obviously people are not being educated in cultural sensitivity," said Ms. Peltier, a Grade 11 student. "Maybe by calling them out this won't happen again."

Ms. Peltier had written a letter that she sent to the administra-

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CONSTABLE HOVINGH MEMORIALIZED—The Ontario Police Memorial Service was held in-person at Queen's Park Crescent Toronto for the first time in three years on Sunday, May 1. Six names were inscribed on the granite memorial in Toronto, among them Provincial Constable Marc Hovingh of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, who died in the line of duty in November 2020.

INSET PHOTO: Solicitor General Sylvia Jones and escort follow Premier Doug Ford as he lays a wreath on behalf of the Ontario government.

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photos by Giovanni Capriotti

Ukrainian refugee finds home in Mindemoya

by Betty Bardswich

MINDEMOYA—Welcome to Canada, Tetiana Zakharchuk. Welcome to Mindemoya!

Ms. Zakharchuk, who goes by the name Tanya, is a Ukrainian refugee who arrived at the home of John Szewczyk and Betty Bardswich on April 24 after escaping the war in her country.

And she was barely in the door when she told interpreter Luba Switzer that she was extremely grateful to be in Canada and be

safe in a home in Mindemoya.

Ms. Zakharchuk was born in the village of Gaivoron in the Kyiv region in 1960. She was married to Alexander, who died in 2004, and has a son named Ihor and a grandson named Vlad, who live in Kyiv.

She had her own business in Ukraine, a small market store where she sold vegetables, baked goods, cheese and other products such as kobassa. "But the big grocery stores took over," she told

The Expositor, "and little businesses could not compete."

Ms. Zakharchuk then turned to the growing of fruit. She planted 1,000 apple trees and 300-plus trees and looked after her orchards for 14 years, with her product going to supermarkets and being sold at the fruit farm.

Her next enterprise was to move to Israel, where she cleaned homes as she could earn more money doing this in that country

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Ferry starts Friday

Business as usual for capacity, cafeteria, 'Boatique'

by Michael Erskine

OWEN SOUND—The MS Chi-Cheemaun ferry, which serves as a link to Tobermory on the Bruce Peninsula, is on schedule and due to arrive in South Baymouth on its inaugural 2022 run this Friday, May 6 at 11:50 am.

Fares and full schedule have not yet been posted on the ferry's website, although the ontarioferries.com website does have a travel plan estimate that will provide rates extrapolated from the 2021 rates.

The Expositor has learned that the ferry will run at full capacity and the cafeteria will again be open

for business. The 'Boatique' will also be open this season.

Concerns about the ferry following a fire in one of its boiler rooms have been allayed, with the ferry arriving as scheduled in Owen Sound on Sunday. The ferry passed through the Thunder Bay and the Soo locks late last week, returning from its regular checkup stint in drydock.

Calls to the Owen Sound Transportation Company seeking clarification on the 2022 rates and schedule were not returned by press time Monday.



The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs girls' hockey team pose for a group photo. First Nation members on the team say that members of the Macdonald-Cartier team and their fans taunted and made racist gestures at the MSS team First Nation players in two games held in March.

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is the first one you've received at your Manitoulin address in the mail for a while (or at all)...**WE HOPE YOU ARE ENJOYING IT** and would like to keep on enjoying it **WEEK AFTER WEEK**

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Expositor staff held an event to watch the awards gala last Friday afternoon. Back row from left is editor Tom Sasvari, Warren Schlote, associate editor Michael Erskine, Julia, Rick and Alicia McCutcheon, publisher, Brianna McGregor, production assistant, Robin Anderson, sales manager, front row, Linda Erskine, Debbie Bailey, circulation manager, Kerrene Tilson, accounts, Kendra Edwards, production manager Dave Patterson, Sylvie Poirier and Julia McCutcheon-Case. Missing from photo are Marilyn Harasym, accounts and Lori Thompson, Local Journalism Initiative reporter.

Expositor wins 10 awards at Better Newspapers Competition

TORONTO—While The Manitoulin Expositor is no stranger to the Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) Better Newspapers Competition podium, 2021 was definitely a banner year for the team. The Expositor was named a finalist in 10 categories, five of which earned the newspaper first place honours. The 10 awards are a record for The Expositor.

“This was among the most in province,” said Alicia

McCutcheon, Expositor publisher and immediate past president of the OCNA. “I can’t begin to express how proud I am of the team. The scope of the awards we won showcases a well-rounded newspaper—from reporting, to graphic design to our website and online offerings, we were acknowledged across the board.”

Warren Schlote placed first out of 34 entries in the Best News Story category for his coverage of the tragic death of Ontario Provincial

Police Constable Marc Hovingh. “This series of stories on the death of OPP Const. Marc Hovingh provided a complete, well-written explanation of the incident which led to his death, which occurred while he was responding to a complaint while on duty,” judge Frank Bucholtz writes. “The Expositor went far beyond that, also writing about his significant role in a tight-knit community. The newspaper also assisted his family in gathering informa-

tion about him for a memorial album. All of this is local journalism at its best.”

The 20-page special section ‘Out of the Shadows: An in-depth look at Manitoulin’s opioid crisis,’ researched and written by Mr. Schlote, and published in June of last year, swept every category it was entered in, starting with Community Service.

“The Manitoulin Expositor’s entry was a standout in this category,” writes judge Penny

Sakamoto. “The research and content written by reporter Warren Schlote is commendable and the end result of a 20-page special section and supporting print and digital articles provides a very thorough examination of the opioid crisis on Manitoulin Island. A few community news media organizations in Canada have published similar pieces and all OCNA members should follow The Manitoulin Expositor’s lead. Very well

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Manitoulin Secondary robotics team looks to host conference this summer

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While she didn’t win the World Championship Dean’s List Award, after having won the Dean’s List Award at the First Robotics provincial championship, Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal Team Robotics team Jocelyn Kuntsi and her teammates and coaches are moving forward on activities and projects they have

planned this summer.

As has been previously reported, Ms. Kuntsi had been named as the winner of the Dean’s List Award at the provincial robotics championship held in April. This qualified her for the world championship in this category, held in Houston, Texas April 22.

The MSS team had nominated Ms. Kuntsi for the award, recognizing her demonstrated excellent leadership skills and outstanding contributions to the team and having done well in the judges’ interviews (held virtually).

Ms. Kuntsi represented the district of Ontario at the world championships in which she participated through Zoom. “It was



Jocelyn Kuntsi

more than I had expected, just qualifying for the worlds,” she told The Expositor. “It was amaz-

ing to see and hear the atmosphere at the worlds. Most representatives attended the event in person and to be able to meet people in chats online from other districts, as well as with industry leaders, was amazing.”

“I didn’t win, but it was really cool to be a part of the competition and represent Ontario,” Ms. Kuntsi told The Expositor. “I didn’t even expect to get this far.”

“I’m not sure exactly how many students were taking part, but there were two from every district in the world, so maybe 50,” she said. “In talking to many of them it is easy to see they are all amazing leaders in their communities and that all have fantastic proj-

ects. It was inspiring.”

Ms. Kuntsi said the MSS team, after competing in the provincials in April, indicated that they had other projects and activities up their sleeves with which to stay busy during the off-season. “One of the things our team is going to do is hold an environment, science, technology, engineering and math (E-STEM) conference this summer. We have invited all the teams from the provincial championship to come to Manitoulin Island in mid-August for this conference. One of the things we will be looking at is challenges being faced in the environment.”

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WTPS board fires former police chief

WIKWEMKOONG—The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services Board has terminated the employment of Terry McCaffrey, the former chief of police, after a court ruled that he had been found guilty of sexual assault.

“On April 25, Justice Elliott Allen rendered his decision in the criminal trial of Terry McCaffrey. After a four-day trial, Justice Allen found Terry McCaffrey guilty of sexual assault,” an April 27 release notes.

“The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service Board met (April 26) in an in-camera session to consider the implication of the verdict on our community and our police service. In light of the finding of guilt, the board has decided to terminate the employment of Terry McCaffrey, effective immediately.”

“As always, the board remains committed to ensuring that the service provides safe and effective policing to the people of Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory,” the release continues. “As this matter continues to be before the courts, the board will not be making any further comment at this time.”

COVID impact forces paramedic vacation cancellations

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—“It is an ill wind that blows no good” as the old saying goes, and for Manitoulin Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) emergency services workers, the saying holds all too true as, despite the increased stress the pandemic has put on workers, a number of vacations had to be delayed.

“As chief, my mandate is, first and foremost, public safety,” said Paul Myre, chief of DSB paramedic services in acknowledging the challenge. “I have to ensure that there is an ambulance able to go.”

Chief Myre noted that with so many of his staff down during the current wave, he had nothing but bad choices. “The first thing we looked at was banked vacation time, and we sought out volunteers for that. To their incredible credit, a lot of our staff came forward to volunteer and said ‘take this day, or take that.’”

“My staff is battle weary right now,” said Chief Myre. “This was the absolute last thing any of us wanted to have to do and I am very

cognizant that having no break can lead to increased sick time down the road.”

The DSB budget and staffing are already reeling from the impacts of PTSD and keeping EMS workers on the front lines when they fully deserve a break is extremely troubling said Chief Myres.

Adding to the challenge is the

compounding factor of budgetary concerns. “I have to keep my eye on overtime costs as well,” he said. “As a public servant I have to be mindful of taxpayers’ dollars and that my staff need a break. We have been stickhandling these issues since early in 2021.”

In a paradox, Chief Myre noted that the DSB had largely managed to come through the pandemic rel-

atively unscathed. “But when the kids headed back to school, it really hit home for us,” he said. “We got pounded.”

That his team has coped as well as it has, Chief Myre credits the high rate of vaccination. “We have a 97 percent vaccination rate,” he said. “That has allowed people to get back to work much

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Wiikwemkoong ponders revamped waterfront

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—It’s early days yet, but Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory citizens got their first glance at proposed waterfront redevelopment focussed on four development nodes: Smith Bay, South Bay, Buzwah Park and the Prairie Point landing during a hybrid in-person and Zoom presentation held April 21 at the upstairs hall of the Wiikwemkoong arena.

Wiikwemkoong Tourism Manager Luke Wassegijig noted that the concepts put before the community were very initial-stage and that the event was aimed at gaining community input that will inform the final proposal. Consultants 3rdLine Studios architects (formerly Castellan James and Partners) were engaged to steward the planning process through its initial phases following an RFP process in 2021.

“The consultation looked at design elements and

structural issues,” said Mr. Wassegijig.

Among the proposals were to enhance the boat launch in Smith Bay, perhaps adding in a cultural pavilion as well as a waterfront boardwalk.

Waterfront development and tourism are key components of Wiikwemkoong’s COVID-19 recovery plans, notes Mr. Wassegijig. “Those plans focus on three areas,” he said. “Tourism infrastructure, human resource development and promotion of economic development and job development.”

Running through the entire project is a consideration of any and all cultural and environmental impacts, stressed Mr. Wassegijig. As such, community priorities such as employment creation, revenue generation, the identification of resources for economic opportunities must be informed by the community values of stewardship of the air, water, land

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editorial

Premier Doug Ford delivers a very Liberal(?) budget

Quite a few long-in-the-tooth Tory supporters were left scratching their heads following this past week's release of the proposed 2022 Ontario budget by the Progressive Conservative government. Ontario's Finance Minister, Peter Bethlenfalvy delivered his government's 2022 budget containing a swath of new spending, topping out at a whopping \$198.6 billion in spending and a deficit of \$19.9 billion—this despite the province's fiscal accountability office, an independent officer of the legislature, forecasting the province could balance the books and end the red ink in 2023-24 and even run a budget surplus of \$7.1 billion by 2026-27.

What gives? Isn't this the forte of the Tory menace, those tax and spend Liberals? Luckily, the rebounding Ontario economy seems to be coming back gangbusters, allowing for some pre-election largesse sure to titillate the electors.

Oh wait, that's right! There is an election brewing. In fact, by the time this paper is in our readers' hands an election call is anticipated. This document is not a budget, per se, it is an election platform, although the Progressive Conservatives have vowed it would return it whole following the ballot counting on June 2.

There is plenty in this budget to woo Premier Ford's darlings—drivers—with many a highway expansion and even a new, albeit controversial one, the 413. The budget also cites “broadening” Highway 69—conspicuously avoiding the term “four-laning.” Well, perhaps not so Liberal a budget given the provincial Liberals were always promising to move that project forward.

There are some welcome bits in there for seniors as well, with a tax credit for seniors over 70 topping out at \$6,000. Now who is it who faithfully votes?

Yes folks, it is definitely election days ahead and Mr. Ford is riding a fairly decent lead in the polls heading into the lists. We could go on, but this is an editorial, not a news item.

Unfortunately, the sad truth of the matter is that most voters don't pay much attention to provincial elections, and mores the pity there, because it is the province that governs most of those items that impact our daily lives—especially through those darkest days of the pandemic.

Health services? It's the province. Social services? It's the province (although some of that is fobbed on the property taxpayers). Provincial highways? It's the province. LCBO? It's the province. Buck a beer? Well, you get the picture. All those health directives that have miraculously evaporated in time for the election, almost all are the purview of the province.

The point of all this? It would well behoove the electors of this province to look a little closer at who will be representing their interests in Queen's Park after June 2. It is said that we get the government we deserve—let's just make sure we deserve better this time around with a truly considered ballot choice.

The Expositor will be hosting an all-candidates' meeting, in person once again, at Manitoulin Secondary School on Wednesday, May 18 starting at 7 pm.

letters

A perspective lesson on how to listen or understand

Instant understanding can be the price paid

To the Expositor:

Listening skills or understanding skills?

There's what you said. There's what you thought you said. Then there is what you actually meant.

There's what I heard you say. There's what I thought I heard you say. Then there is what I thought you meant.

We both listened to each other but did we understand one another?

We are often encouraged to improve our listening skills which is good advice. However, it's the understanding skills that often need the most work.

My wife was restocking the fridge with club soda and said to me “you'll notice that when I take some out I put some back in.” Looking me in the eye she continued, “that's wife speaking code—do you understand?”

Me: “I was husband listening, what did you say?”

I instantly understood there was a price to pay for that.

It was worth it.

**Douglas Miller
Sudbury**

Former Northeast Town councillor challenges property gift

Funds should be spent on a memorial to St. Peter's Church in Sheguiandah

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

NEMI Mayor and Council,

I feel the property that was St. Peter's Anglican Church in Sheguiandah should be sold and not donated to any group.

Funds from that money should be used to build a memorial tower to hold the bell and incorporate the memorial stained-glass window at the museum. Historical buildings should never be removed to make a parking lot. We cannot turn back the clock now that this has been done but

we can certainly try to make amends to the people of the hamlet that built the church, were married, baptised and buried from the church.

This is my perspective on what has happened here in the hamlet of Sheguiandah. We need to be building our nostalgia and drawing visitors. The replica mill site is a prime example of a visitor's drawing card.

Sincerely,

**Christina Jones
Sheguiandah**

Domtar sells large portion of boreal forest holdings to Nature Conservancy of Canada

ONTARIO—Domtar, operator of Espanola's primary employer at its mill there, has sold a large portion of its boreal forest holdings near Hearst to the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC). The sale has been described as the “largest private land conservation agreement in Canadian history.” NCC will use the land, which Domtar has not operated in the area for several years, for research and conservation.

The project includes more than 100 lakes and 1,300 kilometres of rivers, streams and shoreline, known as the Hearst Forest, all of which contributes to freshwater quality and fish habitat in Ontario's north.

“Domtar is excited to be engaging with the smart men and women at NCC, who share many of our values regarding sustainable forest management, science-based research and public transparency,” said Rob Melton, Domtar's senior vice-president of commercial, pulp and paper in a release. “The transfer of this land allows NCC to transition the management of this forest landscape to research and conservation.” Paige Doff, vice-president of

sustainability for Domtar, told The Expositor, “we haven't harvested this area of property for over 10 years. “We are pleased to partner with NCC because they are looking at science-based management. Even though they will not be harvesting the property, they will manage and use the property to educate the public.”

Kristyn Ferguson, NCC's program director for large landscapes in Ontario, said, “conservation opportunities of this magnitude are incredibly rare and NCC is thrilled to have the chance to work at this scale to make a difference for nature, for wildlife and for people. The more we learn about this area, the ability of its wetlands to store carbon, the wildlife habitat it provides, the cultural significance of the rivers within it, the clearer it become that boreal wildlands will have measurable positive impacts at scale from the local to the global.”

Domtar has agreed to transfer ownership of the land to the NCC for \$7 million below its appraised value and NCC has launched a public campaign to raise the remaining \$13 million.



Domtar representatives presented a cheque in the amount of \$18,000 to Manitoulin North Shore Victim Services (MNVS) toward the Project Lifesaver program which is coming to the Manitoulin Island and Espanola area. In photo, left, is Leigh Nelson, Domtar environmental manager, Carolyn Glasby, MNVS program assistant, Manitoulin OPP Constable Tessa Kasch, Norm Bush, Domtar mill manager, Darla Southwood, Domtar executive assistant and Jessica Summers, MNVS victim specialist.

Once the sale is complete, it will encompass an area twice the size of the city of Toronto.

The announcement was made April 22. “This Earth Day, we are excited to show Canadians that global impact starts with local action. The Boreal Wildlands project provides a unique opportunity to make a difference for nature

and for people. It is a model for modern conservation. We are grateful to the partners who have inspired us to undertake conservation on this scale. We enthusiastically invite everyone to donate to help complete the project and make history,” said Catherine Grenier, president and chief executive officer of the NCC.

Council donates St. Peter's Anglican church property to seniors hall group

by Tom Sasvari with files from Alicia McCutcheon SHEGUIANDAH—Less than 12 hours after a motion was carried by Northeast Town council to donate the historic St. Peter's Anglican Church property on Townline Road in Sheguiandah to the neighbouring Sheguiandah Senior's Hall for the creation of a parking lot, the church was demolished, leaving some community members and former parishioners reeling.

Council received a letter from the seniors' hall board asking council to consider donating the municipally-owned property, which contains the church, so that they might create more parking. Parking is currently at a premium for the bustling community hall. CAO Dave Williamson reminded council that the topic has been discussed before.

"The building is not salvageable," he told council. "It will one day collapse in on itself. There are no artifacts left inside, it's just the building." He went on to call the building "unsafe."

Councillor Michael Erskine recalled that several years earlier, the municipality canvassed the community about restoring St. Peter's church but didn't get much back by way of positive response. He went on to note the "valuable service" the seniors' hall provides to the community. "I am in full support," he said of the motion.

Councillor Jim Ferguson said he agreed with Councillor Erskine. "Because the building is unsalvageable, I think



St. Peter's Anglican Church in Sheguiandah has been demolished. Above, the church in its heyday. Demolishment took place earlier this week. Photos provided by The Bowermans.



In a matter of mere moments, the former St. Peter's Anglican Church was reduced to rubble and trucked away to make way for an expanded parking lot for the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall.



A tap of the excavator and the ancient building came down into a jumble of wood and siding

it's good to give it to them (the seniors' hall)." Councillor Barb Baker asked about demolition costs, to which the CAO replied that it would be done by public works crews, so a minimal cost.

Councillor Laurie Cook asked about the history of the church. Mr. Williamson shared that the church was built in 1883 and that it is part of the Sheguiandah historic walking trail, and that the seniors' group would be asked to keep the plaque marking it as such on the property.

Councillor Cook noted the church's historic value and asked if there would be any appetite to putting the church out to tender, for anyone wishing to restore it. "I hate to see historic buildings torn down," she added.

