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Rethink restricting Hwy 540, 551 traffic, M'Chigeeng member and businesswoman urges chief, council

Petition urging reconsideration circulating in M'Chigeeng First Nation

by Alicia McCutcheon
MANITOULIN—Our focus as Manitoulin Islanders has shifted—from battling COVID-19 as a united front to an 'us versus them' mentality—and this worries Lisa Addison, a M'Chigeeng band member, a great deal.

Besides being a proud M'Chigeeng band member, Ms. Addison also owns BJ's and Addison's OK Tire in that community with her husband. As a businesswoman, Ms. Addison decided to begin a petition that is currently circulating in M'Chigeeng and that calls on Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige and council to revisit the band council resolution that enacted the non-essential travel order (which came into effect last Saturday, April 25) and "redirect

funding and personnel from barricades on Highway 540, 551 and Cross Hill Road in order to provide enhanced health care training to elders and all age groups within the community; to educate the community to adequately protect themselves from the spread of the virus (supply and educate members on how to use masks, gloves, social distancing, cleaning etc.); and to provide training to businesses to allow them to function in a safe manner in order to control the spread of the virus."

While the non-essential travel order did make allowances for people travelling to access BJ's and Addison's, an essential service as deemed by the province, Ms.

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UCCMM Tribal Council proposes small panel of Manitoulin leaders from municipalities and First Nations to consider joint approach to pandemic

by Warren Schlote
MANITOULIN—The United Chiefs and Councils of M'Nidoo M'nisig (UCCMM) is working to form a co-ordinated leadership committee in response to the threat of COVID-19 with First Nation, municipal, health and public safety representatives to set a more positive tone moving forward and increase Island-wide collaboration in a challenging time.

"We don't see a co-ordinated approach to COVID-19 on Manitoulin. Everybody seems to be doing different things and we need to get people working together," UCCMM Tribal Chair Chief Patsy Corbiere, who is also chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning, told The Expositor in an interview.

"We're sending out an olive branch ... I'm sure we can deal with (these issues) together at the table and fix them. I really do. We've done it before, why can't we do it again?" she added.

This past Friday, May 1, Chief Corbiere sent out a letter to the Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) to be redistributed to all of its member mayors and reeves. It stated that MMA has not considered for the health and safety of First Nations individuals on Manitoulin Island in its decision-making process and lacked representation from these communities.

The MMA is a group for municipalities to gather and discuss the issues they collectively face, dia-

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A SURE SIGN OF SPRING—CCGS Samuel Risley paid the Port of Little Current a visit this past Sunday on its annual spring voyage around Manitoulin Island, installing buoys to aid boaters in navigating the waters of Lake Huron. The swing bridge also got a chance to stretch its gears after a long winter's nap.

photo by Warren Schlote

Northeast Town mayor calls on the MTO to intervene in highway traffic restriction imposed by M'Chigeeng chief and council

ROCKVILLE ROAD—On Friday, Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin called on the province to intervene with M'Chigeeng First Nation's checkpoints on Highways 540 and 551 to allow for full travel on the provincial highways where they pass through the M'Chigeeng territory, almost one week following M'Chigeeng's non-essential travel order which limits travel to and from the M'Chigeeng territory, as reported in last week's Expositor.

In a letter sent to the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, Mayor MacNevin states that "the travel restriction has created several major issues that threaten the safety of the travelling public and that it places an unreasonable

burden on the residents of Manitoulin Island that travel those highways."

"Our immediate concern is that this situation will result in either

accidents on our roads or an incident on the highway," the mayor continued. "We are all legitimately concerned about COVID-19 and

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Liberals move forward with ban on assault rifles

by Michael Erskine
OTTAWA—Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the minority federal Liberal government announced a ban on assault and military pattern rifles on Friday, May 1, making the announcement in the wake of the tragic mass shooting in Nova Scotia that saw 22 people dead. Although the ban impacts

more than 1,500 patterns of rifles and their variants it does not require parliamentary approval, moving ahead simply by being published in the Canada Gazette. Prime Minister Trudeau also promised in his Sunday briefing to go even further by introducing

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Emergency departments open as usual COVID-19 hasn't interrupted this vital service

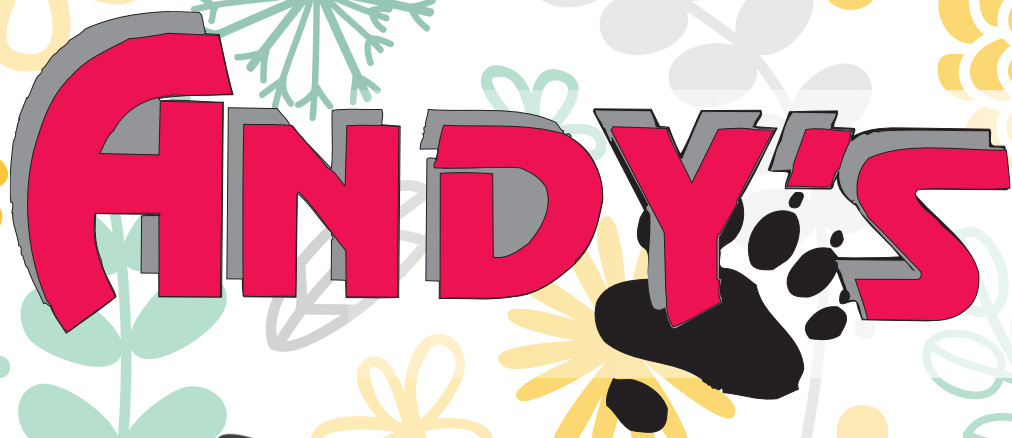
by Michael Erskine
MANITOULIN—Reports from members of the public that they have been told that the emergency departments at the Manitoulin Health Centre are closed has led to some confusion about the ability to access care in a medical emergency. To be clear, according to the MHC administration the emergency



departments at both Little Current and Mindemoya are most emphatically open.

The reports point to the wording of an automated message they received from the hospital's switchboard they said seemed to suggest the emergency departments were closed.

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District Service Board paramedics test more than 200 patients for COVID-19 at home

Officials explain the process and its significance

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—A new service from the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) has three teams of paramedics deployed throughout its service area to offer home testing for COVID-19, an important service that allows patients to remain safely where they live and reduces the testing load at hospital-based assessment centres.

The mobile testing service was first discussed on March 9 when Public Health Sudbury and Districts Medical Officer of Health Dr. Penny Sutcliffe partnered with Ontario Health and community partners to identify alternative methods of COVID-19 testing.

She identified that leveraging the community paramedic system would provide useful support during this time, a system pioneered by the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service.

“The last thing we want to do is bring someone who might have (COVID-19) into a health care facility and expose them to other people who are at risk or unwell, as well as health workers and the community as a whole,” said Rob Smith, chief of paramedic services at the DSB.

Planning began on March 9 and lasted until March 23, followed by three days of training (because this is a medically delegated act, meaning physicians have directed non-physicians to carry out a medical service). One of the DSB’s team members was part of the medical team that helped test the first plane-load of repatriated Canadians earlier this year at CFB Trenton, so they were able to aid the education.

On March 25, the first service team began working with the Espanola hospital to provide mobile tests in the LaCloche area, from the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers to Greater Sudbury on the mainland. Requests soon followed from Sudbury East (which includes areas such as Killarney, Markstay-Warren and St. Charles) and then the District of Manitoulin.

“If you think about Sudbury East especially, they don’t have a hospital system. Health Sciences North in Sudbury



Two Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB paramedics demonstrate the process of getting swabbed at a home appointment. If you suspect you may have COVID-19, call one of Manitoulin Health Centre’s assessment lines and the health care worker will determine whether you should be tested at home or at a designated screening site.

is their main referral hospital,” said Mr. Smith. “We’d be making them travel over 100 kilometres to get a (COVID-19) test done when we can leverage having paramedics in our communities to help do that.”

This especially impacts the at-risk population, including seniors, those with compromised immune systems and marginalized people with low incomes who cannot as easi-

ly drive long distances for testing.

“There are communities on Manitoulin Island that are isolating together as a community, so this stops them from forcing people or requiring people to leave that community for testing,” added Mr. Smith.

There are 142 full- and part-time paramedics within the DSB. The DSB asked every staff member about their interest in becoming a designated COVID-19 mobile test provider.

Filling the slate of six staffers proved to be difficult, albeit for a positive reason.

“That’s something I’m extremely proud of and it made it a difficult decision because so many people said they were willing,” said Mr. Smith. “We have a really strong group of personnel who will step forward and assist. They see what’s going on right now and they’ve stepped up to say, ‘how can I help?’”

The paramedics work in pairs of two. One paramedic dons all necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), but only what is necessary to safely complete the job, completes a screening of the patient and, if deemed to be appropriate, will conduct the test.

The other paramedic stands at a social distance and acts as a safety officer.

“Their role is to make sure that the exact same process is used in exactly the same way over and over, and to ensure that we don’t see any PPE breaches or protocol breaches, thereby keeping our medics and the patients safe,” said Mr. Smith.

The teams work eight-hour days from Monday to Friday, beginning at a staggered time between 8 and 10 am and working as late as 6 pm. Each of the three regions of the DSB has its own dedicated team.

Paramedic testing appointments are booked through the same process as calling one of the in-person assessment centres at Manitoulin Health Centre. If the hospital employee deems the individual would be best served by a home visit, they will arrange the appointment through the DSB.

“Paramedics can provide service, ensure that it’s done in

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M’Chigeeng grants Billings Township, Dawson and Robinson residents travel passes

M’CHIGEENG—On Wednesday, April 29, M’Chigeeng First Nation Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige distributed a memo to Manitoulin municipal leaders that shows what benefits there are to complying with her calls to declare an Island-wide state of emergency.

As was reported previously, M’Chigeeng, itself under a state of emergency, enacted a travel restriction for travellers coming through the community’s territory on Highway 540 and Highway 551.

A week later, Ogimaa-kwe Debassige said M’Chigeeng would be implementing a resident travel pass to allow passage through her

community.

“At this time we are offering this to permanent residents of Billings Township due to their declaration of a state of emergency,” the ogimaa-kwe writes. “We are also offering this to permanent residents of unorganized townships (Dawson and Robinson) as they do not have the ability to declare states of emergency.” (Unorganized townships do not have formally elected councils.)

Residents of those communities who wish to obtain the M’Chigeeng travel pass must fill out an enrolment form which requires name, address, phone number and vehicle information,

including licence plate number, as well as signing an acknowledgement form of M’Chigeeng’s protocols.

Further correspondence from Ogimaa-kwe Debassige to Manitoulin’s municipal leaders states that, “There is a growing need for everyone to start taking this matter more seriously in how we effectively protect Manitoulin Island during this global pandemic. In M’Chigeeng we were both shocked and very pleased that Billings had declared a state of emergency and is taking this matter seriously. We all know that this virus is going to get here and will have major impacts on our com-

munities.”

“We have instituted a non-essential travel ban in our community, and we have done so legally,” the ogimaa-kwe continues. “It does create an inconvenience; however, the reality is that the pandemic itself has created far greater inconveniences. For those who are unaware, Highway 540 through our community was never ceded to the province.”

“I continue to urge you all to declare states of emergency due to this public health crisis and to have greater ability in the future to work together to combat this virus, support the health care system and preserve human life,” she

adds. “We are still willing to set up a non-essential travel checkpoint at the bridge and our offer still stands. We are willing to work with other communities who declare states of emergency and their permanent residents within those areas.”

M’Chigeeng First Nation’s other neighbours, Northeast Town and Central Manitoulin, have both said they would not be declaring a state of emergency at this time.

Downloadable documents to apply for the travel pass can be found at Manitoulin.ca.

Province announces that certain businesses allowed to reopen under strict safety guidelines

TORONTO—The Ontario government is allowing certain businesses and workplaces to reopen as long as they comply with strict public health measures and operate safely during the COVID-19 outbreak. Those permitted to start up include seasonal businesses and some essential construction projects.

Last week’s announcement was made by Premier Doug Ford, Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, and Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health.

The Chief Medical Officer of Health has provided general recommendations on how the openings of businesses and workplaces could be implemented to support safe operations, including strict adherence to health and safety requirements.

“We are allowing certain businesses to reopen under strict guidelines because we are confident they can operate

safely and adapt to the current environment,” said Premier Ford. “While further reductions in the spread are needed before we can begin reopening the province, we have the right framework and the right workplace guidelines in place to do so gradually and safely.”

The government, in partnership with Ontario’s health and safety associations, has developed more than 60 guidelines in response to COVID-19. These sector-specific measures will help employers prepare their workplaces so they can be reopened safely and ensure workers, customers and the general public are protected.

By following the proper health and safety guidelines these businesses were permitted to begin operations on Monday, May 4: Garden centres and nurseries with curbside pick-up and delivery only; lawn care and landscaping; automatic and self-serve car washes; auto dealerships, open by appointment only; golf courses may prepare their courses for the upcoming season, but not open to the pub-

lic; and marinas may also begin preparations for the recreational boating season by servicing boats and other watercraft and placing boats in the water, but not open to the public. Boats and watercraft must be secured to a dock in the marina until public access is allowed.

Additional essential construction projects that include: shipping and logistics; broadband, telecommunications and digital infrastructure; any other project that supports the improved delivery of goods and services; municipal projects; colleges and universities; child care centres; schools; and site preparation, excavation and servicing for institutional, commercial, industrial and residential development are also now permitted.

“Ontario workers and businesses have shown exemplary co-operation and resilience throughout the course of this crisis,” said Minister Fedeli. “We’re beginning to ease

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Some Northeast Town capital projects have been shelved by council for 2020 construction season

by Alicia McCutcheon

NORTHEAST TOWN—Following a review of the three over-budget tender results for the Northeast Town’s Connecting Link project, council has put some capital projects on the chopping block for this year.