The CAO explained that the foundation is damaged and the walls bowed out so a complete rebuild would be required.

A motion to demolish the church and donate it to the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall was moved by Councillor Erskine and seconded by Councillor Al Boyd. The motion was carried.

The very next morning, the church was demolished. "To see the church gone is beyond understanding," stated Christina Jones, a hamlet of Sheguiandah resident and former member of the Northeast Town council. "They (council) passed a motion Tuesday night and by 7:00 am the public works crew was out to knock it down. The town knew that if people found out they would be doing this that quickly, they would be very upset. I know I am."

"I understand the only councillor who voted against the motion was Laurie (Cook) so kudos to her," said Ms. Jones. "It bothers me out here that three council members in ward four all voted 'yes' on the motion."

"It would have been nice if they had a little service or get together, even outside the church to say one final goodbye for all the people that have attended and used that church over the years," said Ms. Jones. "I don't think they should have just destroyed the building."

"It is the underhanded way that council did this, that bothers me," stated former Sheguiandah resident Linda Bowerman. "To think the church had been gifted to the town for a \$1 by the Anglican Diocese of Algoma and this is what they did to it."

"Its gone and done and there is nothing we can do about it now," said Ms. Bowerman. "What hurts is that we never even given a chance to collect some of the items from the church, like the stained glass window that had been donated by Reverend Frederick Frost. Council held their meeting Tuesday night and passed a motion to have the

church demolished and by 7:00 am the next morning it was down. Something is wrong with that. And why were we never notified about any of this?"

"It's just sad," stated Ms. Bowerman. She pointed out Mayor Al MacNevin had indicated that the door of at the front of the church had been saved as well as the pews, windows and bells.

"The town had said in 2014 it had no money to fix up the church but started to put money into reserve in 2014," said Ms. Bowerman. "And the seniors hall had already been gifted the parking lot on the other side of the hall, now they have this property to use as a parking lot as well."

"I spent about 25 years attending the church," said Ms. Bowerman. "When I got the call at 7:30 am this morning, the church was already down. If it had been left standing and people had the chance to take some of the boards, for instance, we could have done some things with it."

"It is another piece of our history that is now gone," said Ms. Bowerman.

"The town has been talking about tearing down the church since 2014, but there was no notice it was going to take place this morning," said Ms. Jones. "They could have taken the belfry to the museum and put the bell back in it. We don't do very well with historical things in this town."

Tom Batman, who at one time had spent funds and put a new roof on the church told The Expositor, "Burt and Leila Dunlop were the last surviving members of the church. The church, along with everything in it and the property were turned over to the town. If people had concerns, that would have been the time to bring them forward."

Mr. Batman's company, Batman Construction, had put a new roof and side vestibule on the church in 2006. "At the time, there was a lot of discussion about the church. But as time went on, interest declined."

"Yes, it is disturbing to see the church brought down, see it happen," said Mr. Batman. "I was born and raised here but the costs to fix it up would have been high and we (taxpayers) wouldn't have been able to afford the cost. I've been on council and I understand how these things work. Most years there is no money for extra things that should, but can't, be done."

Mr. Batman said that, when "a building like this church is closed for a long time, it declines. And there is no heat in the building. I can understand the logistics as to why the church was closed. \$100,000 would not repair the church. The foundation is cracked and the walls are splitting. And there is mould and mildew. I'm not a member of the Anglican church, it was a unique building, but one that the town couldn't afford."

photos by Linda Bowerman

Great Lakes cruising sector aims for greater sustainability

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

LITTLE CURRENT—Following a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19 restrictions, cruising on the Great Lakes resumes this year. A significant number of cruises have been scheduled for stops at the Port of Little Current and Killarney this season. The industry says not only are cruise lines interested in supporting the local economy, but they are taking steps to improve their environmental impact as well.

“We are thrilled,” said Stephen Burnett, executive director of the Great Lakes Cruise Association (GLCA). “It looks as though the cruise industry is voting with its feet in scheduling significant inventory this summer, and even more next summer. In terms of the business itself, it seems to be solidly coming back.”

Mr. Burnett believes most of the cruise lines are committed to sustainability. One way to do this is sourcing local ingredients. “Every cruise has a marine agent who supplies all of the things they need while they’re cruising a region and we’ve made them aware that Ontario generally has wonderful farm-to-table opportunities, with great growers in different parts of the province producing a variety of fresh produce, not only fresh vegetables but excellent meat, poultry, and fish,” he said.

Cruise ships have the ability to order fresh vegetables in advance, for example. “The farmers have a pretty good almanac of when their crops mature. We’ve had some marvelous conversations with some of the chefs on board these ships,” he said.

He thinks if communities are motivated to recognize cruise ships as part of their consumer base, this type of sustainability can spread even further around the Great Lakes. “We



Two cruise ships vie for space in the Port of Little Current. Members of the cruise ship industry say cruise lines are taking steps to improve their environmental impact.

believe sustainability is the way forward. We are absolutely committed to that.”

The entire cruising industry is making significant efforts towards being more environmentally friendly, said Bruce O’Hare of Lakeshore Excursions based in Little Current but operating throughout the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River. Although it hasn’t yet happened here, many (river) ports in Europe and the ports of Montreal, Halifax and Vancouver in Canada have designed shore power. That means when ships dock at a port, they shut off their engines and plug in rather than leaving their engines on to run their generators to keep lights on and refrigerators cold, “just like someone would do with their sailboat at Spider Bay,” he noted.

There are rules and regulations about dumping

sewage or wastewater in the Great Lakes, and ships have their own on-board water treatment plants. “So they make their own water and they have sewage treatment plants as well, very similar to the technology that’s used in Little Current,” Mr. O’Hare explained. “When they get into ports, Sault Ste. Marie, for example, they hook up just exactly like at Spider Bay or at Wally’s for pump outs. They’re very conscientious about making sure the Great Lakes stay clean, and it’s a very regulated industry.”

No unlawful discharge occurs on Great Lakes waters, and solid waste is retained on board until it reaches a port of call where it can be handled by local municipal waste providers, states Cruise the Great Lakes (CTGL), a coalition of states, provinces, ports, conventions and visitor bureaus, and cruise lines

(including several that visit Little Current).

Great Lakes cruises are “unique in both experience and impact,” said CTGL. The ships are limited in size by the St. Lawrence Seaway system, with the largest holding a maximum of 400 passengers. The average size of Great Lakes cruise vessels is fewer than 200 passengers, 15 times less than the average 3,000 passengers on an ocean-going cruise ship.

Carbon emissions from fuel are more of a shipping issue on the Great Lakes, said Mr. O’Hare. “You have to remember that about 98 percent of the ships on the Great Lakes aren’t passenger ships. They’re cargo ships, hauling automobiles, steel, soybeans, wheat and other goods.”

He points to the launch of the first hybrid freighter on the Great Lakes this year. It’s electric and diesel powered, he said. “The shipping

industry is generally moving in that direction.”

In fact, CTGL members have just committed “promoting environmentally conscious cruising and destination stewardship.” The sustainability pledge focuses on issues of destination stewardship, air emissions and carbon reduction, wastewater and recycling.

Specific pledges include maintaining a light shore-side footprint, sourcing food locally wherever possible, using shore power where available, and working toward to goal established by the Cruise Lines International Association in 2018 of a 40 percent reduction in the rate of carbon emissions across the cruise industry’s global fleet by 2030.

Some changes are small: Lakeshore Excursions used to provide bottled water, but in 2019 they put in a water cooler at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation (for people to

fill refillable water bottles). “We stopped providing bottles of water,” Mr. O’Hare said. “We have water we serve to the passengers in compostable cups that are made out of sugar cane. Those are some of the small things that our company is doing.”

GLCA is encouraging its member cruise lines to abandon offering everyone a bottle of water as they get off the ships, added Mr. Burnett. “Some of them may still do that but more and more, we’re finding they’re installing refill stations on board the ships so passengers can take their own bottle and refill that at a refill station.”

This offers a wonderful marketing opportunity as well, he said. “You can brand your bottles you give people with the name of the cruise line, bottles you give people that they can refill seven times on a voyage. What a fantastic opportunity!” Some of the cruise lines are actually buying into that and installing refill stations. “Not all of them yet but I would say we’re making some pretty good ground in that area.”

The cruise industry is dependent on tourism, Mr. O’Hare said. “Full stop. It is incumbent upon the industry to protect the natural beauty of the places it visits. There are, speaking of the cruise industry globally again, new ships that don’t have anchors anymore, because anchors can do damage to the coral reefs. When they get to a destination, they push a button and the propellers keep it in one location without throwing an anchor overboard. So yeah, it’s an important thing for the industry. Their success in the future depends on protecting the environment. It would be counterproductive to the industry to damage the environment.”

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Friends and Neighbours

**Kagawong
Team Fergmeijer**

Fellow nerds! Team Fergmeijer wishes you a very happy Star Wars day today. May the fourth be with you! And enjoy tomorrow - the revenge of the 5th! As usual, we couldn’t let this geeky high holiday pass without some of our favourite jokes and puns. For example, how many Star Wars characters does it take to change a light-bulb? A lot, because many Hans make light work. What do you call a pirate droid?... Arrr2-D2! What did Yoda ride as a kid? A do-cycle. Because there is no tri.

Congratulations to Kagawong’s own Diane Larocque on being celebrated in last week’s The Expositor for Volunteer Week! We are so appreciative of everything she does to help make our township the best place to live on Manitoulin.

The Manitoulin Island Garbage Cleanup Event continues! Billings currently sits in 3rd place for Island townships, and the challenge has been extended until May 9th. See the Manitoulin Streams Facebook page for more information on the event and find out how you can help Billings “clean-up” the competition!

The Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) was flushing the water lines in Kagawong this week. Today (May 4) is the last day for the maintenance; if you notice any discoloration in the water, leave it running at the tap until it is clear.

Have you ever considered being part of the municipal council? Now is the time to make it a reality as Billings has posted their notice of nominations! Anyone interested in being a candidate for councillor or mayor in the upcoming municipal elections can register at the township office between now and August 19th. If you would like more infor-

mation on what is involved in being on council or some helpful information on running a campaign, check out the new Vote Billings blog (<https://votebillings.blogspot.com/>). Whether you are thinking of running for council or not, don’t forget to register to vote!

In the spirit of the upcoming elections this year, Team Fergmeijer would like to give our loyal readers their notice of omnominations for our most delicious sammich on Manitoulin. Candidates must be made on the Island, must meet the basic definition of a sandwich (as per Merriam Webster: two or more slices of bread or a split roll having a filling in between), and must be available to the public. To register your candidate, submit a picture of the sammich, a basic description of the sammich, and where people can get said sammich to fergmeijer@gmail.com. Omnominations close the last week of May. Voting will begin the first week of June. The sammich with the most votes gets bragging rights as the winner of the Team Fergmeijer Great Sammich Search 2022!

Are you a young person looking for a summer job? Billings Township has one public works student assistant position available still. Get your application and cover letter into the town office (kmcdonald@billingstwp.ca) ASAP!

If you or someone you love has a birthday coming up, let us know (fergmeijer@gmail.com). We’ll ‘honour’ the special occasion as only Team Fergmeijer can!

Looking to get involved in the community? Friends of the Billings Library (FOBL) is looking for members! They are an autonomous organization which holds one to two fundraisers each year to support the local library. If you are interested in joining, contact Rachel Valade (rvalade@gmail.com) for more information.

Speaking of the library... plans are in the works to revive the annual used book sale this summer! You can follow www.facebook.com/kagawonglibrary to stay in the loop on dates and times as information becomes available. What we

do know at this point is that there will be A LOT of books! Team Fergmeijer has been wondering, if two vegans get in a fight, is it still considered a ‘beef’? Have a great week!

**Silver Water
Karen Noble**

There were 16 people at euchre last Thursday. It was nice to see Mike and Brenda Swank from Elizabeth Bay who are at their cottage. Diane, Rose, TJ, Nathan and Mike from Meldrum Bay came out to have some fun.

I took Dad to Little Current Thursday afternoon for an appointment.

Doug and Brenda Carter spent last weekend in Southern Ontario with their family.

A few of us had a visit with Don Tenniswood recently. He showed us his beautiful artwork he has made and has on display in his home.

A neighbour rescued a very hungry kitten yesterday and brought her to me. There have been several stray cats appearing here recently. I hope they all find good homes.

Albert saw an adult fox and two young ones in front of a cottage last week.

Ossie and Anne Hinds are at their cottage this week. John Jagt has been making lots of trips for Purvis Bros to Michigan and Southern Ontario.

My niece, Larissa Chevrette, arrived home from university on the weekend.

The recycle bins will be open on Monday, May 9 from 1 to 2 pm.

Happy Mother’s Day on May 8.

Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

Manitoulin Mountain Biking opportunity!

The McLean's Park Mountain Bike club has released the 2022 schedule to a ravenous group of youth riders, anxious to get with other like-minded single-trackers. The McLean's Park Lesson and Race Series is open to 12 to 18 year olds who wish to learn or hone their two-wheeler skills. There is no cost and just a helmet is mandatory.

The schedule includes the following Sunday dates at an amazing location for Manitoulin MTB'ers on New England Road, just off Highway 6, just north of Tehkummah. (May 15 and 29 then June 12 and 26. The July dates have yet to be released.)

The organization will also be providing travel, race opportunities: such as the Bush Pig race on the Walden Trails on Tuesday evening June 7 as well as the July 24 O-Cup Race at Hardwood Hills, near Barrie. The youngsters will get to race and also get to watch the Canadian Championship national competition.

If you have any questions about this generous offer, please contact Breakaway Sports and Cycle or email them at: breakawaymanitoulin@gmail.com

Body Stories Dance Instruction this spring

We just finished a great mini spring dance session. Some highlight of this session is that we added some adult jazz classes to our schedule, which will continue this May in Manitowaning. We also had a dance photo shoot at the beginning of March with J. Casson Photos and students Gabriel Whalen, Emma Orme, Brinley Middaugh, Poppy Maranger, Cordelia Mclean, Livvy Burnett, Bella Ferguson-Van Horne, Alina Lefebvre and Alyanna Lefebvre.

Currently, registration is open for our final dance session of the school year. Classes start the first week of May in Mindemoya, Little Current and Manitowaning and run for four weeks. What's extra special about this session is that it will end with a public performance by all child and youth students on Saturday, May 28 at the Assinack Arena. Full details can be found on their new website: www.bodystoriesdance.com or even email or call with questions.

Who is your kick-starter?!

You know the type. Those friends who are always up for something. Those no-good do-gooders who go out of their way to snap you out of your acquired semi-sedentary lifestyle. I have had a few over the years but two consistent ones have been Al and Mike (I have not changed their names to protect the innocent). On those mornings when I would ordinarily catch up on my beauty sleep, these kick-starters ruin it.

Recently, Mike (I still call him) suggested that we recreate our barely annual canoe trip from our teen days. Back in the day, over a couple of consecutive years, a less than long canoe trip was completed from downtown Mindemoya to Lake Mindemoya via Hare Creek. The Creek could not ordinarily be reached without the annual, spring freshet that drains through town from Big Lake. This ephemeral link to the lake is a moving target for this to happen. In some years you might only have days to have enough water to float us downstream to the take-out, past the Brookwood Brae Golf Course.

Thanks to our wet weather of late, Mike figured that last week was the time. Al was of no help to me and made sure that he up for the adventure and maddeningly provided canoes and transportation. There would be no backing out, without severe, social-media taunting. I was committed, or should be. Our friend Brent was also roped in and even agreed to make the trip from Espanola for the historical reenactment. Monday after work was set. We arrived at the put-in and the river was angry! Angrier than my couch to be sure and within five minutes all four of us were drenched. For the next 30 minutes however we had a blast and we were at the lake before we knew it.

It was a picturesque paddle, sullied only by a sadly littered creek. There was all manner of trash washed up on the edges of this beautiful stretch of property. Having led many garbage clean-ups through the Creek's path through Wagg's Park, I was surprised that this part was in such a state. It appeared as though every can and fast-food container that was dropped in the great downtown Mindemoya area over the past year had eventually found its way there.

The mess was sad, but of course it was no match being hoisted from the comfort of my home to be wet from head to toe. Priceless. It was the kind of experience that had life-long friends talking about getting together more often than a 40 year cycle. Who are you kick-starters? Can you be someone's kick-starter? If you need a boot out the door then pick up that call when it comes in and just buy-in. Can't beat the memories.



A good sport is good for sports. chipstoquips@gmail.com

Close but not giving up, Aurel Fox does well in first marathon outing

TORONTO—Shtaataahaa, Aurel!

"We wanted to share with Expositor readers that it has been an amazing time to watch Aurel prepare for the Toronto Marathon," said Aurel's mother, Hazel Fox-Recollet. "We have witnessed his commitment and dedication in the sport of long distance running and we cannot say enough just how proud we are of his passing both the start and finish of his first-ever full marathon... with a time of 42 kilometers finishing in 3:34:22 mins."

"There was so much excitement to see hundreds and hundreds of avid runners and there," said Ms. Fox-Recollet in a message to her son. "You are participating in the action. We truly admire your enthusiasm and passion for progressing in the sport of running. We appreciate the excitement that you create when our families are waiting patiently for three straight hours and wishing for you to achieve your ambition in qualifying for the Boston Marathon."

"I feel that I went out too fast and couldn't run to my potential," shared Mr. Fox, "but it was my first marathon, and it was quite exciting. I plan on running another because my goal is to qualify for the Boston Marathon."