The tenders for the municipality’s Connecting Link project and other municipal work were opened April 8 and were made by: Algoma Bio-Septic, \$3,107,690.97; RM Belanger, \$3,537,088.50; and Pioneer Construction, \$3,799,004.20.

CAO Dave Williamson reminded council that the project included resurfacing the streets from Sims Street (by the Beer Store) to Worthington and Meredith Streets west to the Ministry of

Transportation building as well as repaving and the placement of new curbs on the portion of Manitowaning Road from the Hilltop Shell to the recreation centre.

The tender also included a secondary project, the replacement of a water and sewer line on portions of Meredith and Worthington streets (to be paid for by the residents of Little Current who use the water system) and the creation of a sidewalk from the Guardian Pharmacy to the Beer Store.

Of the three tenders received, Algoma Bio-Septic was disqualified as its math did not add up leaving Belanger with the winning tender.

Mr. Williamson explained to council that the roadwork alone

was budgeted at \$2.2 million.

“At these prices we just don’t have the money to carry out the project,” he said.

By removing the Sim Street

sidewalk and Worthington Road waterline replacement, the costs dropped to just over \$3 million.

Mr. Williamson also noted that it is unlikely that the new Tim

Hortons construction will commence any time soon and suggested deferring the Draper Street sidewalk for this year as well as

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Island municipalities evaluate, implement tax relief measures

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—In response to the financial strains imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, cities and municipalities across Canada have been requesting federal and provincial aid and trying to find ways to temporarily shelter their residents from some of their municipal financial responsibilities, including on Manitoulin Island.

The Expositor contacted all of the incorporated townships on Manitoulin to compile a snapshot of their relief measures at the current time.

Assiginack

Ratepayers in the Township of Assiginack will

face no penalties or interest fees on their current tax balance or any municipal utility bills. This measure was implemented by council near the start of the shut-downs.

“We’re waiting to see what the province does when they ease us out of it. We’ll be waiting to see and follow those best practices,” said CAO Alton Hobbs.

Billings

Council in the Township of Billings has not passed any municipal bill relief measures at this time. Its payment schedule is semi-annual, with those dates falling at the end March and at the end of August.

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editorial

The middle of a pandemic is no time for brinkmanship

Crisis calls for strong leadership and decisive action, but it is also a time when unity is of the utmost importance and that is most often accomplished through careful and considered diplomacy and negotiation, rarely through lines drawn in the sand and escalating retaliatory measures.

The middle of a crisis is a time when emotions run high and people tend more toward the hardening of positions and the making of snap decisions. The accompanying stress takes a devastating toll both on leaders and the general public, putting even more stress on those who would be peacemakers seeking to build bridges and find accommodation between groups with differing positions and interests. Too often the common ground that exists between groups is overlooked while points of contention are amplified.

Being a peacemaker in times such as these presents the most difficult of tasks, as often reason, the key building block of compromise, left the building some time ago. Crisis has a way of bringing along its cousins: hysteria, anger, despair and blame—none of which are much help when trying to build consensus.

The plain point of fact is that Manitoulin's numbers at the height of this first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic speak volumes for the Island's adherence to infectious countermeasures. Only two officially recognized cases have been identified on Manitoulin and those were a couple who came back from a trip to Australia and did everything right when they got home. That is an amazing accomplishment of which we can all be justifiably proud—but should not lead us into becoming complacent.

The point is, all of us, summer residents included, have been following the recommendations to maintain physical distancing and limiting our interactions with others by an overwhelming margin.

True, we would all like people to stay home and exhortations to that effect are legion, coming from all levels of government and health authorities alike.

Lately, several communities have taken it upon themselves to limit travel into and through their communities. In the case of those communities with only one way in and out, this was pretty simple to implement, did not require immense resources, could be done with relative safety and did not unduly impact other communities.

The decision to block travel on two provincial highways through the community of M'Chigeeng was not simple. It invades people's privacy without due authority, nor is it safe, as by many accounts not only are the rules on what the province or the federal governments lists as essential workers and travel not being implemented consistently, the "checkpoint" is also placing volunteers and the travelling public in unnecessary harms' way by utilizing inadequately trained volunteers. These comments will undoubtedly invoke loud and emotional pushback from supporters of the highway blockades.

On the other side of the coin, the community of M'Chigeeng has determined that many of those travelling through the checkpoints are people coming from off-Island communities; often enough, those travellers are coming from areas defined as hotspots for the pandemic. The residents of M'Chigeeng have a perfect right to be concerned and cannot be blamed for wanting to keep the virus out of their community.

But the truth is all too evident that the restrictions on travel are being bent, and in some cases ignored. The impact on M'Chigeeng

businesses are so significant that a pushback within the community has now broken ranks with the leadership and are opposing the travel restriction. A neighbouring municipality has declared a state of emergency, freely admitting it was not for any reasons of good government, but rather to show solidarity. That might have been a good course of action for other Island municipalities, but a joint declaration of emergency would have done little of substance to influence the province to allow a checkpoint at the swing bridge to turn back property owners.

Especially when it appears that other agendas are in play. M'Chigeeng's decision to only grant 'travel passes' to those from Billings and the unorganized townships is simple naked retribution being visited on the residents of other Island communities and is completely political in nature and even worse such actions are not likely to accomplish anything in the way of reconciliation between communities.

There is no evidence, period, that the virus could be transmitted by the occupants of a vehicle travelling on the highway through a community. The concerns of M'Chigeeng are focused on those who would travel into their community, stopping to conduct business or to visit people there, not on those travelling through to their own homes, in whatever Island community in which they live. But M'Chigeeng is also attempting to extend its authority to the rest of Manitoulin, and placing the burden of heavy traffic onto their neighbours as a side effect.

The Northeast Town's decision to appeal to the province to intervene in the dispute, and then to launch a news release to publicly make its case also comes across as a political move in a game of brinkmanship where statesmanship and quiet diplomacy might have been able to find a way through. Instead, the leadership of both sides are playing to the worst emotions being expressed in their respective communities. Like most disputes, both sides in the highway dispute claim exclusively that "right" is on their side, and as is the case in most escalations of disputes between politicians and their communities, it is the little folks who get hurt the most.

The inability to find a compromise solution to the concerns of the leadership of M'Chigeeng and the municipalities is a clear failure on the part of both leaderships. Instead of getting bogged down on who is right, who has the right and where God's toes might fall on the head of a pin, these are times when our collective leaderships should be finding a way forward that will meet the needs of both communities, or at least something both sides can live with.

This is a time when we all need to work together, and according to the plain truth demonstrated by the evidence at hand, the vast majority of both sides are doing just that—working together to keep us all safe.

It is time for our politicians to stop playing politics, base their decisions on the guidelines of medical authorities and find a way to work together to solve the present impasse.

As for the rest of us, let's ratchet down the rhetoric that is providing cover for those politicians in both camps seeking to take the easy way out by playing to populist sentiments. Let each of us take a deep breath, try to recognise that the other side might have some valid points and encourage our leaders to find solutions, not retributions.