Still, not bad for a first time out. Mr. Fox placed 63rd out of 217 males aged 25-29; 316th place out of 1,133 by gender and 382nd place

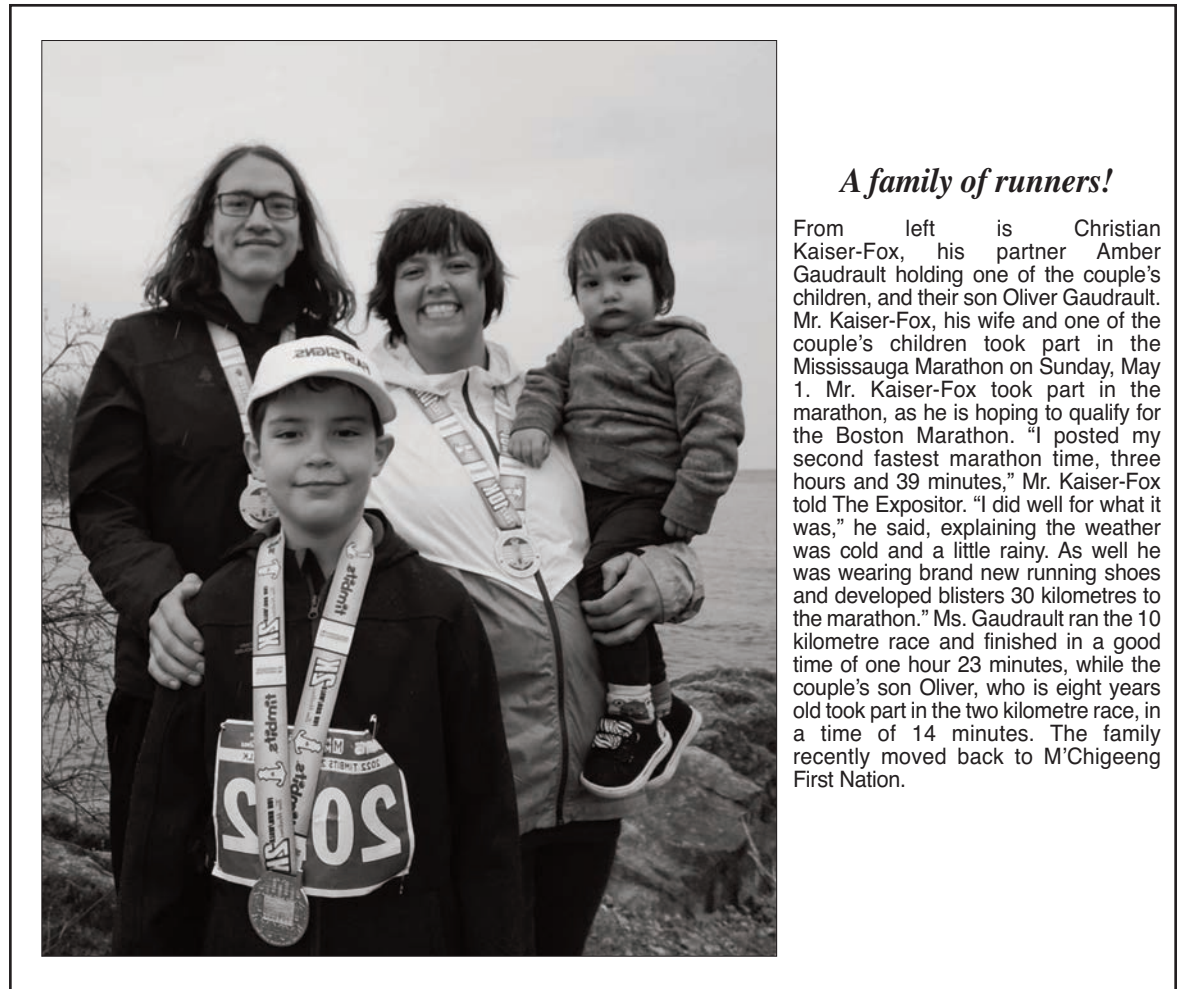


Aurel Fox is confident his experience from running his first marathon in Toronto will translate into success in qualifying for the fabled Boston Marathon. Mr. Fox noted that the excitement of the day caused him to push too hard at the start, leaving his tank depleted in the later half of the race.

out of 1,639 overall.

"It certainly was an emotional time seeing you come in a champ in mind, body and spirit," said Mr. Fox's proud mom. "We continue to

look forward to seeing you continue with your goals and aspirations for the love of running. Apitch g'zaagin gwiss for your determination and motivation."



A family of runners!

From left is Christian Kaiser-Fox, his partner Amber Gaudrault holding one of the couple's children, and their son Oliver Gaudrault. Mr. Kaiser-Fox, his wife and one of the couple's children took part in the Mississauga Marathon on Sunday, May 1. Mr. Kaiser-Fox took part in the marathon, as he is hoping to qualify for the Boston Marathon. "I posted my second fastest marathon time, three hours and 39 minutes," Mr. Kaiser-Fox told The Expositor. "I did well for what it was," he said, explaining the weather was cold and a little rainy. As well he was wearing brand new running shoes and developed blisters 30 kilometres to the marathon." Ms. Gaudrault ran the 10 kilometre race and finished in a good time of one hour 23 minutes, while the couple's son Oliver, who is eight years old took part in the two kilometre race, in a time of 14 minutes. The family recently moved back to M'Chigeeng First Nation.

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Human trafficking affects people across communities, cultures and countries

by Lori Thompson
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—One of the biggest myths and misconceptions that remains regarding human trafficking is that it doesn't happen here on Manitoulin Island. 'Myths and misconceptions' was the theme of a virtual event hosted by Manitoulin North Shore Victim Services (MNSVS) to raise awareness on the issue.

"I would say there's a few major myths and misconceptions," said Jessica Summers, victim support specialist with MNSVS. "For example, how it happens is different from what people think. Who it happens to is another misconception."

"It does not always involve foreign nationals being brought into Canada," said Ashley Franssen-Tingley, director of stakeholder relations with the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking, a presenter at the virtual event.

"It is not just a big city problem. It's also happening in medium-sized cities and in rural areas. Regardless of what the movies might show, sex trafficking does not usually start with a kidnapping. Traffickers are looking to target people they know."

Victims are recruited through fake job ads, on social media, in school and through peer recruitment. Youth exiting foster care, who live in shelters or who have found themselves in the court system are often targets. Human traffickers target the most vulnerable people. The majority of victims are between the ages of 12 and 21 years.

Prior to the exploitation, there is usually some sort of intimate relationship between the trafficker and the victim, she said. The victim might experience a trauma bond with their traffickers that makes it hard to leave.

Trafficked persons are not necessarily held against their will and thus unable to leave the situation. It often looks like they have free will and freedom of movement. They are not often confined, but they do want or need help to get out.

"Successful exiting happens when people are ready to leave the situation," Ms. Franssen-Tingley said. "We need to meet them where they're at. Why is it so difficult for community members to identify this crime? A lot of victims don't actually know that what's happening to them is a crime."

Traffickers may threaten victims, or their family, friends or even pets with harm. They don't know where to go for help, or they're worried they may go to jail, she added. "Victims can be afraid of the stigma of coming forward and what that might look like in the community, or they maybe just want to put it behind them and move on without going through the criminal justice system."

Another misconception is that it's only women and girls that are being targeted for sex trafficking. Transgender and gender diverse individuals are also at an increased risk for being targeted.

That's backed up with data gathered by the Canadian Centre or its part-

ners, said James McLean, director, research and policy at the Centre, who reviewed three recent research initiatives.

Out of 415 identified cases of human trafficking, 95 percent of the victims were female. "That's valuable to highlight, because it provides statistical evidence that human trafficking, particularly sex trafficking, needs to be understood as gender-based violence," Mr. McLean said. The data also showed that transgender men and women and gender non-conforming people are also disproportionately represented in the numbers.

He noted it is important to acknowledge that human trafficking does not impact everyone the same. "We intuitively know traffickers prey on those who have been historically marginalized," said Mr. McLean. "Anecdotal evidence shows that victims are more likely to come from Indigenous, black and 2SLGBTI and migrant communities."

That hasn't been born out in the data for number of reasons, he said. Institutional racism exists, as does transphobia and xenophobia. Many people in historically marginalized communities are reluctant to come forward and as a result, their cases are not being documented and are not showing up in the statistics. "They are becoming invisible."

Victims are often invisible as they're moved within regions and across the country on major highway systems. "People are not being moved around clandestinely. They're being moved around in broad day-

light," he pointed out.

The Highway 401 corridor connects Windsor to Montreal. Highway 11 connects southern Ontario to Northern Ontario. The Trans-Canada Highway connects western Canada with eastern Canada, and various points within eastern Canada. There's also Highway 2, which connects Red Deer, Edmonton and Calgary in Alberta. The Montreal airport is also a common starting point to transfer victims to sex markets in the west. Moving the victims helps traffickers evade law enforcement. It increases profit by introducing victims to different markets. This also makes it more difficult to seek help.

That leads to another misconception. Human trafficking does not need to involve movement or transportation: someone can be trafficked within their own home, or within the city they live in.

While the data is unclear about COVID-19's impact on victimization rates, there have been more cases relative to 2020, beginning last February, said Mr. McLean. "It's possible that greater awareness of the hotline (Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline, run by the Centre) has led more people to use it and that this counts for higher level of cases; it's also possible the pandemic is playing a role here." People have been more isolated due to the pandemic and are spending more time online, making them more vulnerable to being lured into human trafficking.

Manitoulin Island and the North Shore has seen an increase in human traffick-

ing, based on anecdotal evidence, Ms. Summers told The Expositor. "People are being victimized through drug use, needing a place to stay, things like that."

It is a misconception that human trafficking doesn't happen on Manitoulin or the North Shore, but it does, Ms. Summers said. Presenter Patty Smith, detective constable with the Ontario Provincial Police, Manitoulin detachment, told attendees, "Sex trafficking is everywhere, including the Northeast region."

"It's happening but people aren't realizing it's happening, and the referrals aren't coming in," said Ms. Summers. "Raising community awareness remains key."

MNSVS offers a variety of supports and services for victims of human trafficking, as do other agencies including Manitoulin Family Resources and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre.

For support for yourself, a loved one, a friend or community member, contact:

- Manitoulin North Shore Victim Services (705) 370-3378
- Manitoulin Family Resources (705) 377-5160 or toll-free 1-800-465-5788. There is also a dedicated text line at (705) 968-0499.
- Noojmowin Teg Health Centre (705) 368-2182
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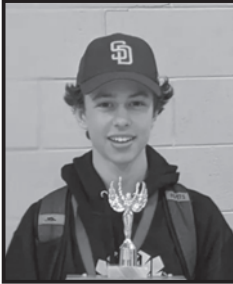
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Eli Lock is sure to leave his mark as an MSS Mustang. He is developing into a great athlete who enjoys a variety of sports. He began to widen this range of sports throughout elementary school, living in Gore Bay and attending C.C. Mclean Public School. Here he played volleyball, soccer, baseball, track and field, and cross country. It was during these years that he began to develop skills that now help him in high school athletics.

Eli is a little over half way through his second semester as a Grade 10 student and has already begun to make notable achievements. The first part of Eli's Grade 9 year was limited for sports as Covid restrictions denied many athletes opportunities to play. However, this year he was able to play on the golf, volleyball and badminton teams. Each of these teams did very well in their respective seasons.

The Mustang golf team came in first overall at the North Shore finals (NSSSA), playing at the Stone Ridge Golf Course in Elliot Lake. Mr. Jordan Smith (MSS teacher and golf coach) explains that Eli is "A competitive young man with a fire in his belly to win." This desire to win helped the junior boys' volleyball team place 2nd at NSSSA. He also plans on playing on the tennis team, hopefully having as good of outcomes as his other sports this year.

Most recently Eli and his mixed doubles badminton partner, Mackenzie Green, qualified for NOSSA by winning gold at the North Shore finals in Blind River. The Northern Ontario finals were held in Sudbury at the end of April and helped the junior division team bring home the NOSSA banner by winning golf there as well! This is a huge accomplishment as not many athletes even make it to the second day in the NOSSA badminton tournament. Eli explains that so far this is his most memorable moment as a Mustang.

Eli says that his favourite sport is one that he plays outside of MSS and it was very unfortunate that there was no hockey team this year. Like many Islanders, he has grown up playing the sport and feels it is unlike any other. He enjoys the competitive component but admits that there can be some heartbreaking losses. It is important to use those lessons and let it drive your improvement and determination to get better individually and together as a team. Eli also enjoys the camaraderie of the team, meeting new people and making new friends.

When Eli isn't playing sports he enjoys being outdoors biking, hunting and fishing. He has even taken it upon himself to start an outdoor adventure Youtube channel called 'Eli Outdoors' with the hope that one day he may be able to earn a living doing what he loves. During the summer, Eli helps out with smaller jobs and this past winter he was a hockey referee in Gore Bay.


When it comes to school, Eli enjoys two subjects in particular, physical education (like many athletes) and construction technology. He explains that both reduce his stress level and it feels less like being in school and more like having fun. These subjects definitely engage Eli's learning.

As far as inspiration, Eli says that his parents are some of the biggest role models in his life. They show lots of support when it comes to his athletic interests and are always willing to do what is necessary to allow him to experience new opportunities and be involved in different teams.

His favourite professional athlete and sports team is right winger and alternate captain, Mitch Marner, who plays for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the NHL. Eli explains that Marner shows how you can stand out just as much by playing as a team, making assists and setting up plays as you would if you could just score goals.


If you happen to see this Manitoulin Mustang, please wish him the best in all his future endeavours! Let's go Mustangs!

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...Racial gestures towards girls' hockey squad

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 tion at both Macdonald-Cartier and Manitoulin Secondary School and also shared this with The Expositor. "It felt like a punch to the stomach. You would never expect racism to happen to you, let alone in your favourite sport. There were racist incidents at MSS hockey games initiated by the same school on two occasions. I play on the Manitoulin Mustangs girls' team, and about half the team are Indigenous players. The first incident occurred on March 1, and the second one took place on March 22."

"The first time was at Garson Arena, where a fan was cheering for Macdonald-Cartier and making racist gestures toward our team. The fan was hitting his hand on his mouth, imitating an Indian call or war cry," explained Ms. Peltier.

"The second incident happened after we had lost a game against Macdonald-Cartier in Little Current. Hidden underneath the usual cheering, Macdonald-Cartier players and fans made the war-cry sound," wrote Ms. Peltier, who pointed out members of her family who were at the game heard it as well. "It was awful." With the loss, "MSS was eliminated from the playoffs, and Macdonald-Cartier moved on to the championship, with no action taken against the racist gestures. The league took no action because it happened after the buzzer had gone and the game had ended."

"Although the first incident was upsetting, growing up as an Indigenous person I was taught that racist gestures like these would happen and to be resilient. I expected that Macdonald-Cartier would take the proper measures to ensure it wouldn't happen again. When the second incident occurred a few weeks later, I was angry that nothing had been done, that Macdonald-Cartier was able to get away with that offensive behaviour. That's how the Mustangs' hockey season ended, with the other school mocking my culture."

"My parents taught me to be proud of my culture and not let ignorant people ruin my favourite sport. Hockey was my happy place, but I'm not sure it is any more after those incidents," wrote Ms. Peltier. "I'm scared for my sister, who will be playing high school hockey next year, because I don't want her to experi-

ence the same thing. After each incident, I felt powerless, alone and ashamed of my heritage. To feel that way, playing a sport I love so much, is awful. There is no way to prepare yourself for this type of discrimination, and we shouldn't have to. I know the world isn't perfect, but I thought people my age would know better."

"Our support system at MSS is strong, and I'm

in a mental health support team for the players, to make sure we were okay after what happened." She pointed out MSS administration contacted administration of Macdonald-Cartier relaying their concerns.

"Growing up Indigenous, you almost expect these type of things happening," said Ms. Peltier. "But to have it happen twice from one school is awful. They didn't do anything and the

hopes of building a harmonious relationship."

Ms. Dube explained, "As part of the board's ongoing efforts to eradicate all forms of racism, CSPGNO's Equity Diversity and Inclusion Officer has been working with its schools in fostering an inclusive environment based on the celebration of diversity. CSPGNO has also been producing cultural sensitivity videos for its students and staff for the past few years."

"CSPGNO will now be implementing compulsory sessions on cultural sensitivity," wrote Ms. Dube. "Those will be ongoing in all of its schools. CSPGNO reassures it is committed to promoting respect for all cultures and believes that this incident will push them forward."

Nicole Charette, senior advisor corporate communications and strategic planning for the Rainbow District School Board told The Expositor in an email April 29, "after both incidents, MSS shared concerns with Ecole Secondaire Macdonald-Cartier."

"Administration at (MSS) reached out to their school resource officer as well as the Ontario Provincial Police liaison officer who responds to incidents of racism," wrote Ms. Charette. She further explained, "administration contacted members of the Mniidoo Mnisig Crisis Response Team to provide support to the students. The Indigenous support worker and Indigenous students' success teacher at MSS continue to offer support along with school administration."

"Our work in building welcoming, safe and inclusive environments for all students extends into the community," wrote Ms. Charette. "When acts of racism are called out and the hurt these acts cause are acknowledged, we raise awareness, build understanding and affect change."



lucky that I have people on my side and that we can discuss issues like racism in a safe environment. As a team, we came together. The MSS administration is doing whatever they can to address the racism we faced," continued Ms. Peltier.

"However, nearly a month has passed, and nothing has been done (by the Macdonald-Cartier school)," wrote Ms. Peltier. "The team that was so disrespectful to us was still able to play in the championship, facing no consequences."

"The students from Macdonald-Cartier involved in the incidents should have been required to complete a cultural sensitivity course and be banned from extracurriculars for the rest of the school year."

Ms. Peltier told The Expositor, "It's going to be hard playing again. In the first incident, our team manager saw and heard all of this as well. She was very upset about it and she reported it to the arena manager and also let the other team's coach and administration know. The person involved was ejected from the arena but ended up in the arena lobby for the rest of the game."

In the second incident, the game was held in the Little Current arena, said Ms. Peltier. "Our school came out to watch the game and our vice-principal heard (the taunting). She said, 'our principal (Dave Wiwchar) brought

coach of the other team didn't say anything to the players."

Ms. Peltier said MSS administration filed a complaint with the league. "I just don't want any of this happening to another school. It made me feel awful for a long time."

Carole Dube, director of communications with CSPGNO told The Expositor in an email April 28, "the principal of Ecole Secondaire Macdonald-Cartier and the principal of MSS have worked together on this situation."

"CSPGNO has worked with Ecole Secondaire Macdonald-Cartier staff to identify those involved. The persons involved understand the gravity of their actions. Necessary action has been taken to ensure this situation no longer presents itself," said Ms. Dube.

"CSPGNO has sent a letter of apology to Miss Peltier regarding the events," continued Ms. Dube. "CSPGNO is confident that both schools will continue playing their games in



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Michael Caesar pens poetry publication

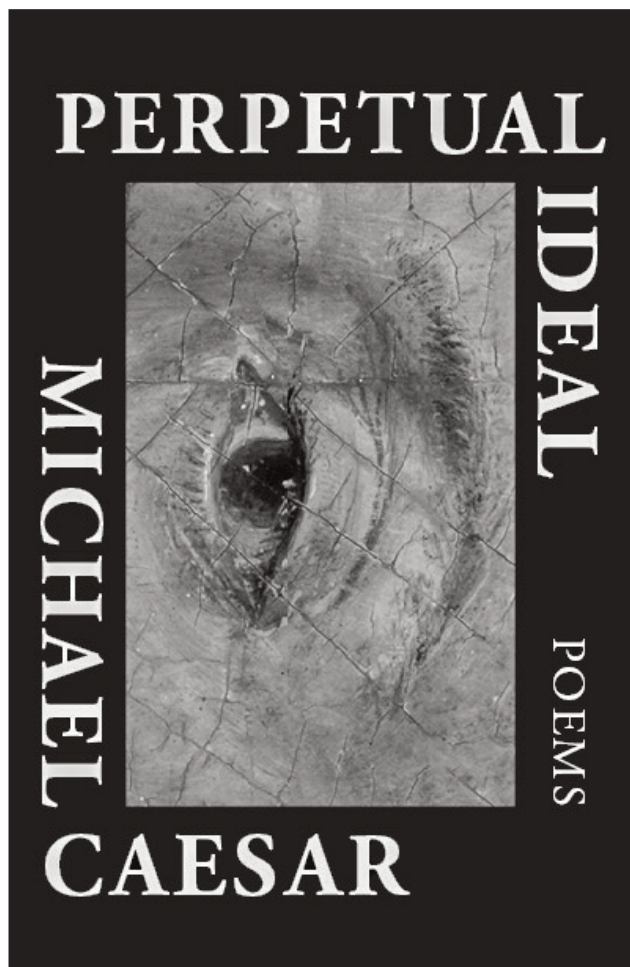
by Michael Erskine
OTTAWA—Words are Michael Caesar's stock in trade. A former journalist and editor, for years now Mr. Caesar, who hails from Little Current, has wielded his pen in the service of our country as a speech writer for the Governor General's office, and more lately performing those same services for Foreign Affairs—a daunting responsibility given the current state of tensions taking place on the world stage.

But Mr. Caesar is also both an author and a poet in his down time and The Expositor contacted him about his latest work, 'Perpetual Ideal.'

"It's just a little chapbook, about 20 pages or so," said Mr. Caesar when contacted by The Expositor about his latest publication through Anstruther Press. A chapbook, he explains, is a small publication with an interesting past.

A chapbook is usually defined as a small publication of up to about 40 pages (sometimes bound with a saddle stitch) and in early modern Europe it was a type of printed street literature that became very a very popular form in North America.

Poetry itself was a much more popular form of literature in the days before radio, movies, television and, in recent times, the internet crowded the field. Today most poetry is expressed in pop form through song, hip hop and rap being the most preva-



'Perpetual Ideal,' a chapbook of poems by Michael Caesar is now available in The Expositor bookshop in Little Current. The poems are inspired by the North Channel.

lent. "Poetry interests me," said Mr. Caesar. "Words are such an interesting material to work with. There are multiple meanings of so many words."

Those words are more than simply storytelling, he notes, likening good poetry to something more like a

painting. The imagery evoking emotion and often a sense of place. His latest work has been inspired by the North Channel, set in that place, but also tracing images and pictures in one's mind.

Unlike much writing, poetry is meant to be spoken out loud, said Mr. Ca-

sar. Ideally, when the words are spoken the rhythm and metre will introduce a number of images. "One of my favourite Irving Layton principles of poetry is 'Whatever else poetry is freedom.' Whenever it is good, you feel unchained by it."

Mr. Caesar describes poetry as being a "livelong craft," but one that is entirely accessible. "Anyone can pick it up," he said. "Anyone can write a poem, all you need is to pick up a pen and paper." Mr. Caesar pointed to the annual Expositor Valentine Poetry Contest as a case in point.

He noted that there is a long and storied history of chapbooks as a means of making poetry accessible.

The Expositor has a number of copies of Mr. Caesar's 'Perpetual Ideal' available for purchase in our Little Current office.

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...COVID impact forces DSB paramedic vacation cancellations

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faster than they would have otherwise.”

Currently, DSB has 17 employees off on sick leave, long-term disability or Workmans Safety Insurance Board leave. “Of my 36 part-time staff, 17 are just

about on full-time hours. My remaining 20 or so staff are trying to cover the best they can.”

In a near-perfect storm, DSB is currently facing the same staffing challenges as other emergency services across the province. “Out of the 30 respondents to our

advertising for new staff, about 11 have moved on to the next round,” he said.

So, in the end, DSB was forced by circumstance to force short-term sacrifices. “We held off as long as we could,” said Chief Myre. “We have assured our staff that we will make it up to

them as soon as we could.” Interim OPSEU local 679 president Kathy Harvey, who represents the EMS workers, said that the union “continues to work with our managers in this difficult time” in order to deal with the current labour shortages.

Perhaps there has been a silver lining amongst the clouds borne on those aforementioned ill winds, thanks to the efforts of the dedicated DSB EMS staff, across

the Manitoulin-Sudbury catchment area. Ambulances still come when they are called.

...Wiikwemkoong ponders revamped waterfront

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and fish habitat.

A feasibility study is looking at the possibility of a transient boat dock and campground at Prairie Point, including the potential to land larger vessels at that location. “We have previous studies that have helped inform the current process,” noted Mr. Wassegijig, referencing earlier studies that had looked

at the possibility of a ferry link.

Hopes for Buzwah Park include an angling station, as that area of the bay is a popular fishing destination, but the geography of the waterfront there precludes a boat launch. “We examined the whole shoreline there for a suitable location, but most of the land along there is private,” he said. But the area is oth-

erwise well-suited for day visits and shoreline fishing.

South Bay design elements will include a boat launch, something that has been identified as a need by the community there. “There isn’t a boat launch there so people have to rely on municipal facilities (across the bay at Manitowaning). This will provide an opportunity for community members to

access the water closer to home.”

While there were preliminary drawings on hand for the community consultation, Mr. Wassegijig declined to share those documents. ...continued on page 12

...robotics team looks to host conference

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“We all know Manitoulin Island is beautiful, so we figure we can get students from other schools involved and we are hoping more environmentally-focussed businesses will come out and representatives will speak at this one-day conference. We are also hopeful local community members will come out with their kids and take part.”

“As part of the conference, our team would make a presentation,” said Ms. Kuntsi, pointing out that at competitions where the MSS team has participated, they have become known as the environmental sustainability team.

The MSS team is also looking to take part in an event at the annual Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) in Toronto in

August. “They have a competition at the CNE, but it is a lot more relaxed than an event like the provincials,” said Ms. Kuntsi. “We could do some different challenges with our robot, and could involve members of team, who haven’t had the chance, to drive the robot. This competition would be for fun.”

“Our team is also hoping to visit elementary schools on the Island before the end of the school year to bring our robots in and show and describe how they work and what they do,” said Ms. Kuntsi. “And, we are hoping that by doing this, it would get students from grade four and on interested in taking part in our conference in August. Hopefully it would also spur on elementary schools to have First Leggo team in competitions next year.”

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Gore Bay raises concerns with initial proposal for housing

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS) will be holding community engagement and is willing to build to suit the needs of the community of Gore Bay, the proposed housing development being planned in the town. This response from OAHS comes after Gore Bay council indicated it is not in favour of the initial plans being proposed at this time.

“Forty-five one-bedroom housing units are not what we are looking for,” stated Gore Bay Councillor Jack Clarke at a recent meeting council had with representatives of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB). “This is not where we want to be going.”

“Someone on council had asked for an update on the OAHS housing project for the town,” said Donna Stewart, associate chief administrative officer of DSB. She noted that in discussion with OAHS, “their intention is to develop a three storey building with 45 one-bedroom, affordable units. Construction is planned to take place in

2023.”

The waiting list for units is 29 for one bedroom, 14 for two bedroom and about five for more bedrooms, council was told.

However, Ms. Stewart stressed, “this proposal may change, based on the needs of the community. They (OAHS) will be meeting with council and the community as to what the community needs are and the waiting lists prior to construction.”

Fern Dominelli, DSB CAO said, “OAHS is aware that town council wants more than one- and two-bedroom units. They will be building based on the demand from the waiting lists.” He noted, however, “the worst scenario would be if you have two bedroom or family units that are not occupied. We have this type of situation in Chapleau.”

“Everything OAHS does will be based on need when they are ready to build,” said Mr. Dominelli.

“I can’t see the dynamics of 45 one-bedroom units working,” said Councillor Ken Blodgett.

Sarah McBain, commu-

nications specialist with OAHS told The Expositor in an email April 25, “the proposal OAHS submitted to the DSB was based on the expression of interest (EOI) document released by DSB in 2019-2021. The EOI indicated that proponents would have to build a minimum of 40 one-bedroom units on the site as per their needs requirement.” Ms. McBain explained as well, “the barrier-free common areas and 25 percent of units will meet accessibility standards, or full universal design and 10 percent of units meeting accessibility standards.”


“The development is proposed to be a three-storey building,” said Ms. McBain. She explained, “the zoning was approved February 18, 2020 and no appeal was identified to OAHS. The (soil sampling) was conducted on October 12, 2021, and there are no indications of contamination to the (property) soil.” She noted as well a traffic impact study was completed in November 2021, and these reports were forwarded to the municipali-

ty. OAHS still needs to conduct a water and sewer line capacity report.


“OAHS will hold a community engagement meeting once all reports are completed,” said Ms. McBain. She added “OAHS is willing to build to suit the needs of the community. If the DSB needs assessment has changed and they wish to incorporate two-bedroom units, OAHS is willing to revise our plans, provided the site will be able to accommodate.”

Councillor Clark told The Expositor after the

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uments as doing so would result in inaccurate information. “They were very preliminary and are going to change as a result of the community’s reception to them,” he said.

Mr. Wassegijig noted that there has already been \$205,000 in development work put into Prairie Point, largely thanks to the efforts of the Wiikwemkoong Anglers

group. “They were responsible for \$100,000 in fundraising,” he said. “They did an awesome job. If it wasn’t for the Wiky Anglers we wouldn’t be where we are today. It was a real community effort.”

The waterfront development project was funded in part by Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and a significant investment by Enaadmaagehjik (Wiikwemkoong Development Corporation).



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...Expositor wins 10 awards at Better Newspapers Competition

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'Out of the Shadows' also placed first in the Best Special Section category and for Best Online Special Initiative. Kudos for the special initiative category are shared among Mr. Schlote, webmaster Dave Patterson and photographer Giovanni Capriotti.

"The Manitoulin Expositor lives up to its name with this heartbreaking and enlightening investigation of the opioid epidemic devastating its community," Best Online Special Initiative judge Matt Preprost comments. "The depth of research and storytelling by Warren Schlote is first class and the photography by Giovanni Capriotti to illustrate the story is superb. The digital presentation is exceptional. A must read. Outstanding work by all. Congratulations!"



Bonnie Kogos tuned into the Better Newspapers Competition from a Manhattan cafe on Friday afternoon. Ms. Kogos placed second in the Best Guest Column category.

tions!"

The Expositor's website Manitoulin.com placed first in the Best Website category, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mr. Patterson, Expositor production manager and webmaster. "What a great website," writes judge Pat Healey.

"Love how only the article scrolls, while the weather and ads remain. This is a website design that other news websites should look to. Well done!"

In the Environment Ontario category, associate editor Michael Erskine placed second out of 56

entries for his June 30, 2021 story 'Little Current Fish and Game Club introduces the 2021 fry harvest.' "This is a good example of community journalism with an environmental focus," writes judge and editor Moush John. "It gave us an outline of the issue/activity, stating its current status from what it was before."

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter Lori Thompson placed second out of 54 entries in the Best Police/Court Story or Series category for her series on police and mental health, which caught the attention of police associations across the province.

Manhattan/Manitoulin's Bonnie Kogos also took second place in the Best Guest Column category for her piece reflecting on 9/11 25 years on. "A compelling and riveting account of being in New York during the 9/11 attacks 20 years ago," judge John Arendt writes.

"When I started reading this column, I couldn't stop. The personal connections to this horrific event were what made the piece so captivating."

The talented Kendra Edwards took a second-

place finish for her full-page ad promotion for a Haw Pop barbecue fundraiser at Orr's Valu-Mart and a third-place finish in the Best In-House Promotion category.



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LaCloche artist Jon Butler creates wearable art line

ESPANOLA—LaCloche artist and photographer Jon Butler has leapt into cyberspace with his newest creations, wearable art, and visual stimulants.

Mr. Butler's original photo-montage images and landscape photographs have been transformed into wearable art on good quality and affordable apparel, for all genders.

He began creating photo-montage images six years



ago, using his catalogue of thousands of photographs taken over the last 35 years. Referred to as surreal and dreamlike, the newly created images have been exhibited in numerous exhibits.

The photomontage, 'We went to the water and saw the temple' has recently been juried into the Art Gallery of Sudbury's exhibit 'Is This Real Life,' opening in May.

"The photomontage

images are a challenge and a great way to express your thoughts and dreams. They are completely different from my landscape photographs which are natural light and totally computer enhancement free," said Mr. Butler.

Mr. Butler's photographs and photomontage images can be seen at www.JonButler.ca and the wearable art is available at www.loon.ca

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...Ukrainian refugee finds home with Mindemoya family

...continued from page 1 and at times worked up to 60 hours a week.

When her mother died in 2019, Ms. Zakharchuk returned to Ukraine. She volunteered at a Kindergarten and cleaned and helped out a cosmetology clinic during this time.

Then the Russian invasion of Ukraine began. "War started on February 24, and I had a ticket to go back to Israel on the 28th," Ms. Zakharchuk said. "But I didn't go. I wasn't allowed go back to Israel, but I am glad it was illegal because I am happier to be in Canada."

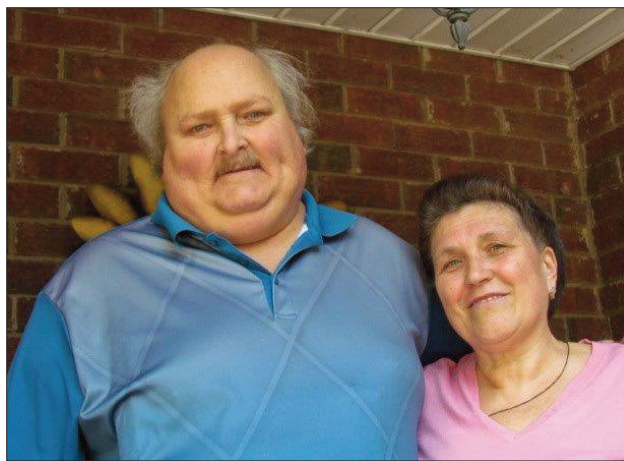
Ms. Zakharchuk understandably broke down when talking about the Russian invasion but insisted on talking about it so people would know about her experience.

"On the third or fourth day," she commented, "bombs hit my apartment

parking lot and destroyed seven cars. The windows blew out, and I was thrown to the floor. There was black smoke, and one man on a balcony was injured by shrapnel. I was terrified. I went to the corridors where there were no windows, and to the basement. There was non-stop bombing. They were shooting rockets. Boom. Boom. Boom. There was no way to sleep."

The brave woman was especially emotional when talking about acts carried out by Russian soldiers. "They killed a pregnant woman," she said, "and then ripped her baby out. One soldier raped a young pregnant woman and then looked for more women to rape."

She also talked about the many mass graves where civilians who were killed by the soldiers or who died from the bombings were buried and also about the many Russian soldiers who



John Szewczyk and his wife Betty Bardswich have opened their Mindemoya home to Tetiana (Tanya) Zakharchuk, a Ukrainian refugee. In photo, left, is John Szewczyk and Tanya Zakharchuk.

photo by Betty Bardswich

died at the hands of the Ukrainian forces. "But why are the Russian mothers not asking where their sons are?" she asked.

At this point, Mr. Szewczyk and his sister talked with Ms. Zakharchuk about those Russians on social

media who had been asking where their sons, who served on the Russian ship, the Moskva, were. The most important ship of the Russian Black Sea Fleet had been destroyed after two Neptune missiles, fired by the Ukrainians, caused a fire that made the ammunition storage explode.

Three weeks into the Russian war on Ukraine, announcements by the Canadian Ukrainian Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) were heard on television, explaining that Ukrainian Nationals seeking a safe haven could travel to Canada free of charge, thanks to a donation by Air Canada of 100 million Aeroplan points and a grant matching the number of Aeroplan points collected from Canadians by the Shapiro Foundation, Ukrainian Relief

Fund and Miles4Migrants. Ukrainians can apply for a three-year work permit, receive a SIN number, obtain health care under the OHIP program, open a bank accounts and have prescription drug coverage.

When Ms. Zakharchuk heard about the program, she immediately travelled by train to Warsaw in Poland. "It was frightening when trains were loaded with women and babies," she said. "People were climbing over each other to get on the train. And they would turn off all the lights."

Once in Warsaw, Ms. Zakharchuk filled out papers and then stayed in a hotel for one month while she waited to be summoned for a flight to Canada. "Then everything fell into place," she explained. "The good Lord looked after me and brought me right here to Betty and John, where they and Luba welcomed me with open arms."

Ms. Zakharchuk was eager to talk about the people of different nationalities who helped her on her journey as her plane, delayed due to a bomb threat, reached Pearson Airport in Toronto. She explained that a man named Kobi from the country of Georgia met her at the airport and drove her to the home of a Jewish family in Toronto, where she stayed while getting her papers. She then found Vera Kuminov of Providence Bay on Facebook. "She

helped me with everything, from Toronto to Mindemoya," Ms. Zakharchuk explained. She went on to say that she was humbled by all the help received and expressed her gratitude to Canada and the CUAET.

This lovely Ukrainian woman has already fallen in love with the Island. Mr. Szewczyk took her on a tour of Providence Bay, then on to Bridal Veil Falls and Gore Bay East Bluff. "All I heard the whole time was wow! Wow! Wow!" he said as she experienced each new spot.

Ms. Zakharchuk is a hardworking woman, a deep cleaner of houses, cottages and offices, an expert pruner of trees and a gardener. She hopes to find as much work as she can manage and already Islanders have stepped up with some small jobs for her. As well, Theresa Rhines of Rockville has stopped by with clothes and chocolate chip cookies.

When asked why he and his wife committed to accepting a Ukrainian refugee, Mr. Szewczyk, of Ukrainian descent, replied that it was the right thing to do. "We had donated, of course," he said, "but we knew it wasn't enough. And accepting Tanya was the best thing we could have done. She is a wonderful person, and we are fortunate to have her with us. And best of all, she loves to fish," he grinned.

...concerns with initial proposal for housing

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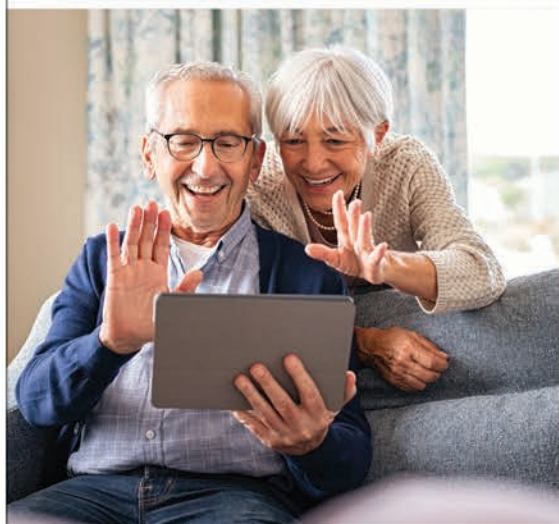
meeting, "45 single bedroom units is not what we are looking for. We are hoping to have the majority of the units filled by families."

"We're still waiting for a couple of studies to be completed by OAHS, which I don't think will affect the development of the project, but we are concerned with the water supply in the area (of the proposed development) which has a small line and there are concerns relating to it possibly not being able to provide adequate water for fire protection."

Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne told The

Expositor, "we had sent a letter (to OAHS) indicating that we wanted two and even three-bedroom units for families in at least some of the units, so there would be a mix of at least one-and-two bedroom units. And, as we were told at our meeting OAHS will be coming to meet with us and discuss what the needs of the community are before they (OAHS) start development."

At a meeting this past January, Gore Bay council had indicated it would like to see multi-room units included in the proposed apartment unit structure in the town, instead of just single unit apartments.



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Fallen Manitoulin constable honoured at Ontario Police Memorial

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—Hundreds of police officers from across the country gathered in Toronto on Sunday, May 1 to honour those officers who have fallen in the line of duty, 'Heroes in Life, Not Death.' This is the first such gathering for the last three years due to COVID-19, but police officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and corrections officers across the nation were out in full dress uniform to honour the 272 of their own named on the memorial despite a steady downpour. Those honoured Sunday included Manitoulin's own Provincial Constable Marc Hovingh.

The entry parade to the memorial services was led by the RCMP, followed by the OPP and then other services as they gathered on Queen's Park Crescent at the police memorial.

Ontario Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell delivered remarks to the gathering on behalf of the Crown, noting that she had paid tribute last year at the memorial around this time, alone. "I could feel the absence of the people of Ontario," she



A police officer salutes as the Hovingh family, on the left, joins other celebrants in standing for the Act of Remembrance during the memorial service.

mourning the memory of those we have lost. I wish I could say that no more names would be added; sadly that is not the case," noting that six new names were to be added this year. The premier added that their sacrifice was made in the name of keeping the people of this province safe from harm, never wavering regardless of personal risk. "The definition of true bravery."

"On behalf of the people and the govern-

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Uniformed members of the Ontario Provincial Police march solemnly onto the grounds of the Ontario Police Memorial for the annual May 1 observances.

photos by Giovanni Capriotti said. "It was on their behalf I made my visit."