Above all, try extremely hard to simply be... kind.

letters

A call to return to being a loving, caring, one-of-a-kind group

We must help each other in these stressful times and respect one another

To the Expositor:

I know we're all on edge because of this stupid virus, but this ain't how Islanders are supposed to be treating each other. We're a loving, caring, one-of-a-kind group of people in the world of all races, all ages, that live amongst

each other.

I know I'm not that traditional in my ways but even I know we're not following the Seven Grandfather teachings.

I hope and pray for this to be over, sooner the better I might add, but we must help each other

in these stressful times and respect one another's wishes or beliefs and get back to following these important teachings.

Miigwech,

Andrew Corbiere
 M'Chigeeng

A call on the Northeast Town mayor to support First Nations

Protect the Island from this highly contagious and deadly virus

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter to Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

Dear Mr. MacNevin,
 Ontario (and the world) is in a state of emergency due to a highly contagious and deadly COVID-19 virus, for which there is currently no cure.

The effort put into such a detailed letter to the Minister of Transportation to have them

intervene on First Nations legal rights and reopen Hwy 540 and 551 should rather have been put into a letter requesting closure to the Island at Little Current, permitting only permanent residents and essential travel only.

Please support the First Nations in protecting Manitoulin Island from this highly contagious and deadly virus. Please protect the permanent residents, healthcare workers, first responders and essential workers of Mani-

toulin Island.

It wouldn't be necessary for drivers to travel rugged road detours, if a concerted team effort was made to protect Manitoulin Island.

Thank you,

Donna Winter
 A non-resident from southern Ontario
 who enjoys vacationing on
 beautiful Manitoulin Island

The human impact of the M'Chigeeng travel restriction

Senior citizen describes the difficulty in gathering her essential supplies

To the Expositor:

I am a senior permanent resident of Billings Township. I pay five thousand dollars plus per year for property and water taxes. Being a senior, I am on a fixed income and have to be careful with what I spend. The M'Chigeeng travel restriction deems that I cannot get through to purchase groceries as it is non-essential. The prices for the groceries I shop for in Espanola are usually a third to half the price (on sale days) as compared to prices

on the Island, which I can't always afford.

The detour roads are very confusing to me. I got lost at one point and did not have cell phone service. I pulled over to the side of the road, sat in my seat and just cried. After pulling myself together, I continued driving and eventually found my way back home. I am sickened by the fact that I am not 'allowed' to use provincial Highway 540 to get to where I need.

My son tried to get through the next day so

he could buy the groceries for me. He was turned away and came back home. This just can't be right. I think the government and the law needs to be clear that public highways are for the public. Even in these trying times, permanent, tax-paying residents should have the right to travel on a provincial highway to a grocery store they can afford.

Sincerely,

Janet Smith
 Billings

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Day of Mourning thoughts from the bereaved mother of a young worker

**National Day of Mourning,
April 28, 2020**

This is a day to remember and honor our men and women living with a life-altering injury, an occupational disease or who have been killed on the job. It is a day to remember all those families impacted by workplace tragedies.

For these families, their lives have been turned upside down, their everyday struggles are many. Their goals, their dreams for the future for themselves, for their children, have been shattered.

They have lost a sense of normalcy. They live in an unexpected, unwanted world. They did not ask for this unplanned part of life's journey that sent them into untravelled territory. They struggle to navigate through the uncharted waters, struggling against the waves of emotions that pull them under until they feel an overwhelming sense of drowning in a sea of depression, pain, frustration, anger, memory problems, a feeling of numbness and always asking, "Why?"

Often, early in the loss, there is a feeling of a lack of purpose and wondering what is life all about. It takes time, understanding, love and support to help heal on this forever journey of grief.

Our workers are the backbone of our society. They are providing for themselves and their families and help keep our economy going.

No one intends to come home from work with a life-altering injury or an occupational disease such as asbestos poisoning.

No one intends to not come home at all.

We may think ourselves invincible, especially our young workers. We may think it could happen to the next guy but not to us. Our young workers are enthusiastic to have a job, make money, please their boss, and are afraid to refuse unsafe work. They may have had inadequate health and safety training and are unaware of the risks of the job. The incidence of death and injury in young workers is high, especially in the first six months of a job.

Our young workers are our

future. Parents should not have to bury their children.

Accidents are preventable: the cost of your job should not be your life. You have the right to say no to unsafe work.

Each of us has a responsibility to due diligence for our own safety and the safety of others.

A quote from a poem says it all: "I could have saved a life today, but I chose to look the other way. And with that act I let him die."

My son Brent Wade went to work Tuesday, November 9, 1999 and never came home. He was to be coming home on Friday for a family weekend, which turned out to be his visitation and a funeral service celebrating his life.

He was working in the construction field at the time of his death in Acton, Ontario. He was driving a fully loaded dump truck, geared down, going up a grade on a bright sunny morning, vision obscured by brush to his right and did not see the oncoming train. There were no bars at this railway crossing. I tried desperately to get

bars installed. There had been a number of close calls at this crossing prior to Brent's death but no one saw the need to fight for bars. The mayor of Acton assured me she was working on it. However, September 28, 2000, not even a year later, three young boys, ages 16 and 17, were travelling to school and they did not see the train. Now there are four crosses at this crossing and now there are bars. Such a senseless waste of four young men's lives, all because no one took the initiative to correct the problem before a death occurred.

Through Brent's death I am a member of Threads of Life, a national charitable organization that supports families impacted by workplace tragedies. I have been a member of this organization since it was founded by Shirley Hickman in London, Ontario in 2003. We are now supporting over 2,000 families across Canada. It is a safe place to be. It is an environment of love, understanding, compassion and friendship. Proactively, as public speak-

ers, we tell our stories about how the loss of our loved one has affected our lives hoping to increase awareness of the importance of health and safety within the workplace and reactively we are volunteer family guides that support family members one on one. Through this organization I have gained hope when hope was lost. It has helped me find inner strength that follows tragedy.

One death, one life altering injury is one too many.

Remember an almost incident, a piece of machinery or a switch that periodically malfunctions, is an accident waiting to happen; it could eventually lead to a loss of a limb or a death.

It is best practice to be proactive rather than reactive. Early intervention is an act of prevention. Wear your protective equipment, be a leader by example for health and safety at your work.

Come home safe! Come home! You are loved! You are needed by all those who love you!

**Joanne Wade
Sheguiandah**

more letters

An open letter to the chief and council of M'Chigeeng from a band member

Please revisit the band council resolutions for border closure orders

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter to the chief and council of M'Chigeeng First Nation and has been reprinted here at the author's request.

An open letter to M'Chigeeng First Nation chief and council:

I would like to present the following information in regards to the petition that has been circulating within our community. This information has been compiled based on consultation with many people here in M'Chigeeng First Nation (MFN).

Enforcing a non-essential travel ban along with a border closure in our community will not stop the COVID-19 virus. There are essential service workers coming to MFN and essential service workers leaving MFN and coming back on a daily basis. Their jobs need to continue for us to function as a society. Any one of them could carry this virus.