"How very grateful the people of this province were, and are, of the police officers in their communities," she said. Ms. Dowdeswell cited the constables who died in the past as well as those who died more recently, including Constable Marc Hovingh, noting that they have been "a beacon of hope and support we so desperately needed" during the pandemic. "By serving and protecting us, no matter the context, in times of harmony and great challenge, police officers pay a crucial role in ensuring our individual and collective safety, security and resilience. These actions, indeed, should inspire us all to be heroes in our own lives."

"This morning, Ontarians stand in solidarity with those who grieve and unite in healing," she said, before offering police officers and those supporting them "a most sincere thanks on behalf of the province."

Ontario Premier Doug Ford said that it was his "privilege to stand with those hon-



Heaven lent its tears in the form of rain to mingle with those of the Hovingh family.



Numerous police services were on hand for the service, the first held in person since the pandemic.

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 ment of Ontario, we thank these fallen heroes for their service and their sacrifice," he said. "To their families and loved ones, I want you to know that we are deeply sorry for your loss, we mourn beside you."

The premier also thanked all of those who don a uniform each day and set out to serve their communities.

Following the addresses, wreaths were laid at the memorial, starting with the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell escorted by the guard of honour of a serviceman and two police officers, on behalf of the people of Ontario. A serviceman or police officer remained behind each wreath stand in front of the memorial to ensure the wind did not topple them.

The lieutenant governor was followed by Premier Ford, escorted by police officers, on behalf of the government of Ontario and then OPP Commissioner Thomas Carrique, on behalf of Ontario police services and the RCMP. American police officers were represented by Detective Michael Catlin. On behalf of the families retired Toronto Police Detective Kevin Venchivas stood as representative.

Ontario police officers engraved onto the granite of the Ontario Police Memorial this year included Constable Jeffrey Northrup, Toronto Police Service, 2021; Provincial Constable Marc Hovingh, Manitoulin Detachment OPP, 2020; and Constable Joan Theresa VanBreda,

Niagara Regional Police, 2020. As well, there were three historical additions who were identified by the Ontario Police Memorial Historian, after research submissions by the Brockville, Brantford and Guelph Police Services: Constable John Teevens, Guelph Police, 1945; Constable John Hickey, Brantford Police Service, 1897; and Constable Alexander Wright, Brockville Police Service, 1895.

The All Nations Singers then performed an honour song for the fallen officers, before the Acts of Remembrance, a bugler playing the 'Last Post,' a moment of silence, a piper playing the 'Lament,' the firing of salutes, and, in the words of Mayor Tory "perhaps the most significant and impor-

tant 'Reveille,' which is reserved for the day after, for the morning, for life."

The emotional impact of the event showed through on the stoic faces of many of the serving police officers standing in honour as the Acts of Remembrance played out for their fallen comrades.

Father Jim Mockler then provided a benediction for those who gave their lives, "we ask you to be with us in the days to come and support all those who serve in policing, members sworn and civilian."

The complete memorial service can be accessed at youtu.be/Uao8ntsZpYk.

LEFT: Lianne Hovingh, Marc Hovingh's widow, comforts a fellow mourner at the memorial service in Toronto.

photos by Giovanni Capriotti



Pipers marched into the memorial grounds with traditional laments.



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Students at Assinack Public School were not ready to be left behind when it came to cleaning up the Island's act for Earth Day as evidenced by the many bags of garbage they collected through their efforts.



It was a real team effort for the Earth Day cleanup at Assinack Public School.



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A Mother's Day tale

Moms versus The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought

by Mike Brock

There have been 55 Mother's Days since the Leafs last won the Stanley Cup.

For 55 years, men and their children have been sneaking out on the morning of the second Sunday in May to buy flowers at the last minute without the comfort and warmth of a parade to look back upon. That doesn't seem right. Men and their children should be able to sneak out on the morning of the second Sunday in May to buy flowers at the last minute, comfortable in the knowledge that their team has won a Stanley Cup at least once in the last six decades.

Yes, there is a generation of mothers, and even a generation of grandmothers, that have never seen the Leafs win a Stanley Cup. That is not fair to anyone, because Moms are the best, and the Leafs' Stanley Cup drought is the worst.

Moms give you life, and hope, and an unwavering faith! The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought gives you reason to believe in voodoo.

Moms teach you right from wrong. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought has only taught me sorrow.

Moms give you shelter, and lemon meringue pie. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought leaves you all alone in the middle of a cold field, alone with your thoughts. Year after year. In the dark. And, you have to walk home.

With no pie. Moms pick you up from swim practice. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought drowns you with despair.

Moms show you how to golf. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought lets everyone play a lot more golf.

Actually, there have been 220 possible series in the last 55 years for the Leafs. The Leafs have played in 51 playoff series, so that means that they missed 169 potential rounds. Each series averages approximately 10 days. So, 169 NHL playoff rounds, at an average of 10 days. Generally, hockey players love golf—and have the means to enjoy the game—so they play often. Let's say they play every other day. That means 1,690 days, divided by two. An opportunity for 845 more golf days because they have not even been to the Stanley Cup final. There is an average of 25 players per team.

Because of the Leafs'

Stanley Cup drought, 21,125 more rounds of golf have been played.

Moms make your lunches. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought makes you want to put a lunch bag over your head.

Moms are good for a

and Borje. Dougie, Felix and Wendel got past everyone except for Kerry Fraser in 1993 and 1994. Captain Mats and Pat Quinn led the Muskoka Crew to a few conference finals around the turn of the century. Sure, the Toronto Maple Leafs

In terms of Mother's Day, well, this year the Leafs are actually playing on Mother's Day. Game 4 against the Tampa Bay Lightning will take place next Sunday at 7 pm. A lot can happen before then, but for now, let's remember that Moms are the best and the Leafs' Stanley Cup drought is the worst.

Some spring traditions are immovable, solid touchstones of the most hopeful time of year. No one deserves a day more than our Moms. Mother's Day has to be highlighted, and celebrated—but the Leafs Stanley Cup Drought doesn't have to be. One of these second Sundays in May, we'll be sneaking out buying flowers as reigning champions. And, if MY mom has anything to say about it, that day "Maybe!?" May 14, 2023.



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warm blanket on a cool night. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought produces cold sweats on hot nights.

Moms will loan you 20 bucks for a movie once in a while. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought costs you 20 bucks every spring, when you yell "THIS IS THEIR YEAR!!" at the end of Easter Dinner.

Moms play board games, like Scrabble, with you. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought means that 21,125 extra games of golf have been played. (Trust me, I recently did the math.)

Moms make you get a haircut. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought makes you want to pull your hair out.

Moms are a great reminder that your Dad's laissez-faire attitude towards safety, in general, isn't always appropriate. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought isn't laissez-fair, but it certainly isn't fair, either.

Moms want the best for you, even when they think you probably don't deserve it. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought couldn't care less about you.

Moms embarrass you without fail. The Leafs' Stanley Cup drought...

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by Tom Sasvari

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“There is capacity for 90 people to use the waterpark for every session, but we will be running at 70 people per session due to COVID-19,” said Mike Lafreniere, owner of the Sudbury-

waterpark at all times and be responsible for security and securing the park.

“Each session open to the public is for one-and-a-half hours,” said Mr. Lafreniere. “That doesn’t sound like much time, but keep in mind those using the waterpark are constantly running, jumping and climbing. It is like going non-stop at the gym.”

Mr. Lafreniere noted, “I own a few different businesses, one being A Maze N



Splash N Go Adventure Parks Limited will be setting up a very large inflatable waterpark (similar to the one shown in photo of the waterpark set up in Garson last summer) in Gore Bay this summer.



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based company. “At the centre unit of the water park is a really cool obstacle, basically a big rolling log, that connects both ends of the park. In a location in Europe, they held a contest with a similar waterpark with 60 people trying out the obstacle and only four people made it across the rolling log. It can be as much fun watching those trying to get through the waterpark as those who are on it.”

“We’ve been in discussions with the company for a while now,” Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne told The Expositor after a recent council meeting when the final agreement was reached to have the waterpark in Gore Bay this summer. “They will be setting up an inflatable waterpark in the bay, and it will be in place with no cost to the town.”

“It is quite impressive and will draw people to town, which is always good,” said Mayor Osborne.

The waterpark will be set up and operated for the month of July in Gore Bay, with an option to remain for the entire summer (end of August) at its discretion.

The company will be providing lifeguards with the Lifesaving Society of Canada to supervise the

along with the waterpark (which is brand new) in Gore Bay and one in Sudbury, a third will be set up at a resort in Niagara. A location for a fourth waterpark has not been announced yet.

The waterpark will actually be launched in Gore Bay on June 25. “The Gore Bay waterpark will be a brand new custom-designed park with features exclusive to the area, offering a different set of challenges and obstacles than the Chelmsford location,” a release explains. “The waterpark is suitable for ages five and over and this floating obstacle course is perfect for the whole family to enjoy.”

“During operation, the park will be hosting four, one-and-a-half hour sessions throughout the day. These sessions will start at 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm and 5 pm. Visitors are encouraged to arrive 45 minutes before their booking times to sign in and complete waivers,” the release continues. “Passes will be available for \$25 (tax included) per person, per session, and include full access to the

inflatable park. As a result of the expected popularity of the park, visitors are strongly encouraged to purchase tickets online prior to arrival in order to guarantee entry.”

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Island author pens haunting tale of Algonquin women during early days of colonization

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter
MANITOULIN—Manitoulin author Danielle Daniel recently launched her first adult novel, and the book has made the best-seller list for five weeks now. Inspired by Ms. Daniel's own ancestral link to a young girl murdered by French settlers, 'Daughters of the Deer' is a haunting work of historical fiction that brings to life the lives of vulnerable women in the Algonquin territories of the 1600s, while also exploring themes of identity in 2SLGBTQ+ and racialized communities and their intersections.

The story begins in the year 1657. Marie is a gifted healer of the Deer Clan who does not want to marry the green-eyed soldier from France who has asked for her hand. Her people have suffered deep losses from the Iroquois and are threatened by disease and starvation. She cannot refuse her chief's request that she accept the white man's proposal in order to help her people.

Marie and Pierre's eldest child, Jeanne, is caught between worlds, neither white nor Algonquin. Aged 17 years and unmarried, Jeanne's father must pay a hefty fine to the French crown until she is married. Tragically, Jeanne is in love with Josephine, a sin to the settlers of New France and even to her own father. Among her mother's people, she would have been blessed, her two-spirited



Manitoulin author Danielle Daniel has penned 'Daughters of the Deer,' her first adult novel.

photo by Gerry Kingsley

nature a sign of special wisdom.

The cultural divide is very evident in this story. At one point, Marie tells Pierre the French are taking too much from the land and are disrespecting the sacred gift of the moose. He doesn't understand, until perhaps it is too late. Details of the connection between Marie's people, the Weskarini, and the land are woven throughout the book. This theme of broken connection and our failure to respect nature are very much represented in environmental and climate change issues of today.

Danielle Daniel is an award-winning author and illustrator, with two previous picture books and a middle-grade novel (set in Sudbury) under her belt. Her picture book, 'Some-

times I Feel Like a Fox' is a Best 100 title at the New York Public Library and winner of the Marilyn Bailie Picture Book Award. 'You Hold Me Up' was short-listed for the same award.

Ms. Daniel shared some insights on her novel in a recent Q&A session with The Expositor.

The Expositor: This is your first adult novel. You have previously written books for children and middle-school readers. I understand it was inspired by one of your own ancestors. What made you choose this particular story and adult readers?

Danielle Daniel (DD): I never intended to write an adult novel. But when I learned about Jeanne, the daughter of an Algonquin ancestor who was murdered by French settlers, I

find any other novel written about that time period that portrayed the lives and experiences of Indigenous women, and from their point of view. Finally, though I'd never written a novel before, I felt like I had no choice: I had to give voice to Jeanne and to Marie, her mother.

Expositor: This story is written from several viewpoints, with Marie being the thread that holds the story and the character's lives together. Can you tell me about the story and why you chose these viewpoints?

DD: Marie's voice was clear to me, almost from the beginning. Though what happened to Jeanne was what first haunted me, it was Marie, my Algonquin foremother, who led me forward. It was through her eyes and her heart that I found a way to imagine the world of the novel. It also felt important to include her settler husband's perspective, though Pierre's narrative became the smallest piece of the finished book. I had to write my way through the story as understood by Marie, and by Pierre, to be able to see and feel Jeanne more clearly. Jeanne's sections are the last I wrote.

Expositor: 'Daughters of the Deer' takes us back to the early roots of colonization, and its particularly harsh impact on Indigenous women, especially violence and property ownership, both modern issues still. Can you talk about the connection between your

story and modern day issues, such as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls?

DD: There was so little in the historical record of that time that put faces and names to Indigenous women, never mind the atrocities that occurred. The roots of violence against Indigenous women and girls extends from these early days of colonization. The destruction of the land is directly linked to the destruction of a People, and especially its most vulnerable, women and 2SLGBTQ+. Settlers stripped power away from a People by ripping a People away from their place and stripping away their culture, language and identity. The novel zooms in on one marriage, a first forced marriage between a First Nations woman and a French soldier turned settler, and the mixed-race children they bring into the world, and all the terrible forces that led to the murder of their daughter by forces. By bringing them to life, I hope to show readers how we got here, and while the crisis of violence is still ongoing.

Expositor: Can you touch on the tragedy of 2SLGBTQ+ characters in the story and why this was important to you in writing this story?

DD: Before colonization, First Nations saw 2SLGBTQ+ people as possessing special and unique wisdom, with distinct gifts to offer their tribe. They

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Leonard Beam's mixed media creations displayed at Pinecone Art Gallery

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—The walls of Pinecone Art Gallery in M'Chigeeng are festooned with an eclectic mix of the mixed media artwork of Leonard Beam. Mr. Beam opened the gallery located at the bottom of the hill in M'Chigeeng beside the former Susan Hare law office.

"I actually started out wanting to learn how to paint furniture," laughed Mr. Beam, who earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Vancouver's prestigious Emily Carr University of Art + Design. "I found myself hooked soon after I started classes," he said. "I haven't looked back since."

Mr. Beam spent 20 years in Vancouver before moving back home to M'Chigeeng. "It got to be so expensive out there," he said. "It is crazy."

While based in the west, the artist still moved around quite a lot, and said he takes much of his inspiration for his art from those travels, mostly in Canada, although he did enjoy a sojourn in Italy. "I really love the west, especially the badlands," he said. "Italy was amazing, the sculptures, not just one by an artist, but so many."

Mr. Beam comes from a family of artists, his brother, the late Carl Beam, was an internationally renowned artist whose works are on display in the National Gallery and his sister-in-law Ann Beam and niece Anong Beam are accomplished artists in their own right.

Mr. Beam has not strayed completely from his own roots, with some of his art emblazoned on functional pieces of furniture, while other platforms range from traditional canvas ("I stretch my own canvas") to museum quality paper.



Leonard Beam's studio has something in just about everyone's price point.



M'Chigeeng artist Leonard Beam with some of his latest works at Pinecone Studio.

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were recognized as having enhanced abilities. 2SLGBTQ+ people were deeply valued and respected. I wanted to explore this clash between cultures in my novel because in our current society, 2SLGBTQ+ people continue to be most at risk for violence. By illustrating this collision through the eyes of Marie, I could show this great suppression of a deep and accepted love that was revered before the priests arrived. And, more specifically, how it brutally affected their daughter Jeanne, caught between two worlds.

Expositor: It's a moving story that subtly touches on themes of exploitation, racism, colonization as well as strength and resilience. What would you like readers to take away from this? What is the conversation you'd like to start?

DD: Writers often write to fill a gap they see in the world. I wanted to imagine my way into the lives of my ancestors, Marie, an Algonquin woman and Pierre, a French settler, and their first-born daughter, Jeanne. 'Daughters of the Deer' is an origin story for all of us living on Turtle Island. It is one family's story which represents so many other untold stories of women, hurt by the hands of men who landed on their shores and refused to go home. As a writer and a mother who deeply cares about reconciliation and honouring the structural and systemic changes needed to restore power, restitution and healing in this country, I hope that readers will come away feeling more empathy and understanding for the Indigenous women who came before us. I hope they will remember their strength and resilience too. And just maybe, they will feel Marie and Jeanne, as I do, when they walk on this land.

'Daughters of the Deer' is published by Random House Canada and is available online and will soon be available in The Expositor's bookstore, Print Shop Books.



Leonard Beam opened Pinecone Art Gallery in M'Chigeeng last year but is looking forward to a ramped up tourist season this coming summer. He is pictured here with some of his artworks.

photos by Michael Erskine

The price of his works range from several thousand dollars for larger format paintings to smaller works more accessible to a limited pocketbook. "I like to have something for everyone," he said. "Not everyone has the space for larger paintings."

To that end Mr. Beam has had some of his work reproduced in prints by OJ Graphix in Espanola. "It's good to keep things local when you can," he said.

One of his more popular formats are those works mounted on small square panels.

The subject matter of his works range widely, usually juxtaposing divergent images to create a message to the viewer at their intersections.

Although he has the gallery/workspace on Highway 540 at the bottom of the hill going into M'Chigeeng, Mr. Beam said that he is currently working mostly in his apartment. "It's quiet in the winter, so I don't bother coming into the gallery if I don't have to," he said. "I plan to get internet in here soon so I can set up my computer."

Although the studio should be open by sometime in May, those wishing to drop in should set up an appointment by calling 705-348-2770 or emailing leonardbeam@gmail.com.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION OF CANADA 94 Calls to Action

Released in 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada identified "94 Calls to Action that speak to all sectors of Canadian society." The Calls to Action aim "to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation" (Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, 2015).

Leading up to September 30th – Orange Shirt Day and The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation – Noojmowin Teg Health Centre will be highlighting each of the Calls to Action. Noojmowin Teg Health Centre affirms its dedication to supporting former residential school students, their families, and communities of Mniidoo Mnising.

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3. Ensuring that social workers and others who conduct child-welfare investigations are properly educated and trained about the history and impacts of residential schools.
4. Ensuring that social workers and others who conduct child-welfare investigations are properly educated and trained about the potential for Aboriginal communities and families to provide more appropriate solutions to family healing.
5. Requiring that all child-welfare decision makers consider the impact of the residential school experience on children and their caregivers.

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We call upon the federal government, in collaboration with the provinces and territories, to prepare and publish annual reports on the number of Aboriginal children (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis) who are in care, compared with non-Aboriginal children, as well as the reasons for apprehension, the total spending on preventive and care services by child-welfare agencies, and the effectiveness of various interventions.

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 In honour of
Darlene Orford's 85th Birthday
Saturday, May 7 at 1:00 PM
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Is alcohol a problem? AA
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 Meetings 7 days a week -
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 Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F,
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 meetings available in
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 To receive adult or youth/par-
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 Association of Ontario. Tel:
 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-
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 West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3.
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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,
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 Children's Services: Early ON
 Child and Family Centre,
 Little Current Child Care,
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 368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift
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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
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 dietitian certified in diabetes
 education. Clinics in Little
 Current, Mindemoya, Silver
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 for information, email
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Call or text Tom in Tehkummah at
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Legion Events

**The Royal Canadian
 Legion Branch 177** Little
 Current Wing Night,
 Thursday, May 12, 4 pm to 8
 pm. Wings \$1.50 each.
 Sauces for wings: salt and
 pepper, sweet chili, sweet
 and sour, honey garlic, first,
 second and third degree,
 parmesan cheese and pep-
 per and cajun. Also cheese
 balls, six for \$4; cheese
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 to pre-order call or text 705-
 348-0123. Free delivery with-
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New generator/invertor
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Fertilized duck eggs for
 hatching or eating. Rabbits
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

DH Electrical is an established electrical company
 serving Manitoulin Island and area providing
 full electrical services including new service
 installation and complete wiring or renovations
 for commercial and residential projects.