Community members in MFN are leaving the community every day for supplies and returning, not isolating for 14 days. There is no monitoring of this. There is no signage going out of the community, just coming in. We are somewhat self-sufficient, but not totally. There are supplies and services we do not have here that people are accessing.

There are supplies coming to our community every day that are essential for our survival: food, clothing parcels, mail, equipment, supplies, etc. It can travel on these things just as easy as it can on someone.

Just like a common cold and a flu virus, COVID-19 will inevitably reach our community. It's how we deal with it and its spread here that will show in our preparedness.

There are no confirmed active cases on Manitoulin Island, however we will never truly know this as COVID-19 can be carried asymptotically and we should be treating everyone as they may be carrying the virus.

Education training and preventative measures that stop its spread need to be implemented. How much education has been done one on one with elders to teach them how to protect themselves? We could be doing window visits and training with them as we drop off essential supplies like face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, groceries, etc. Teach them how to visit with their families through windows, social

media and look at what is not being safely done in their homes and help them correct it. Have the health professionals demonstrate in a window setting how they can clean their groceries. Demonstrate the proper use of gloves and masks and how to prevent cross contamination.

The above measures can and should be done with every household in the community.

In other First Nation communities in Ontario the band did mandatory training in all public and private businesses on reserve to help them put in safety measures in these businesses to protect their workers, the public and the prevention of spread of this virus.

We need to be cleaning surfaces in all places with public access several times a day, door knobs, handrails, parcels, mail, groceries we take into our homes and workplaces.

What orders have been put in place with regards to our essential workers and family members that work in our elders' homes and group residences. This is how this virus could potentially affect our most vulnerable people. These workers go home to their families at night. Some of them have kids. These kids are getting together, having friends over. There is little to no appropriate practices in place. This virus can be in our elders' homes so easily without measures in place.

Our people feel the community is safe because of the road closure. They have let down their guard and are not practicing good social distancing and personal hygiene measures that will keep them safe. You cannot put people in a bubble behind a barricade and expect them to learn how to protect themselves properly. It is producing a false sense of security.

I have had elderly people into my store to get things they need from every community, including First Nation communities like Wiikwemkoong and Sheshegwaning. Most come in with no gloves, no masks, no social distancing. They need tubes, tire repairs, parts for their chainsaws to cut wood, they need essential services open and accessible.

Some elders do not want a blockade on our community in any way shape or form. Since they went up they are defying suggestions to stay home and are standing up for

their right to live freely. This action at a time when they need to stay home to prevent COVID-19 spread.

Some people who have this virus can be asymptomatic (no signs or symptoms) and don't know they have it, don't know they are spreading it, including children.

People's independent actions are what will go a long way to helping contain this virus.

Up until the 1960s we had Indian Agents in our communities that gave passes to our people who qualified to leave. We fought for change, we fought for equality with the rest of Canada. We fought for reconciliation and we still have a long way to go. Then we turn around and try to fight a virus by doing the same thing to our own people. This creates increased trauma and can either produce or increase the risk of PTSD in our elders and community members.

There are levels of activation in pandemic planning and some of these steps, many involve closing side streets when there is a community spread outbreak in a region. We are at a very low level and with the number of cases we have (none at this point). It is hard to justify having to close a major thoroughfare, that is the primary access for all residents west of M'Chigeeng.

When will this end? Contact tracing can limit its spread, but it has gone to community spread in places like Sudbury. A vaccine is at least 12 to 18 months out, and then it has to be distributed world-wide. It's a scary thought but we are not here today.

Other considerations to look at that make a different approach favourable are below.

The following occurred during the first three days of doing the checkpoint closures: On the day of implementation of the checkpoints there was a failure to stop M'Chigeeng members of our community from leaving and going to Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Espanola, where they could have contracted the virus. This immediately made the checkpoints ineffective and the border closure band council resolution null and void as it violated the decision of council to keep members in. This error could have had legal repercussions as the closure was to go both ways; There was no consistent messaging to the people arriving at the checkpoints. There was largely no COVID-19 messaging and education; There were

racial comments made by people at the checkpoint representing M'Chigeeng First Nation; There were two women assigned at one time at one checkpoint creating very serious safety concerns. A male should have been assigned with a female for safety; Some of the checkpoints were manned by one person which happened a day or two into the border closure implementation; The checkpoint staff were not consistent in wearing PPE or abiding by COVID-19 safety protocols; The lead councillor was allegedly making discriminatory posts on social media changing the reason why M'Chigeeng implemented this in the first place; and COVID-19 messaging got lost and a lot of checkpoint volunteers were uneducated with the COVID-19 protocols and messaging; The checkpoint turned racial very quickly; Ontario is now opening up the economy creating greater challenges and safety issues for checkpoint people; There are threats earlier this week on Facebook that say they weren't going to let little girls tell them what they can or can't do and that they were going to run through checkpoints anyway; There were many vehicles who went through the checkpoints without stopping creating safety issues for those working. Some of the checkpoints were manned by one woman; Since the checkpoints went up more and more people are going out just to prove a point; The checkpoints didn't turn around MFN people leaving, creating discriminatory action; Checkpoint workers were brought in from out of town without being screened or isolating for 14 days; Checkpoint workers were seen shopping in other communities; The checkpoint staff have been unprofessional and portraying a very negative image since the start on Saturday.

Please consider making an attempt to revisit your actions that put the band council resolutions for the border closure orders in place and establishing a task force of people from this community that can help the community combat this virus effectively. There are many ready, willing and able to help.

Sincerely,

**Lisa Corbiere-Addison
M'Chigeeng band member**

A message from the UCCM Anishnaabe Police on the M'Chigeeng checkpoints

Our role as a police service to protect people and maintain the public safety of everyone.

M'Chigeeng First Nation has the inherent right to protect its community. The message across the board, from the federal, provincial and local governments is for everyone to stay home and stay put.

Essential workers are being allowed through M'Chigeeng to travel to work. We understand that this is an inconvenience to some people, however, we think if you were to become infected with COVID-19 that would be a much greater inconvenience.

Manitoulin is a small community and we have to work together and respect one another. These measures have been put into place to help protect all of Manitoulin. Everyone is doing their best during this time; things are very fluid and things change daily.

We do not have members of our police service stationed at the checkpoints, but we are responding to calls for service that are being called into the dispatch centre. Our enforcement focus remains on educating everyone about the travel order. Our officers have been stopping vehicles that are refusing to abide by the restrictions and we are having those discussions with people and ensuring that they understand they need to abide by what has been set in place. To date, our police service has not laid any charges. We have several statutes of law that we can use as enforcement tools, the Emergency Measures and Civil Protection Act and Trespass to Property Act, are examples. We are hoping that members of the public get the message. Manitoulin Island is a very unique place and we are fortunate that we have not had a mass outbreak of COVID-19 here. Let us all do our part to keep it this way.