We are looking to hire two motivated individuals
 at competitive wages (based on experience and
 knowledge) to join our team located in Little
 Current on Manitoulin Island.

Full-time or part-time positions include:

- Licensed electrician
- General labourer

Please email resume and cover letter to:
 Dave Hall at dh.electrical@hotmail.com

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RONA
 Little Current Building Centre

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Yard Staff Needed

- General Labourer
- Driver (DZ licence preferred, but not mandatory)

To apply for any of the above positions,
 please email resume to
aaron@ronalittlecurrent.com.

**The Cutoff for
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 Display Ads
 is Friday**



May the fourth be with you! That's right, today, Wednesday, May 4, is Star Wars day. As you probably guessed, that means I have a joke for you:

Which program do Jedi use to open PDF files? Adobe Wan Kenobi.

Two weeks ago, 11 MSS athletes participated in the two-day NOSSA (Northern Ontario Secondary School Athletics) badminton tournament at St. Benedict Secondary School in Sudbury. The novice team that attended NOSSA included Noah Thorpe, novice boys' singles; Aspen Debassige, novice girls' singles; Cash Duchene-Milne and Tessa Merrylees, novice mixed doubles. Four athletes brought home the junior division trophy with some incredible results! Eli Lock and Mackenzie Green won gold in the junior mixed doubles and Annie Balfe won gold in the junior girls' singles. Also a part of the junior division was TJ Green who played very well in the boys' singles event. Unfortunately this year there will be no province-wide, OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) junior division championships taking place. The senior badminton team that represented MSS included Brett Mastelko in the boys' singles and Julian Wemigwans and Jared Cortes playing in the boys' doubles. Great job, Mustangs!

Spymaster is officially up and running. Students can be seen sneaking through the halls trying to get from class to class without getting caught or strategically planning their routes throughout the halls in order to either catch their target or avoid someone. The game kicked off the morning of Monday, May 2. Participants are assigned a target that they must try to catch. In order to catch their target, they have to take their clothespin that they are given and sneak up on the person without them knowing and 'pin' them successfully. They can pin the person's clothing, hair, backpack, etc. The article in

which they pin must be attached to the person, not something they are carrying. When they catch their target, they take that person's target and continue playing. The winner of Spymaster is whoever is the last one standing. Go, spies, go!

Graduates! It's time to order your graduation gowns! The fee is \$30 and it can be purchased on SchoolCash Online, <https://rainbowschools.schoolcashonline.com/>. If you have never used SchoolCash Online before, instructions can be found on the Rainbow District School Board website. You will have to make an account on the website in order to go through with your purchase.

Just a reminder that graduation photos have once again been moved. They are now scheduled to take place for three days beginning Wednesday, May 25. Please mark the new date on your calendar. Students getting photos should have received an email with their new date and time. Photo sessions can still be booked at prestigeportraits.ca if you have not done so. New bookings cannot be done on a phone, please use a computer or go to the guidance office for help.

You can tell spring is here because both tennis and track and field practices are officially happening after school! Mr. Theijsmeyer is coaching the tennis team and Mr. Balfe is coaching the track team. Listen to the morning announcements to hear when practices are after school to ensure you don't miss them if you are a part of either team. Also don't forget to sign up for the late bus if you are staying after school and need a ride.

Joke of the week: Don't be worried about your smartphone and smart TV spying on you. Your vacuum has been gathering dirt on you for years!

Upcoming events include tennis, track and field and Spymaster.

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Personal Support Workers

Classification/Level: Community Services Level 1
Employment Status: Casual/Relief Hours
Salary Range: \$18-22 per hour
Posting Closing Date: Open Until Filled

M'Chigeeng Wellness Centre is a senior living facility for independent individuals who require minimal assistance. At the Wellness Centre we provide services to those individuals who require additional home supports, such as daily exercise, hygiene care, meal preparation, light housekeeping and safety and security checks.

Position Summary

The Personal Support Worker will report to the Home Care Program Manager and will provide personal care and support services to clients in their daily living activities within the community of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Qualifications and Requirements

Preferred

- Personal Support Worker Certificate with a minimum of one (1) year work related experience
- Valid First Aid and CPR Certificate

Other Skills

- Caring, honest and trustworthy.
- Excellent interpersonal, and communication skills.
- Excellent time management.
- Available to work shift work and flexible hours, as required.
- Experience working with the elderly is an asset
- Knowledge of Ojibwe culture, traditions and the Ojibwe language is an asset or must have the willingness to learn.
- Valid Driver's License and access to reliable vehicle

Condition of Employment: Police Vulnerable Sector Check and Confirmation of COVID-19 Vaccinations.

**Police Vulnerable Section Screening must be dated within 30 days, original or certified copy and is required from the successful applicant.*

Interested applicants must submit cover letter, resume, three (3) references (2 work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

Confidential: Personal Support Workers
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333

WIKWEMIKONG DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OPERATING AS ENAADMAAGEHJIK (PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Marketing/Product Development Coordinator

Enaadmaagehjik is seeking a passionate, flexible and highly motivated individual to join the Wikwemikong Tourism Team. The primary responsibility of the Marketing/Product Development Coordinator will be to strengthen Wikwemikong Tourism's digital marketing assets, increase consumer profiles, content, experience development, and event coordination.

DUTIES:

- To enhance Wikwemikong Tourism's digital marketing assets including www.wikyours.com, www.grondinepark.com, mobile applications, online profiles and social media platforms. Develop and implement social media advertising campaigns for Wikwemikong Tourism and Point Grondine Park.
- Coordinate and strengthen marketing initiatives with industry, travel trade and travel media.
- Coordinate and solicit sponsorship for tourism events including but not limited to: Manitoulin Ice Showdown and Wikwemikong Cultural Festival.
- Coordinate product development initiatives to enhance and develop cultural tours for groups and FITS.
- Content development for travel blogs and stories for Wikwemikong Tourism and Point Grondine Park cultural tourism experiences.
- Take part in industry, travel and tradeshow events.
- Responsible for analyzing market data and research to develop a data driven approach for new marketing strategies for Wikwemikong Tourism products and services.
- Grant and proposal writing for marketing and product development initiatives.
- Host and coordinate FAM tours and group tour visits as necessary.
- Promote destination development and investment by liaising with government agencies, non-government agencies, employers, organizations, training institutions and public overall.
- Other duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary education in Business Marketing, Business Administration, Communications, Hospitality/ Tourism or related diploma or degree preferred.
- Some post-secondary education and related employment experience will be considered.
- Proficiency in design and publishing software.
- Proficiency in social media platforms.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal skills.
- Good time management and organizational skills.
- Proven record of success to develop project proposals, marketing, and promotional material.
- Must have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and ability to travel.
- Ability to organize and set priorities; work independently and contribute to the team dynamics.

Deadline: May 6th, 2022

Contract Term: March 31, 2023

Wage/Salary: \$45,000-\$50,000 Annually

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, certifications and three recent work references to:

**Luke Wassegijig Tourism Manager – lwassegijig@wikydevcom.ca
Wikwemikong Development Commission
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0**

MANITOULIN ISLAND

SPLIT RAIL BREWING CO

Natural Craft Beer

POSITION REQUIRED: Sales Associate

Located in Gore Bay on beautiful Manitoulin Island, Split Rail Brewing Co brews premium, locally-crafted beer. As a destination brewery (July 13, 2021— "Ten Best Breweries Worth the Road Trip" in Toronto Life), we pride ourselves in producing quality craft beer and in being downright friendly and welcoming to all.

Split Rail is growing its team and its customer base. If you love great craft beer, enjoy meeting new people and thrive in a growing sales environment, then Split Rail is the place for you. Although this position is currently advertised as time limited, it may be extended in October 2022 to become a joint Sales/Social Media position.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Actively seek, identify and contract for new sales opportunities in the Sudbury-Manitoulin region
- Maintain and enhance positive connections with restaurants, bars and LCBO outlets
- Process online orders and deliver orders to businesses and individual customers in the region
- Manage online record-keeping and tracking of sales and achievement of sales targets
- Represent Split Rail at promotional events including craft beer festivals, community events and tasting session at LCBO or The Beer Store outlets

Skills and Experience

- Three years of experience in retail/sales/marketing employment
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Valid Ontario driver's license and clean driving record
- Diploma/degree in marketing/business is an asset
- Bilingual in French/English is an asset
- Capable of lifting and moving 25 lbs

Schedule/Conditions

- Mostly Monday to Friday daytime with occasional weekend work
- Full-time from May 16 to October 17 with possibility of extension
- Hourly wage plus commission

Split Rail is committed to diversity and inclusion in recruitment.
Apply to: generalmanager@splitrailmanitoulin.com by May 6, 2022.



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3 COWS & A CONE MANAGER WANTED

3 Cows & A Cone, located on MANITOULIN ISLAND, is a fast-paced restaurant/dairy-bar that has an opening for a full-time HANDS-ON Manager.

Hours are 40 hours per week (including weekends & late nights during summer months). We are a restaurant that has been servicing the public with ice-cream, burgers, fries, pizza and other fast foods for the past 25 years.

We are looking for a forward-thinking person with experience in the business or recent graduate of a restaurant and hospitality program. The right person would be able to work with the General Manager to supervise staff of up to 30 young individuals. This position is available immediately. The right candidate should be able to work independently and make basic business decisions while following company policies. Salary is based on experience.

There are additional compensation and benefits working for 3 Cows, so if you're interested in joining our Little Current team, send resume to the email address below to be considered for an interview. For more details please call 705-282-7753.

Please send resume to:
pantry3cow@hotmail.com



Permanent Speech and Language Pathologist and Permanent Social Worker

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. We bring learning to life, enabling students to fulfill their aspirations.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **permanent Speech and Language Pathologist and a permanent Social Worker.**

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit www.rainbowschools.ca/join-our-team.

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm Monday May 9, 2022** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

Bob Clement
Board Chair

Bruce Bourget
Director of Education

rainbowschools.ca



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Governance Coordinator

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mníising
Head Office - M'Chigeeng, ON

Duration: Contract -Term: May 2022 to March 31, 2023
(possible extension pending funding)

UCCMM is seeking an energetic, self-motivated person to join the UCCMM Governance Team to assist with the activities and deliverables from the Recognition of Rights and Self-Determination Exploratory Table. This will involve working as part of a team on a variety of engagement activities with UCCMM leadership and communities, including the youth and elders.

Job Responsibilities:

- Works closely with Lands & Resources team members on objectives and outcomes consistent with the UCCMM Approved work plan
- Scheduling, coordinating, and attending meetings, and maintaining a record of meetings as required
- Developing and preparing reports for submission
- Carrying out engagements with community, administration, and leadership on the development of the UCCMM First Nations Recognition of Rights and Self Determination Exploratory Table
- Assist in preparation of work-plans, briefing notes, Band Council Resolutions and other materials as required
- Ability to speak or committed to learn Anishnaabe language
- Other duties as required

Skills/Knowledge

- Proven ability to work successfully with: community groups, individuals, youth, researchers and community leadership
- Ability to facilitate groups is an asset and the ability to work well with minimal supervision
- Good interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Good organization skills and proven ability to work in a multi-tasking environment
- Proven ability to work independently and detail oriented
- Strong computer skills including Word, Excel, Power Point, Google/Gmail, MS Outlook and other software
- Demonstrated knowledge of Anishinabek history and in particular history and treaties of Mnídoo Mníising
- Knowledge and understanding of provincial and federal agencies/ministries impacting First Nations
- High standards of ethics and confidentiality to handle sensitive information

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary degree or diploma in related field or equivalent work experience (e.g. Aboriginal Studies, Public Administration, Lands Management, Community Planning, Communications, Social Development)
- Other Training/Certificates
- Must possess a valid driver's licence and access to a reliable vehicle

Salary Range: \$55,000.00 salary with pension and benefits

Deadline for Applications: May 11, 2022 at 12 noon

Please submit a letter of application and resume with three written employment references, one from current/most recent employer and current Criminal Reference Check. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted. Please forward and mark "Confidential" mail to:

Governance Coordinator Application
United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mníising
P.O Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0
Attn: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer

Complete applications may also be emailed to hrecollet@uccmm.ca
Please reference email: Governance Coordinator Application

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Finance Clerk

Location: United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mníising
Head Office - M'Chigeeng, ON

Duration: Contract - Term: May 2022 to March 31, 2023
(possible extension pending funding)

The Finance Clerk will assist the Finance Manager in accounts payable and maintaining appropriate financial documentation through an organized system of filing. Other responsibilities will include processing payable cheques, providing assistance with annual audit working papers, ensuring timely and accurate invoicing, and completing administrative duties related to the Finance Department and Administration.

Job Responsibilities:

- Assist with accounts receivable and payable
- Assist in the preparation for auditors
- Prepare bank reconciliations and conduct banking
- Assist with invoicing clients and answer inquiries
- Assess fixed assets and depreciation
- Store, update and retrieve financial data
- Process claims and vouchers for payment, enter invoices, match invoices with purchase orders, and check all claims for accuracy
- Verify account codes for proper assignment of budgetary expenditures
- Act as first line contact with vendors regarding billing problems
- Perform clerical duties, such as maintaining filing and record systems
- Order supplies, receive incoming supplies, check against bills of lading for finance office
- Receive incoming mail, date stamp, record, sort and distribute mail
- Perform other duties, as assigned and overtime may be required

Skills/Knowledge

- Strong working knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
- Effective attention to detail and a high degree of accuracy
- Able to build and maintain lasting relationships with other departments, key business partners, and government agencies
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel
- Excellent interpersonal, written and oral communication skills
- Strong organization skills and proven ability to work in a multi-tasking environment
- High standards of ethics and confidentiality to handle sensitive information
- Strong knowledge of office procedures and practices
- Able to work well under pressure and meet set deadlines
- Sound analytical thinking, planning, prioritization, and execution skills

Qualifications:

- General Finance and bookkeeping course
- 2-3 years' office experience
- Experience with budget, accounting, and reporting systems
- Experience with SAGE 300 accounting software and spreadsheet programs and applications is an asset

Salary Range: \$55,000.00 salary with pension and benefits

Deadline for Applications: May 11, 2022 at 12 noon

Please submit a letter of application and resume with three written **employment** references, one from current/most recent employer and current Criminal Reference Check.

Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted. Please forward and mark "Confidential" mail to:

Finance Clerk Application
P.O Box 275
M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0
Attn: Hazel Recollet, Chief Executive Officer

Complete applications may also be emailed to hrecollet@uccmm.ca
Please reference email: Finance Clerk Application

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

3 COWS IS HIRING!

**Full-time Cooks & Counter Staff
P/T Counter Staff & Students**

Looking for year-round, full-time employment?
Perhaps looking for something different or part-time?
3 Cows is offering full-time, year-round positions for Cooks and Counter Persons.
No experience is necessary, we are willing to train you.
All you need is ambition and willingness to learn.
These positions are 40 hrs/week.

Can't work full-time or are a student? We have positions for you. Students can get the jump on summer jobs by starting now working the odd evening and weekends. If you think you would like to find out more or give it a try, drop in and see us, ask to speak to a manager.
We would be happy to tell you more.

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

If you wish, you could send your resume to staff3cows@hotmail.com
64 Meredith Street E,
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0
705-368-3524



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M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION 2ND POSTING - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Department: Health Services, Mental Health

Concurrent Wellness Worker

Classification Level: CS-4 (\$61,200-\$74,800) with Extended Health Benefits and Pension
Employment Status: Regular Full time

Under the general guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the focus of the Concurrent Wellness Worker will be to provide support and case management to clients based on the stages of change model while providing counselling and emotional support to individuals and families to address mental illness and substance use challenges.

Essential Functions

- Assist with implementing the culturally appropriate case management of the Wellness & Recovery Program (Methadone, Suboxone), and the community-based Mshikiki Naamaadwin pilot program in partnership with the staff of Noojmowin-Teg Health Access Centre.
- Good working knowledge of Addiction Medicines and Medically Assisted Treatments, western and traditional modalities of therapy.
- Provide client needs assessments and develop treatment plans based on results.
- Partner to help identify community-driven culturally-based interventions to increase awareness of Anishinaabe cultural beliefs and practices to promote and sustain healthy lifestyles.

Qualifications & Requirements:

Preferred

- University Degree in Social Services/Addictions field of study and two (2) years' relevant work-experience.
- Extensive work/volunteer experience in the coordination of workshops and seminars within a Native organization/community is a strong asset.
- Able to conduct GAIN MI Q3 assessments.
- In good standing with Regulated Professional Body.

Minimum

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge.
- Three to five (3 - 5) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions.
- Knowledge and skills in mental health and prevention.
- Experience with public speaking and facilitation.
- Certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.

Mental Health & Addictions Worker

Classification Level: CS-4 (\$61,200-\$74,800) with Extended Health Benefits and Pension
Employment Status: Regular Full time

Under the general guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the focus of the Mental Health & Addictions Worker will be to provide clinical counselling and emotional support to individuals and families while addressing mental health and substance use challenges, from the point of referral to discharge. Inclusive of both western and traditional modalities of therapy.

Essential Functions

- Provide support services to clients who have mental health and/or addiction issues.
- Provide direct clinical counselling to individuals and families.
- Provide Trauma Informed Care services and promote a Harm Reduction approach to wellness.
- Providing written reports, assessments, and appropriate documentation in client files in keeping with the standards and procedures.
- Participating in client-related interagency meetings and case conferencing.
- Promoting healthy lifestyles with First Nation communities by information sharing, liaison activities, and other services regarding mental health and addictions.
- Coordinate and facilitate access to traditional healing and cultural programs.

Qualifications & Requirements:

Preferred

- University Degree in Social Services and/or Addictions field of study.
- At least two (2) years of relevant work experience in a First Nation community.
- In good standing with Regulated Professional Body.

Minimum

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge.
- At least three to five (3-5) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions in a First Nation Community.
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drug addictions awareness and prevention.
- Experience with Public Speaking and Facilitation.
- Certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is an asset.

Wellness Recovery Worker

Classification Level: CS-4 (\$61,200-\$74,800) with Extended Health Benefits and Pension
Employment Status: Regular Full time

Under the general guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Wellness Recovery Worker will provide supportive client-centred case management in addressing mental health and/or substance use challenges in collaboration with the Mental Health team to support individuals and family's wellness. The Wellness Recovery Worker is responsible for the implementation of a community-based service including prevention, intervention and education program that reflects and promotes a healthy lifestyle through both traditional and western approaches.

Essential Functions

- Offer culturally appropriate case management for the clients of the Wellness Recovery Program and the community-based Mshikiki Naamaadwin pilot program in partnership with the staff of Noojmowin-Teg Health Access Centre (NTAHC).
- Good working knowledge of Addiction Medicines and Medically Assisted Treatments.
- Provide Trauma Informed Care services and promote a Harm Reduction approach to wellness.
- Provide appropriate referrals to meet client-centred services and assist with detoxification or the treatment application process.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

- A University Degree in Social Services or Addictions counselling.
- At least two (2) years of relevant work-experience in addiction and recovery services.
- Extensive work/volunteer experience in the coordination of workshops and seminars within a Native organization/community is a strong asset.
- Knowledge of GAIN MI Q3 assessments.
- In good standing with Regulated Professional Body.