Some of the charges people can face are below:

Trespass to Property Act:
2 (1) Every person who is not acting under a right or authority conferred by law and who (a) without the express permission of the occupier, the proof of which rests on the defendant (i) enters on premises when entry is prohibited under this Act, or (ii) engages in an activity on premises when the activity is prohibited under this Act; or (b) does not leave the premises immediately after he or she is directed to do so by the occupier of the premises or a person authorized by the occupier is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000. R.S.O. 1990, c. T.21, s. 2 (1); 2016, c. 8, Sched. 6, s. 1.

Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, offences and set fines:

Section 7.0.11(1)(a)
1. Fail to comply with an order made during a declared emergency (including failing to correctly identify oneself). Set Fine: \$750.
2. Obstruct any person exercising a power in accordance with an order made



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during a declared emergency. Set Fine: \$1,000.

3. Obstruct any person performing a duty in accordance with an order made during a declared emergency. Set Fine: \$1,000.

Manitoulin OPP arrests impaired driver

On April 30 at approximately 7:10 pm, officers

from the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) with the assistance of Manitoulin-Sudbury emergency medical services (EMS) responded to call for service at a residence in the Township of Central Manitoulin.

While on their way to the call, officers observed a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle failed to stop for police

when directed to do so. Officers continued to respond to the call for service and upon arrival located the same vehicle. Officers spoke with the driver and it was determined that alcohol had been consumed.

As a result of the investigation, Radoslaw Mroz, 41, from Central Manitoulin was arrested and charged with: operation while

impaired, alcohol and drugs; failure or refusal to comply with demand; and flight from peace officer, pursuit.

The accused was released on an undertaking and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on July 29.

Manitoulin OPP investigates family dispute

On April 25 at approximately 10:39 pm, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to a family dis-

pute in Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI).

As a result of the investigation, a 30-year-old from NEMI was arrested and charged with: assault; two counts of fail to comply with recognizance; and possession of firearm or ammunition contrary to prohibition order.

The accused was released on an undertaking and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on July 8.

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Classic hiatus!?

Unfortunately, as with most events that require some sort of social gathering, cancellation has been the order of the day. The same goes with the 2020 Mindemoya Classic. The Mindemoya Classic is a Run, Paddle and Pedal triathlon. It was slated for June 28 and would have been the 19th annual event for the organizers. In fact, all events for the Central Manitoulin Lions Club's Homecoming Weekend have been put off until 2021. Organizers, **Al** and **Andre** hope everyone can stay safe, stay fit and they hope to see you next year.

Call for officials

Of course, the Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) has their collective fingers crossed that a new hockey season is in the offing. With that prospect, it goes without saying that we will need more officials to make sure that a return to hockey is a seamless transition. As it was, last season saw many games being officiated by fewer officials. With another year passing and another cohort off to school there will be an even greater requirement to recruit a greater number of the game's essential pieces.

Granted, having been an official for many years it may not always be the most comfortable of positions. Overall, my recollections were very positive and were another way to be close to a great game. Despite the great need for refs, Manitoulin has produced officials who have moved up the ranks to preside over high level hockey. As mentioned a couple of weeks ago, **Deb McLeod-Topash** and **Gabe Hare** were both recognized by the NOHA with awards. Additionally, former Islanders "lining" in the NOJHL would be **Cole Dumond** of Gore Bay (working games in North Bay area) and **Nick Head-Peterson** (former summer Mindy resident who began reffing career in Mindemoya) is working games out of Sudbury and area. Providence Bay's **Michael Niven** has been doing top level games over in Kingston for several years. These people will all say that their experiences were rewarding. Give it a try!

Local sports

Organizer **Greg Lockeyer** is still holding out hope, if faint, that the Kids Ball Tourney in Mindemoya proposed for June 26-27-28 will still happen. Stay tuned, a decision will be made this week.

Where are they now?

Flashback time from my Dad, who has another colourful and memorable athlete. I'm sure many hockey fans on Manitoulin recall **Larry Swihart**, although you probably knew him as Chip or Chipper. To me, as coach he was always Chip. I don't know why he carried that moniker, but on the ice and in the dressing room he was always chipper in regards to his team-centered enthusiasm. No doubt much of that love of the game came from his late mother Sue who was an avid hockey Mom. She was always anxious to volunteer to help.

Chip began hockey in Mindemoya at an early age, no doubt tyke. I believe I started coaching him in peewee. To him, practice was as serious as the game itself. At that time he was a defenceman with a wicked slapshot. He was also strong in front of his own net and many an opposition player saw him from ice-level. He was a tough competitor. Body-checking was allowed in peewee at that time and Chip used it regularly. A good skater also, he would often rush the puck up ice. We had to put the brakes on him though as things sometimes dissolved when he hit the far blueline!

However he developed into a solid defensive D-man. When his bantam year arrived we had moved up a level in competition, to the Manitoulin-Northshore League. It seemed the better league, made Chip better. It definitely improved his hockey smarts. In the three years that the Dolomite Bantams played in that League, the opposition learned who Mr. Swihart was. He continued to be tough and his slapshot began to find the back of the net. He was a source of strength as we won three Silver Stick Regionals and therefore trips to Port Huron, Michigan and Sarnia where we won many more games than we lost. In addition to the on-ice fun, many former players will remember that the bus trips themselves were a bonding experience. Who can forget driver **Bill!**

When the team moved to the higher level NDHL, Chip was an important part of the transition. In our 2nd year we earned the League Championship over Valley East. Also, we again won the Silver Stick with Chipper (now moved to forward) launching the winning goal from just inside the blue line. Chip enjoyed being the hero!

Once his minor hockey years were over he moved to the USA (he had been born there). Lo and behold young Swihart joined the US Navy and sailed the high seas. When his tour of duty was over he ended up in South Bend, Indiana and married another athlete, **Candace Lorenz**, a fine figure-skater and eventually a national level skating coach, teaching for The Irish Figure Skating Club. Over the years her students have won numerous medals and were able to compete successfully out of State.

Soon, the young couple had two children, both boys. He made sure, with his wife's strong support, that their boys were multi-sport athletes. **Ben** and **Jake** were especially strong in hockey and ball. They won many a championship. When Ben and Jake were on the same high school team, Valpo High, the team managed to win the state championship and Chip was one of the coaches. He also successfully coached minor hockey in the Notre Dame area. After the championship year Jake was invited to skate for the University of Toledo Team. He now is also a top-notch referee. Little brother, Ben joined him at the university this past fall. Sports are definitely in the family's blood. Chip may have left the Island but the love of sorts followed him to Indiana.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR?
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Community gardens allowed to reopen

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—The Province of Ontario recently announced that community gardens would be allowed to reopen following the advice of local public health officials because they provide an important service to address food insecurity.

"These gardens are an essential source of fresh food for some individuals and families," stated part of a provincial press release issued April 25 that announced the reopening of community garden spaces.

"Local medical officers of health will provide advice, recommendations and instructions that the garden must meet in order to operate, such as physical distancing and cleaning and disinfecting commonly used equipment and surfaces," the release continued.