Minimum

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge.
- At least three to five (3 - 5) years' work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions.
- Knowledge and skills in mental health, addictions medicine, awareness, and prevention.
- Experience with presentation and facilitation of workshops, information sessions and training opportunities.
- Certification in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training is an asset.

The successful candidate will be required to submit the following upon hire:

- Current thirty (30) day Police VSS
- Confirmation of their COVID-19 Vaccinations

Closing Date: Friday, May 20, 2022 at 4 pm

Interested applicants can submit a COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

'Indicate Mental Health Position'
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333

M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to employment@mchigeeng.ca

*Please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please contact andream@mchigeeng.ca to request.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Civilian Crisis Responder - 2 Year Contract

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting employment applications for a Civilian Crisis Responder position.

Summary: The Crisis Responder will be responsible for helping individuals, families, and the community in times of personal crisis as well as for cases of crisis prevention and education. The Crisis Responder will provide counselling and resources to help mitigate the effects of crisis situations including but not limited to family violence, police interventions, and drug/alcohol related issues. This role will require to create accurate and detailed records and case notes as well as develop and maintain sustainable relationships with other professionals in the community.

The Crisis Responder will work as an integral part of a multi-disciplinary team to provide crisis response services to persons with disabilities. Using a clinical assessment and solution focused therapy methods, the Crisis Responder will provide immediate relief and stabilization to individuals experiencing crisis and trauma. This individual will be responsible for conducting on-site assessment of clients and the administration of individual and situational appropriate treatment. They will also provide recommendation and aid in the coordination of any necessary continued treatment plans.

Knowledge and Skills:

- Excellent human relations and interpersonal skills to maintain professionalism to members of the public and external agencies.
- Experience in crisis service considered an asset.
- Ability to multi-task in a fast paced business environment.
- Knowledge of social, education, and healthcare systems that case manage at risk individuals.
- Ability to exercise professional judgement, analyze, and solve issues effectively in a variety of situations.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing and counselling skills.
- Interaction with clients in a sensitive, tactful, diplomatic and professional manner always.
- Advanced communication skills required, written and verbal.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Provide immediate care to individuals and families experiencing crisis and trauma through mobile crisis outreach.
- Conduct assessment of individuals with the ability to refer to the appropriate community organizations.
- Interview clients to assess situations and determine the types and level of services required.
- Assist in finding opportunities, solutions, and resources to address the individual's social and behavioural needs.
- Conduct on-site risk assessment and mental status examinations, determine risk of harm, required level of care and immediate treatment plan.
- De-escalate crisis through provision of immediate solution-focused therapy.
- Manage the transfer of client information to the receiving community organization, as per information sharing agreements.
- Liaise with a range of multi-disciplinary professionals who are involved in a clients' care, ensuring a smooth and coordinated approach, especially when multiple organizations are involved.
- Monitor and evaluate clients, provide follow-up and documentation to all parties.
- Respond to individuals and/or family members by telephone or on a walk-in basis to provide information and support for their needs and situation.
- Other case management duties as assigned.

Basic Requirements:

- College diploma in related field or other considered an asset.
- Minimum grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent.
- 3 - 5 years of previous work experience in the social work field considered an asset.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver Licence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record and must pass a background check.
- Must provide a signed WTPS Consent to Security Clearance Investigation Form, which is included in application package.
- Provide proof a copy of Covid-19 Double Vaccination record from Ministry of Health

To apply for this position, interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and 3 work related reference letters electronically to:

CONFIDENTIAL – Crisis Responder
Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinijima
gregory.mishibinijima@wtps.ca

Posting Deadline: May 27, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Employment application packages are available for pick-up at the WTPS detachment or can be emailed at the request of the applicant. Please call our office during administrative hours if you would like an application.

Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider the successful applicant for hire.

Former Gore Bay mayor will throw his hat in this year's municipal election

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Former Gore Bay mayor Ron Lane has announced that he has filed nomination papers, putting his name forward for the position of mayor in the municipal elections being held this fall.

"The nomination period was to begin (this past) Monday and I will be putting my name forward for the position of mayor," Mr. Lane told The Expositor last week.

"I was previously mayor for two terms, from 2010-2018," said Mr. Lane. "When I decided to not run in the last election, I thought that my political career was over, but I have had four years to think about it and I don't think I'm ready to give it up yet."

Mr. Lane explained, "I didn't run in the last election. It was a busy eight years and we got lots done and with work and being



Ron Lane

mayor, I was a little burnt out and needed to take some time out." He also noted that his wife, Greta, has been battling health issues. "Right now everything is stable, and Greta is certainly behind me running for mayor again. So, I've decided to go for it."

"The current mayor and council has done a good job over the past four years, especially with all the challenges they have faced dealing with the pandemic, such as delays in

grants," said Mr. Lane. "I want to help contribute to a strong council and continue to move the town forward over the next four years."

"There is still a lot that needs to be done in the town, and I still have an agenda that I think will move the town forward and I would like to, if elected, be mayor for the next four years."

"One of the reasons I want to get back into politics is I had joined the town's general government committee last July. I found that I still have a great interest in the town and really missed being on council," added Mr. Lane.

The Flower Hutch HELP WANTED

Part-Time Floral Designer

The Flower Hutch in downtown Gore Bay is looking for a part-time floral designer to start immediately. Experience required.

Please send resume to:
theflowerhutch@outlook.com.



COMMUNITY LIVING MANITOULIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Community Living Manitoulin is looking for a dedicated staff with a passion for working with adult individuals with developmental disabilities to fill a Full-Time Position within our agency as a Direct Support Professional II.

This unionized full-time position is scheduled at 75 hours bi-weekly with a starting wage of \$26.43.

You are qualified if you have:

- Post-secondary diploma for Developmental Service Worker or equivalent in the Human Services
- A valid Ontario driver's license (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Mrs. Megan Wickett; Operations Manager by regular mail to:

Community Living Manitoulin
PO Box 152
Mindemoya Ontario, P0P 1S0
Or by email to mwickett@clmanitoulin.com
Or by fax to 705-377-7175

Submission Deadline: May 11, 2022

For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit our web site at www.clmanitoulin.com.

KENJGEWIN TEG EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ARE YOU AN INDIVIDUAL WHO TAKES CARE IN THE QUALITY OF THEIR WORK TO ENSURE A SAFE AND CLEAN WORK ENVIRONMENT? THEN THIS POSITION MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU!

CUSTODIAN FULL-TIME POSITION

Kenjgewin Teg is a lifelong place of learning asserting its Anishinabek educational autonomy by using a community-driven and community-based approach in its programs and services. In exercising this autonomy, Kenjgewin Teg champions the teachings of Anishnaabe Aadziwin and the Ojibwe language, Anishinabemowin.

Kenjgewin Teg respects, acknowledges and supports the individuality, personal connectedness, and uniqueness in each of its valued Indigenous and non-Indigenous employees in learning more or being introduced to Anishnaabe Aadziwin and Anishinabemowin.

We are currently recruiting an individual who will be part of a small team responsible to provide custodial services ensuring a safe, clean environment for the two (2) campuses of Kenjgewin Teg in M'Chigeeng.

CUSTODIAN – FULL-TIME POSITION

Salary Classification: General Office/Organizational Support and Services 01/Salary Grade Band A Qualified Level Salary Range: \$27,791 - \$30,878 - \$33,967

Position Objective:

The Custodian will work under the supervision of the Director of Operations and will be primarily responsible to ensure that the interior and exterior of the Anishinabek Skills, Research and Innovation Centre and Kenjgewin Teg campuses are maintained in a clean, safe, hygienic and orderly environment. The Custodian will distribute/replenish supplies throughout the facilities, monitor supply inventory and identify and report any equipment malfunctions to the Director of Operations and the Property Maintenance Worker. The Custodian will work evening shifts and be flexible to work occasional day or weekend shifts as required. There will be times that the Custodian is requested to assist with custodial duties for the main building and/or the Woodlands Learning Centre.

Qualifications:

- Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent
- Must have work experience directly related to custodial responsibilities
- First Aid, CPR, and WHMIS certification; will occasionally encounter toxic chemicals
- Health and Safety training are considered a definite asset
- Ability to perform all the physical demands such as lifting and moving classroom/office furniture including operating cleaning equipment
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and within a team environment is essential
- Valid Driver's license and access to a vehicle for employment related use is considered an asset
- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishinabek traditional knowledge: Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin.

Deadline: Friday May 13, 2022 at 12 noon

To learn more about this employment opportunity or to request a detailed job description, please contact the Director of Human Resources by email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca

Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of: Cover letter, a detailed resume, three (3) current (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

Applications can be received marked confidential through email to humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca or by mail or in-person to:

Kenjgewin Teg
"HR - Custodian"
c/o Director of Human Resources
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342

Please note:

- Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive of Anishinabek traditions and practices supporting a welcoming learning environment. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.
- Kenjgewin Teg's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.
- Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection of Privacy Act, 1987.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY HOUSING MANAGER

Department: Housing
Classification/Level: Department Manager Salary Grid (\$67,280 - \$82,230)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
2ND POSTING CLOSING DATE: MAY 20, 2022 BY 4 P.M. EST

Reporting Relationship

The Housing Manager reports to the Capital Works and Capital Projects Manager.

Position Summary:

The Housing Manager is responsible for overseeing and managing the administrative functions of housing department for M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN). The Housing Manager will oversee the MFN Housing Department programs and services, as well as planning and supervising construction and renovation projects. The programs and services include but are not limited to the On-Reserve Mortgage Program, Renovation Loan Program and Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporations Section 95, Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) and Home Adaptation for Seniors (HASI) Programs.

Responsibilities:

Planning:

- Responsible for developing the housing plan and housing policy implementation.
- Prepare short- and long-term housing maintenance plans as well as capital replacement plans for MFN.
- Oversee all new construction and renovations sites to ensure they are up to code; ensuring Health and Safety standards are being met through annual housing inspections.
- Prepare applications for various housing programs. This includes developing proposals and tenders and using technical reports to make smarter decisions and recommendations.

Financial Management:

- Prepare annual housing program budget and financial forecasts for MFN housing needs; manage costs and budgets.
- Monitor costs and expenses, and use information found in financial reports to make appropriate decisions.
- Monitor each CMHC Phase Budget as applicable.

Administration:

- Coordinates, manages, and oversees all housing activities to ensure that houses are maintained, rents are collected, files are kept up to date, tenants are adhering to policy as set out in housing policy and tenant agreements.
- Create work order system to meet the needs of the housing department for maintenance and renovation projects.
- Preparing reports and presentations to Chief and Council and the MFN community when requested.
- Develop work order systems to meet the need of the housing dept for maintenance and renovations.
- Organize community meetings, housing authority and/or advisory group meetings and preparing reports.

Qualifications

Preferred

- First Nation Housing Certificate or equivalent combination of post-secondary education and experience
- At least three (3) years' First Nation Housing experience
- Experience and certification in Project Management / Property Management are highly desirable
- Advanced Computer skills: Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer, Adobe Acrobat Pro

Minimum

- Minimum three (3) years of supervisory experience, along with supervisory training
- Construction experience
- Knowledge of federal labour standards, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Occupational Health and Safety section of the Canada Labour Code
- Intermediate Computer Skills
- Understanding of the CMHC program and other housing programs

Other:

- Valid Ontario driver's licence and access to own vehicle
- Excellent public relations skills, interpersonal and leadership skills
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment with minimal supervision
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling highly confidential matters
- Proof of Covid-19 Vaccinations
- Police Criminal Record Check

Interested applicants can submit a COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1-character reference) and applicable education certifications addressed to:

CONFIDENTIAL: Housing Manager
c/o Human Resources
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980) or to employment@mchigeeng.ca

*Please be advised that only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For a detailed job description, please contact andream@mchigeeng.ca to request.



Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc.

**Employment Opportunity
Community Health Nurse
18-Month Full-Time Contract (Maternity Leave)**

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

REQUIRED COMPETENCIES:

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

QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE:

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

SUBMISSIONS:

Submit a cover letter, resume, vulnerable sector check, three references and copies of credentials marked 'Confidential' by email, mail or in person to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2003, 48 Hillside Road
Aundeck Omni Kaning, ON POP 1K0
705-368-2182 ext.271
hr@mnaamodzawin.com

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 13, 2022 @ 12:00 pm



**OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT
Counsellor**

Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. is expanding services in the new Healing Lodge to provide treatment programming and community services related to addictions and healing from past trauma. The Support Counsellor shall carry out the duties, activities, and assignments within the vision and mission, policies and procedures as outlined by Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.

Duties:

- Work within a team-oriented approach in the delivery of services to clients, family members, and community
- Processing applications for treatment and other programming/counselling services
- Respond to telephone and in-person inquiries related to services and treatment program
- Data input and case documentation
- Facilitate educational and group sessions related to the role and the team
- Support counselling through intake process with individuals and family members
- Prepare written reports, appropriate case documentation, and participate in case conference reviews and participate team meetings as required
- Other duties as required

Qualifications:

- Degree in Human Services or Diploma in Addictions or related field
- Knowledge of Anishnaabe culture, language, and issues an asset
- Knowledge of the services and programs at Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc.
- Education and experience working in the addictions field
- Demonstrate qualities of positive role modelling for the Anishnaabe community
- Must possess excellent written and oral communication skills, organization skills
- Ability to communicate well over the phone and virtual interactions, and to document the interactions accurately and appropriately
- Must possess a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and be willing to provide a driver's abstract
- Must be willing to submit a copy of CPIC-VSS

Submit your Cover Letter, Resume, and three recent references to:

Rebecca Wright, Administration Manager
Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (Rainbow Lodge)
56 Pitawanakwat St., PO Box 81
Wiikwemkoong, ON POP 2J0

Or via email at rwright@ngwaagangamig.ca | subject line to read: Counsellor Application
Closing Date & Time: Friday, May 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

WIKWEMIKONG DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

OPERATING AS ENAADMAAGEHJIK

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Park Guardian (2)

(Subject to Funding Availability)

Enaadmaagehjik is seeking two (2) highly motivated individuals to fill the Park Guardian positions. The Park Guardian will be responsible for a variety of technical duties, program responsibilities associated with visitor experience, registration, orientation, security, and general maintenance at the Point Grondine Park. The Park Guardians will be under the direct supervision of the Park Maintenance Supervisor and will be housed in Killarney for the duration of the work schedule.

DUTIES:

- Take part in mandatory training with Killarney Provincial Park as per assigned training plan
- Responsible for general park maintenance functions by carrying out routine maintenance duties (develop, maintain, and upgrade portages, hiking trails and campsites)
- Assist with visitor orientation, guest inquires and to maintain a professional image as representative of the Point Grondine Park
- To monitor, document and inform management of trespassing violations within the park boundaries
- To assist with nature, heritage, and education programming in collaboration with Wikwemikong Tourism other external partners
- Carrying out inventory work and maintaining detailed records for assigned areas
- Working in compliance with the Occupation Health and Safety Act and its regulations and any workplace practices as directed by the employer
- Advising workers of actual and potential dangers in the workplace and the required precautions and takes corrective action to ensure public safety and security
- General maintenance duties at the Point Grondine Transfer station
- Deliver superior customer service

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Preference given to applicants enrolled into a post-secondary program for the fall of 2022
- Must be a registered member of the Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory
- Must possess a valid driver's licence
- Ability to work outdoors for extended periods of time, including camping in remote locations to conduct maintenance on portages, trails and campsites
- Must possess or can possess a valid chainsaw safety certificate and Wilderness & Remote First Aid CPR/AED
- Must have good verbal and written communication skills to communicate information related to programs, prepare a variety of documents, and respond to public and/or internal inquiries by phone, email, and in-person
- Ability to organize and set priorities; work independently and contribute to the team dynamics

Deadline: Open Until Filled
Start: May 2, 2022
Duration: 18 Weeks
Rate of Pay: \$16.50-\$18/Hour

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, certifications and three recent work references to:

Luke Wassegijig Tourism Manager – lwassegijig@wikydevcom.ca
Wikwemikong Development Commission
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

WIKWEMIKONG DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

OPERATING AS ENAADMAAGEHJIK (PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Visitor Experience Coordinator

Enaadmaagejik is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position of Visitor Experience Coordinator with the Point Grondine Park. The Visitor Experience Coordinator (VEC) will be responsible for administering and coordinating all Point Grondine Park bookings including permitting, map sales, canoe rentals and tour sales. The VEC will also be responsible for coordinating land-based learning, familiarization Tours, and experiential tour programs for the 2022-2023 season.

DUTIES:

- Coordinate guest reservations, guest orientation/trip planning, customer inquiries and customer satisfaction surveys
- Responsible for administering day use permitting and map sales via Point Grondine Trading Post and online sales
- Coordinate land-based learning and experiential tour programs for 2022/2023 in collaboration with travel trade and industry partners
- Strengthen partnerships with industry, travel trade and government
- Assist with updating park communications via website and social media including content development and promotional campaigns
- Content development for travel blogs and stories for Point Grondine Park
- To update and strengthen online profiles and communication with industry partners
- Coordinate product development initiatives to enhance and develop cultural tours for groups and FITS
- Assist with launching park lifestyle brand apparel and other park merchandise
- To work with the park guardian team including recruitment and assisting with scheduling during the operating season
- Working in compliance with the Occupation Health and Safety Act and its Regulations and any workplace practices as directed by the employer
- Perform other assigned duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Diploma/ and or Certificate in Hospitality/Tourism, Parks & Recreation, or Business Administration/Marketing considered an asset
- Employment experience in the hospitality industry and or Parks considered an asset
- Proficiency in Social Media platforms
- Proficiency in design and publishing software
- Valid Ontario driver's license and ability to travel
- Must have good verbal and written communication skills
- Excellent analytical, problem-solving, communication and networking skills.
- Ability to organize and set priorities; work independently and contribute to the team dynamics

Deadline: Open Until Filled
Contract Term: March 31, 2023
Wage/Salary: \$18-20/Hour

Interested applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, certifications and three recent work references to:

Luke Wassegijig Tourism Manager – lwassegijig@wikydevcom.ca
Wikwemikong Development Commission
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0



We are looking for motivated & reliable individuals to join our team!

Must have the ability to lift 60+ pounds and be willing to do manual labour. Milling experience is a plus, but training will be provided. Mechanical experience is helpful. Forklift or loader experience is also a benefit. Job duties include assisting in the manufacturing and production of pallet stock. Helping with various saws, stacking, moving logs, and production pieces. Cleaning & general maintenance are also involved.

The position is full-time, 44 hours per week.
Monday - Thursday 7-5
Friday 7-4
March-December yearly.

A significant bonus structure is in place, as well as benefits. Hourly wage is negotiable based on experience, starting at \$18/hr.

Please submit your resume to:
applications@cooperenterprises.ca and our team will contact you!

Sawmill is located at:
20 Mill Rd., Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0

SPEND THE SUMMER ON THE WATER!

Employment Opportunity Manitoulin Phragmites Project

The Manitoulin Phragmites Project is looking for full-time field team staff for June 13 – September 2 with some part-time work possible during May.

This outdoor job involves control of invasive species, wetland and shoreline restoration, monitoring of endangered species, and assisting landowners with control work.