The push to reopen gardens has been ongoing since the restriction was enacted on March 30. When the government included community gardening spaces in their list of 'outdoor recreation facilities' that was to be closed, numerous community garden organizers, advocacy groups and local food movements began speaking out nearly immediately.

"I know a lot of the community garden membership and leaders in Manitoulin District were staying on top of all that advocacy work and doing some themselves by sharing petitions and speaking out," said Local Food Manitoulin project manager Kristin Bickell, who also heads up the Child Poverty Task Force at Noojmowin Teg Health Centre.

An open letter penned by the Ontario Community Growing Network to the Ford government



The province recently announced that community gardens can reopen in the interest of food security.

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urging the reopening of community garden spaces had more than 7,340 signatures by press time Monday. Several names were from Manitoulin Islanders.

"I think in the beginning it was a bit of an oversight to include community gardens in the list of restrictions, which is understandable because the province is having to make huge decisions these days," said Ms. Bickell.

There are 17 community gardens throughout the District of Manitoulin, with 11 communities being supported by Local Food Manitoulin for their garden spaces. Several families have come to rely on the fresh food provided by these spaces and many communities use the home-grown food in celebrations and special events (though perhaps not much this year) and plenty of the fresh food gets redirected to programs such as the Island's food bank and the Good Food Box program.

"Families have been using these plots year after year at this point. When they start to rely on a space like that for their household

to access seasonal healthy food sources, it does create an impact on how families access food, what they eat and how they cook," said Ms. Bickell. "That played into the advocacy work, sharing information about how we know there's a real dependence on these spaces."

All of the food that gets directed to food security programs like the food bank is extra food in addition to what would otherwise be available, offering families access to fresh food that's grown close to home in sustainable and healthy ways.

As part of its work, a committee at Noojmowin Teg is working to design specific protocols and signage that are customized for each growing space. This speaks to the direction from the province that each health unit will have to implement adequate protocols to manage these spaces.

"This will help to make sure that all community garden users can stay safe and healthy while accessing gardens this season," said Ms. Bickell.

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Addison said she is hearing from customers from across the Island who are being turned away by those running the highway checkpoints.



Lisa Corbiere-Addison blades and lawnmower parts—things that many Islanders require. She said

“If they come to a checkpoint and they say they’re going to BJ’s and Addison’s, they shouldn’t be denied,” she told The Expositor in a Monday interview, noting that besides tires and car repairs, the shop also deals in items like chainsaw

BJ’s and Addison’s has enacted strict health and safety protocols since March Break in their attempts to stave off COVID-19.

Ms. Addison is careful to say that she wishes to encourage chief and council in a positive way to do the right thing and re-think the travel order, suggesting the checkpoints be moved to the side streets in the community, such as has been done in Aundeck Omni Kaning, Sheguian-

dah and Whitefish River First Nations.

“It has turned into something that is not right,” Ms. Addison continued.

“I live in Silver Water,” she noted. “I’m hearing from the people of Silver Water who have been denied access after coming home from a medical appointment and who don’t know the backroads to get home.”

“We’re now at a point that it’s taken away from what we’re supposed to be

focussing on—the virus,” Ms. Addison said.

Ms. Addison said she’s happy to count Ogimaa-kwe Debassige as a friend and applauds her efforts. “She has worked her butt off to not only help the people of her community, but all of Manitoulin and she’s really taking a lot of flak right now.”

Ms. Addison said the petition is garnering good support from the community and she hopes to present it to chief and council at its

next meeting, likely this week.

“We need to focus on COVID-19 in a healthy way, respecting everyone’s rights,” she added, citing worries that tensions could possibly erupt into violence at the checkpoints.

Ms. Addison urges everyone, politicians and residents alike, to focus on the task at hand—battling COVID-19 and not one another.

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want to protect our families but we also need to remember the rule of law and that our actions, regardless of how well intended, can put others at risk. This (travel restriction) is not merely an inconvenience, it is a threat to the safety of the travelling public which needs to be addressed as soon as possible.”

While surveying the increase in traffic on Rockville Road Friday, where the detour from Highway 540 to Highway 551 traverses on its way to or from the Bidwell Road and Highway 540 east of M’Chigeeng (and other roads with which the Bidwell intersects), the mayor told The Expositor he felt compelled to act following last week’s announcement from Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige that allowed for Billings and Dawson and Robinson residents to apply for a travel pass to be used at any of the M’Chigeeng checkpoints. This was a direct result of Billings mayor Ian Anderson declaring a state of emergency in his community, something Ogimaa-kwe Debassige has been encouraging all of Manitoulin’s municipalities to do. As Dawson and Robinson are unorganized townships those residents do not have a council head who could declare a state of emergency.

“I continue to urge you all to declare states of emergency due to this public health crisis and to have greater ability in the future to work together to combat this virus, support the health care system and preserve human life,” Ogimaa-kwe Debassige told Manitoulin’s municipal leaders in a recent memo. “We are still willing to set up a non-essential travel checkpoint at the bridge and our offer still stands. We are willing to work with other communities who declare states of emergency and their permanent residents within those areas.”

“I think it’s not worth the risk,” Mayor MacNevin said of the M’Chigeeng checkpoints, “and I’m disappointed that the MTO has not made the effort to respond to us.” The mayor noted that it wasn’t until Friday, following the issue of the press release, that the MTO said they would set up a meeting with the municipality. But as of press time Monday, the Northeast Town had yet to hear from the ministry. “I feel we’re being ignored,” the mayor said.

“We need to have a conversation with Chief Debassige

and the First Nation that’s not just on that one thing—closing the bridge,” he added, pointing to the success of the community checkpoints in Whitefish River First Nation. “Unlike First Nations, we don’t have the legal ability to do that (enact travel restrictions/orders).”

Mayor MacNevin said he has deep concerns with M’Chigeeng offering travel passes to some (Billings and Dawson and Robinson) but not others. “You go by our rules you can travel; you don’t, you can’t,” he said of the chief’s response to declaring a state of emergency.

Mayor MacNevin said he is always concerned about the relationships between Island communities, however “dialogue would be good. There’s been no attempt to come up with a common solution...A conversation would help—I look forward to that.”

The Bidwell Road to Rockville Road has seen a large increase in traffic and there are many confused drivers who are not familiar with the backroads of Central Manitoulin and the Northeast Town. This also raises concerns for the mayor as the roads are not equipped to deal with high levels of traffic, especially big truck traffic as half-load restrictions are currently in place.

In a letter to Northeast Town residents dated May 1, the mayor addresses why he has not declared a state of emergency. “Currently we are working within the framework of a provincially declared state of emergency, so declaring a state of emergency at the local level would serve no meaningful purpose. The main things that change when we declare a state of emergency is that we can access more resources from outside of the community and as mayor I can make some decisions without the prior approval of council...The reality is at this time we do not need additional resources from outside of the community and council and I am ready and available to participate in the deci-



Mayor Al MacNevin

...Liberals move forward with ban on assault rifles

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municipally-ordered handgun bans and tightened border security through new legislation to be introduced in Parliament.