Job requires physical labour, mostly in shallow water wearing waders. Must be 19 or older, physically fit, have valid class G licence and a good sense of humour. Experience with brush cutters, ability to drive an outboard boat are assets.

Because of travel time to work sites, applicants must reside on Manitoulin Island. Hourly wage is \$19/hour.

Send resume and contact info for two references to:
manitoulinphrag@yahoo.com.

Full job description available on request.
Visit our Facebook page @manitoulinphrag

Manitoulin Centennial Manor FUEL OIL TENDER

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor invites tenders for the supply of heating fuel oil to 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, commencing June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023. Fuel consumption is approximately 100,000 litres.

All bidding companies must complete a Contract Bid Form which can be mailed or emailed. Tenders must be received at the Administration office by May 16th, 2022 before 1600 hours and must be in a sealed envelope marked "Fuel Tender".

Forward tenders to:
Manitoulin Centennial Manor
Attn: Board of Management
Postal Bag 460
Little Current, ON
POP 1K0

For further information contact:
Don Cook at (705) 368-2710 Ext. 312

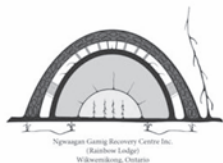


INVITES COMMENTS

On By-law # 2022-07 to approve a Short-term Rental Accommodations Policy which is available on the township's website www.Assiginack.ca for review.

Written submissions and comments are invited to the undersigned until 4:00 pm, Friday, May 13th, directed to the undersigned:

Alton Hobbs
CAO
Township of Assiginack
PO Box 238
Manitowaning, ON
POP 1N0
ahobbs@assiginack.ca



OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT Clinical Supervisor

Reporting to the Administration Manager, the Clinical Supervisor is responsible for providing clinical and administrative supervision to designated staff and services.

Duties:

- Provide direct clinical and administrative supervision and complete documentation on supervision sessions to assigned front line staff.
- Collaborate with the manager on the new Trauma program implementation.
- Ensure service delivery adheres to professional standards recognized by the Accreditation Quality Assurance standards, and applicable professional disciplines.
- Develop and implement and support the team with evidenced-informed processes to enhance counsellor competencies
- Provide coaching, mentoring and professional development opportunities to counselling staff
- Conduct file audits and ensure the proper storage of records
- Provide the Manager with operational information, community needs, and advice regarding service direction as requested.
- Participate in strategic planning and other planning activities for the centre
- Contribute to community education through presentations to professionals and community groups.
- Other related duties

Qualifications:

- Master's Degree in social work or psychology required, and registered and in good standing with the OCSWSSW and/or CRPO;
- Professional, responsive and positive work attitude is required;
- Minimum 5 years of experience in the provision of clinical services.
- Familiar with evidence informed practices, including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Solution Focused Brief Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing;
- Excellent problem solving and interpersonal skills;
- Demonstrate supervisory and mentoring skills;
- Strong organizational and time management skills;
- Excellent clinical assessment and therapy skills;
- To be competent and sensitive to cultural differences in the organization and within the community;
- Demonstrated effectiveness in oral and written communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to promote and model the Seven Grandfather Teachings;
- Fluency in Indigenous language of the area would be an asset.
- Knowledge of Indigenous culture, ceremonies, traditions, teachings, protocols of the area
- Knowledge of Canada's Indigenous history and the impacts of colonization and assimilation policies
- Demonstrated knowledge of both Western-based and traditional methods of intervention, assessment, counselling, and healing to family and individual development and well-being;
- Must have a valid Ontario Class G driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle;
- Must provide a satisfactory Police Vulnerable Sector Check and Vulnerable Sector Check.

Please note that preference will be given to First Nations and Indigenous applicants who meet the above qualifications.

Submit your Cover Letter, Resume, and three recent references to:

Rebecca Wright, Administration Manager
Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre Inc. (Rainbow Lodge)
56 Pitawanakwat St., PO Box 81
Wiikwemkoong, ON POP 2J0

Or via email at rwright@ngwaagangamig.ca | subject line to read: Counsellor Application
Closing Date & Time: Friday, May 13, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

Miigwetch to all that applied and expressed interest in this position; however only applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

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

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



TENDER TO PROVIDE FLOORING 115 Arthur Street - Canada Post NO. 2022-06

Sealed tenders clearly marked "Post Office Flooring" will be received by the undersigned until the closing date:
Monday, May 16th, 2022 at 4 PM

Review of tender will be made by Council at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 17th, 2022

The tender form can be located at: www.assiginack.ca/rfp-tenders

All tenders to be presented on forms contained in this document to:

TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK
C/O RON COOPER, PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT
BOX 238, 156 ARTHUR STREET
MANITOWANING, ON POP 1N0
(705) 859-3196 – MUNICIPAL OFFICE
(705) 859-3780 – MUNICIPAL GARAGE

Important to note that:

- LOWEST or ANY Tender NOT necessarily accepted
- Also that FAXED or EMAILED Tenders are NOT acceptable
- Successful contractor must be a Canada Post Corporation Approved Vendor (please contact Canada Post)
- Details of Tender available on Assiginack.ca

Gore Bay mayor not seeking mayor's job in fall election

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne will not be seeking re-election for this position in the municipal election taking place this fall. However, he has filed his nomination papers for a seat on town council.

"No, I will not be putting my forward for mayor, but I will be running for a seat on council," Mayor Osborne told The Expositor. "If you are going to do the job of mayor properly, you need to be able to devote a lot of time to do this. That is why I am not running for mayor. Unfortunately, I am finding that being mayor is taking too much time from my work and business (co-owner of Island General Merchandise Island Promotions). To do the job of mayor properly you need to dedicate your full attention, you can't also be running a business full-time."

"I'm looking forward to hopefully being a successful candidate for a council seat in the election," said Mayor Osborne.

"Our council has accomplished a lot in the past

four years. For example, we have completed phase one of the marina project, we will be refurbishing the boardwalk, and the arena will be fixed up with a new roof. And we will be getting



Dan Osborne

a new public works building, and constructing a new waterfront pavilion this year (where the former town tennis courts were located). We will also be carrying out a major water-sewer project this year."

"I'm happy with the direction the town is going, and hoping that it will continue on this path," said Mayor Osborne. "I know the cur-

rent members of council feel the same way, that everything we do is with the idea of benefitting the town. This council has worked well together."

"I've enjoyed the past four years I've been mayor despite all the difficulties that we've faced, including the pandemic," said Mayor Osborne.

"I will be running for a seat on council, and I will be filing my nomination papers Monday," said Mayor Osborne, who is completing his first as mayor. He has served as mayor and councillor for 15 years in total, having taken a hiatus from council for one term.

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MARY JEAN MCDONALD



It is with heavy hearts that we announce that Mary Jean McDonald has gone home to be with our Lord. She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew her. She touched hearts everywhere she went. You'll be happy to know that she was giving gardening advice right up until the end and passed peacefully in her sleep early in the morning of April 21, 2022 with family present. She leaves behind two siblings, Stella (Morley predeceased) Campbell and Clifford (Bertha) McKinley; son James (Margaret) McDonald; 11 grandchildren, Mary (Danny predeceased) Carriere, Sarah McDonald, Johnson Doucette, Melissa (Dalton) Burley, Malcolm Lavoie, Meagan Lavoie, Miranda (Jesse Commando) Lavoie, Daniel McDonald, Margaret (John Cranston) McDonald, Ocean Doucette McDonald and Ariel Doucette McDonald; and two great-grandchildren, Laura Carriere and Leonard Carriere. We will miss her more than words can say, but we are glad she'll be joining her late husband Leonard Bruce McDonald and son Kenneth McDonald, as well as her parents Boyd and Bella McKinley, two siblings Sam McKinley and Betty (Gerald) Runnells, and grandchild Katherine McDonald, and many more back in the arms of God and we will meet again. Visitation took place at the Cooperative Funeral Home, 4691 RR 15, Chelmsford on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 from 2 to 5 pm and 7 to 9 pm. A service was held at the Larchwood Bible Church on Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, masses in her memory to the Larchwood Bible Church would be appreciated. A graveside service at the Burpee Mills Cemetery will take place at a later date. Cooperative-FuneralHome.ca.

JOYCE ELEANOR BAILEY

(nee Spry)

April 9, 1941- April 24, 2022



In loving memory of Joyce Eleanor Bailey. Joyce was born on April 9, 1941 in Kagawong, Ontario. She was the daughter of the late Oscar Ernest Spry and Gertaline Viala Emmaline Berry. Joyce worked for many years at the hospital in Little Current. After retiring she spent most of her time gardening through the summer and dreaming of gardening through the winter. She created beautiful flower beds. She was very talented and creative in her many handknitted garments and wood designs, she loved puzzles and spending time with family and friends. She will be truly missed. Joyce died on April 24, 2022 at the hospital in Little Current. Loving mother and mother-in-law to Christy and Micheal Lazzarino of Barrie and Holly and Mark MacDonald of Sheguiandah. Loving sister of Blanche McDermid of Mindemoya; dear grandmother of Cosimo, Cassandra and Bianca Lazzarino, Destanie Bailey and Lillian MacDonald; great-grandmother of Shyanna and Calleigh Lazzarino. Joyce also leaves behind extended family Jeff Green (Cheryl), Wanda Morgan (Jody), Aaron, Issac, Adam; many nephews, nieces, and friends. She is predeceased by her parents, her first husband Clifford Douglas Bailey, her son Clifford Curtis Bailey and her partner of many years Kenneth (Ted) Green, her brother Ron and sister-in-law Florence Spry, Russell, brother-in-law Duncan McDermid, her sister Mae and Al Ahrens. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home on Friday, April 29, 2022 from 3 to 5 pm and 7 to 9 pm. Funeral service was held on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 1 pm with Reverend Whitney Bruno officiating. Burial to be held at a later date in Elmview Cemetery. Donations in memory of Joyce can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, <https://cancer.ca/en/> or mail cheques to Canadian Cancer Society, P.O. Box 640 Station K, Toronto, Ontario M4P 9Z9. Please share your thoughts, photos and memories at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

RALPH JULIUS JUNIOR

NAHWEGAHBO

July 8, 1956 - April 17, 2022



In loving memory of Ralph Julius Junior Nahwegahbo who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at the age of 65. Born to Norma Assinewai and Joe Nahwegahbo. Beloved husband of Cindy Nahwegahbo. Loving father of Melissa Abotossaway. Will be sadly missed by his grandkids and great-grandkids. Caring brother of Tim Nahwegahbo (predeceased), Peter Nahwegahbo, Fred Nahwegahbo (predeceased), Florence Nahwegahbo, Sybil (Bill) Eadie, John Nahwegahbo (predeceased), Joshua Nahwegahbo (predeceased) and Cher Olchuk (predeceased). His memory will be forever cherished by many nieces, nephews and friends. Family and friends gathered at the Aundeck Omni Kaning Community Centre on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 from 11 am until the funeral service on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 11am with Reverend Doug Prebble officiating. Cremation followed.

CAROL ANNE (SALLY) STEWART



It is with great sorrow that we announce the sudden passing of Carol Anne (Sally) Stewart on April 21, 2022. Sally was born into the Stewart clan in Port Arthur, Ontario on July 7, 1943, to the late Hugh and Alma Stewart. She had three brothers, Brian (wife Patricia) living in Duncan, BC, Don (predeceased) (wife Nelly, predeceased) and Bob Stewart (predeceased) (wife Agnes). Predeceased by beloved husband Stephen B. Marshall, Sally took comfort in knowing she would soon be sailing with Steve again. She is survived by her daughters from her first marriage to Ray Côté (deceased), Liana Côté Montminy (husband John) and Melanie Côté Loken (husband Chris), Stephen's children Chris Marshall (wife Kristanne Grange) and Jane Marshall. One of her greatest joys in life was her grandchildren Shane Loken, Alma Loken, Rowan Marshall, and Renna Marshall. She also leaves behind her beloved dog Winston. Sally dearly loved her extended family, including countless nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and all their spouses. She was also blessed to have a second family in the many friends who were part of her vibrant social life that included paint nights, book clubs, quilting, singing, dinners out and daily companionship. This 'family she chose' was very dear to her and will miss her greatly. Avid sailor, world traveller, fabulous baker, loyal friend and loving companion, Sally was always up for adventure and lived life to the fullest on her own terms. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Association for Williams Syndrome at WilliamsSyndrome.ca. Funeral mass was at St. Bernard's Church, Monday, April 25, 2022 at 11 am. The family will host a Celebration of Sally's Life in the summer, details to follow.

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

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

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Donated wishing well to adorn Manitowaning waterfront

by Tom Sasvari
 MANITOWANING—A Manitowaning business has donated a 'wishing well' to the Township of Assiginack that will not only be an attraction to the community but, with support from those visiting the township waterfront, will support community groups.

"The TerraStar Building Products built the wishing well during the winter. It is a real 'wishing well' that will accept coins, and the funds will be able to go back into the community," said Assiginack CAO/deputy clerk Alton Hobbs after council reviewed a letter from TerraStar last week.

Council reviewed a letter dated April 13, from management and staff at TerraStar which explains, "The management and staff of TerraStar Building Products have constructed a wishing well (which is about six to eight feet in height) which we would like to donate to the community, to be installed at the Manitowaning waterfront adjacent to the existing parking area."

can be directed to support various activities or groups, at the township's discretion," the letter continues. "We can deliver it at your convenience and only ask the municipality place and maintain it."

At its meeting, council passed a motion, "that we thank the management and staff of TerraStar Building Products for the donation of the wishing well and confirm that we will arrange placement at the waterfront."

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This wishing well will adorn the Manitowaning waterfront.

Manitoulin powwows slated to return in 2022

by Michael Erskine

MNIDOO MNISING—The first inklings that some of the Island's most popular summer events are going to return in 2022 are starting to appear. Wikwemikong Heritage Organization's Wiikwemkoong Annual Cultural Festival (aka the Wiikwemkoong Powwow) will once again be taking place at Thunderbird Park on July 30 and 31.

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation has also announced the return of its traditional powwow, with the 30th annual slated for June 4 and 5 at the powwow grounds.

Other powwows across Northern Ontario and Turtle Island have been announced as well, ensuring that there will be a powwow trail this summer, but not all Island First Nations have indicated their plans as of press time Monday.

Centennial Manor courtyard project is back on track

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—The pandemic impact on supply chains and restrictions, as well as the current sixth wave, is continuing to slow down contractor work at Manitoulin Centennial Manor and escalating costs but the great news is that the benefactors who had originally stepped forward with funding for a new courtyard project for the Manor residents have indicated they will be willing to tackle the increased costs that came in after the Manor's request for proposals for the project.

The good news came during the April Manor board meeting when Manor administrator Don Cook updated the board on progress being made on renovations being conducted at the municipal long-term nursing home.

Mr. Cook indicated that he had spoken to the family underwriting the project. "The family indicated they had no objections to the additional costs," he said.

The recent supply chain issues and related increased construction costs observed in the returning RFPs had led the Manor to consider revamping the project scope and look into alternative materials, as previously reported, but now the project will be able to move ahead as planned.

MP Carol Hughes calls Russia's attacks on Ukraine genocide

by Tom Sasvari

OTTAWA—Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing (AMK) member of parliament Carol Hughes, along with all Canadian MPs have voted unanimously in favour of calling Russia's attacks on Ukraine a "genocide."

"Yes, it was a unanimous consent among all MPs," stated MP Hughes when contacted by The Expositor last week. "It is pretty obvious that, based on the information coming out, that atrocities are happening in Ukraine and that there are war crimes being committed by Russia."

The MPs' vote came after NDP MP and foreign affairs critic Heather McPherson put forward a motion calling on the House to recognize that "the Russian Federation is committing acts of genocide against the Ukrainian people." The MPs agree that there is "clear and ample evidence of systemic and massive war crimes against humanity," being committed by Russian armed forces, as directed by Russian President Vladimir Putin and others within the Russian parliament.

Among other offences,

these crimes include mass atrocities, systematic instances of willful killing of Ukrainian civilians, the desecration of corpses, forcible transfer of Ukrainian children, torture, physical and mental harm and rape, the motion states.

Russia first invaded the eastern region of Ukraine beginning February 24. There have been widespread accusations of war crimes since then, with some world leaders saying the situation amounts to genocide.



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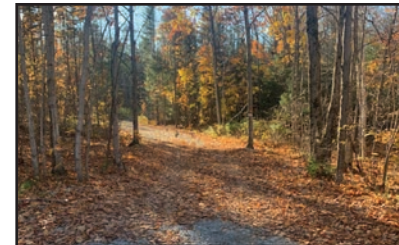
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Gore Bay to provide recreational vehicle space for visitors

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—It appears that the town of Gore Bay will provide a place in town for visitors who are travelling in recreational vehicles (RV) to use during their stays this summer, albeit in a different location than in the past and with limits on the number of vehicles that can be parked and the number of nights they can stay.

Stasia Carr, town clerk told members of the town general government committee last week, “we have previously talked about there being a lot of misuse in the past at the parking lot at the Harbour Centre, including hydro breaks, bonfires, visitors using the bushes as a washroom and people leaving garbage (all over the site).”

“We had no problem with people parking at the lot at the Harbour Centre and for the first couple of years, we allowed people to park RVs there until the first year of COVID-19 with people everywhere and a lot of abuse going on,” said committee member Ron Lane. “I think now that we are almost totally out of COVID-19, we should again look at a place where visitors with RVs can stay for a night or two.” He suggested it is important to have a sign posted at the site or another one that indicates RVs are allowed to be parked for one or two nights at a maximum.

“And we should have some type of registration for people who want to use one of the lots for their RV,”



RVing is a popular recreational pastime.

said Mr. Lane. “I still think it should be free for those using the lots, but that everyone be limited to staying no more than two nights. We need a way to monitor the area so if there is an issue that comes up, we can respond. Maybe we could look at limiting the number of RVs to five (per night using space in the lot).”

“Anyone visiting the town and looking for one of the RV parking lots to use should be expecting that they have to register in some form before they get here,” said Mr. Lane.

“Just making a simple phone call to let us know who they are and where they are from is reasonable,” said Mayor Dan Osborne. “Our public works staff is out around the town early in the morning and they can check and see if there are any problems.”

“I fully support having an RV parking lot,” said Councillor Jack Clark. “But I

can’t support having the lot where it was previously (at the Harbour Centre parking lot). Having RVs parked there detracts from the scenic view of the bay for people who are at Split Rail Brewery.”

“I wouldn’t be opposed to moving the (RV) lot to the parking lot on south-east part of the property between the (Red Roof) pavilion and the former children’s playground,” said Mayor Osborne.

Mr. Lane suggested a limit of five RV parking spots be provided. “I would be in favour of this (suggested new) location on the waterfront and it is close to the boardwalk.” He also recommended that the five parking spaces should be restricted to recreational vehicles, and things like tents should not be allowed.

“We could list the new location on our (town) website, the limits of RVs allowed, advertise that these RVs have to be self-

contained,” (that the town was not going to provide washrooms or hydro and that tents are not allowed). It was agreed the town would need to provide garbage cans at the site.

“I would be in favour of providing this on a trial basis,” said committee chair Kevin Woestenenk.

Councillor Clark suggested it might be a good idea to have the town public works foreman look at the site and provide an idea of how much space could be provided for an RV parking lot.

The committee passed a motion recommending town council consider having the recreational vehi-

cle parking lot opened on a trial basis for free at the waterfront area between the Red Roof pavilion and the former childrens playground and that a form of registration be developed,

as well as determining how many spots would be provided, how many nights that visitors can park there and what signage needs to be posted.



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