“These weapons were designed for one purpose and one purpose only: to kill the largest number of people in the shortest amount of time,” said the prime minister in making the announcement. “There is no use and no place for such weapons in Canada.”

The news doesn’t sit at all well with local sports equipment retailers who are struggling to stay afloat during the pandemic restrictions.

“To me it is just a pile of horseshit,” shared Up Top Sports Shop owner Blaine Williamson, pulling few punches when contacted about the ban on Monday. Mr. Williamson said that he was still “digesting” the information, having looked over the list of banned rifles over the weekend and couldn’t comment on how the ban will impact his business yet, but said he felt certain from what he had seen that it would likely result in even more bankruptcies in the country than were already in the works.

Mr. Williamson said that his short assessment of the list of banned rifles revealed some startling facts. “This isn’t just semi-automatic rifles and it’s a lot more than just the 1,500 on that list,” he said. “It includes all the variants. There are 22s on that list, bolt action rifles, single shot, it’s crazy.”

Mr. Williamson also questioned the timing of the ban.

“Right in the middle of a pandemic,” he said. “That’s politicians for you, never let a good tragedy go to waste.”

The long-time sports equipment retailer noted that the ban will not go unchallenged and that the National Firearms Association is already aiming its sights on legal action. “(The federal gun ban) violates international trade agreements,” he points out. “There are a lot of these guns that are legally imported into the country but retailers, they can’t just send them back. Who is going to pay for all of this? There are going to be a lot of bankruptcies from all of this, and for what? Who does this satisfy?”

Mr. Williamson said he believes that the ban only targets law-abiding gun owners and that it will not meet the needs of urban dwellers concerned about gun crime in their cities.

“They are still shooting up Toronto,” he said. “This ban isn’t going to do anything about that.”

The prime minister did not outline a timeline for the new legislation to be put before Parliament, suggesting it would only be “when Parliament allows.” He acknowledged that his government has “more work to do” when it comes to guns in Canada, going on to cite legislation on the border, gun storage and handguns.

“We know there is more to do on strengthening gun control in this country which is why we’re going to be moving forward when Parliament allows it with stronger measures around borders, stronger measures around safe storage,” Prime Minister

Trudeau said. “Measures around handguns to permit municipalities to ban handguns within their city limits.”

As for his take on the proposed legislation to allow municipalities to ban handguns, Mr. Williamson did not hold back his scorn. “They are passing the buck to the cities to do something they don’t have the (parts) to do,” he said. “This will basically tell people they have to pick up and move. What is the point of that? It isn’t going to solve anything—criminals are not going to abide by them anyway.”

“We are happy to see the government move forward with the promises they made during the election,” said NDP public safety critic Matthew Dubé during a media scrum broadcast on CPAC. NDP leader Jagmeet Singh had called on the government in August to implement immediate powers for municipalities to ban handguns within their boundaries. Mr. Dubé said the NDP also has questions on cost and implementation of the legislation, but now they have something concrete from the government coming up that can be worked on in committee.


Meanwhile, gun control advocates such as Heidi Rathjen, a survivor of the 1989 École Polytechnique massacre and co-coordinator of PolyRe-movers (a gun-control advocacy group comprising students and graduates of Université de Montréal engineering program) express mixed feelings toward the announcement—particularly the

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Manitoulin Secondary School


PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Cortes
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



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Before coming to MSS, Sabrina attended A. B. Ellis Public School in Espanola. She participated in a number of sports including volleyball, basketball, baseball, soccer, cross country and track and field. She also played hockey with the Little Current Flyers until peewee, then she started playing for her school team, A. B. Ellis. She has continued playing sports in high school. In her Grade 9 year at MSS, Sabrina has played on the basketball team as a forward, she played badminton and she also played on the volleyball team. This year she had an injury during the volleyball season so she’ll be excited to be injury free next year for volleyball as well as basketball. Outside of school, she also enjoys playing tennis and golf.

Sabrina enjoys all sports, as she goes from one season to the next. She enjoys building her skill level and working up to achieve a new goal. This year, Sabrina went to NSSSA with her basketball team, and with her volleyball team, won NSSSA and placed 3rd at NOSSA.

Sabrina’s talents expand to her academics as well. In school, her favourite subjects are Science and Phys. Ed. Science because she enjoys the labs and learning about interesting things, and gym because it keeps her active. While she doesn’t yet know what career path she will take after high school, she knows she would like to attend college or university, and continue to play sports there.


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...Island municipalities evaluate, implement tax relief measures

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Because of the long time horizon before the next billing cycle, township CAO Kathy McDonald said she has begun considering the merits of various relief options and will be able to provide her recommendations on the subject to council at a later date, before the next round of bills are issued.

Burpee and Mills

Similar to Billings, no measures have been implemented yet. The township's tax bills come out in August, leaving more time to see how the world changes before that date.

Central Manitoulin

At its April 23 meeting, Central Manitoulin council extended its deadline for taxes, water and sewer and registration until June 30. The measures enacted will be reconsidered at some point in June, said CAO Ruth Frawley.

Gordon/Barrie Island

The Township of Gordon/Barrie Island has yet to finalize its 2020 budget and tax rates. It, too, operates on a once-annual billing cycle that does not come due until the fall, so no tax relief measures have been implemented at this early time.

Gore Bay

The Town of Gore Bay has not implemented any universal deferrals for payments, although these were considered. Instead, the town is preparing to work with individual ratepayers who request assistance with their payments on a case-by-case basis.

"So far, we have had a few requests for deferring lease payments which have been granted," stated Clerk Stasia Carr in an email to The Expositor. "It is a difficult time for many. Gore Bay historically has tried to work with its ratepayers to work out a resolution that is acceptable to all parties considering taxation. This will not change."

Northeast Town

Council in the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has voted to extend the payment deadlines on its interim tax bill's second installment and on its water and sewer bills. The extension runs for 90 days and no interest will accumulate during that time and the estimat-

ed cost will be \$80,000.

"It will afford (ratepayers) the opportunity to pay those when they can and take some of the financial stress off of them, especially in the immediate term when we're all dealing with this transition," said Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson.

"It does offer very practical relief. The other thing it does is that by having no interest accumulating, it will save people money because some good folks are compelled to pay these bills over months," he added.

Tehkummah

The Township of Tehkummah has not implemented any municipal payment relief measures at this time. Its spring billing cycle came due last week and the next one will occur in the fall, similar to several other Island municipalities.

Clerk-administrator Silvio Berti said the township's own bills have not changed, such as for paramedic services, so the township is still required to cover those costs. He added that Tehkummah would be watching for directives from higher levels of government and acting on those recommendations.

Premier agrees in principle with seasonal resident tax breaks

Ontario Premier Doug Ford has been having discussions with mayors from the main 'cottage country' areas of the Toronto population, such as Muskoka, about whether or not seasonal residents should have to pay their full tax amount if they are not using their properties.

At his May 4 press conference, Premier Ford responded "I agree with you" to a CHCH reporter's question about whether cottagers unable to access properties should get some of their taxes back.

Seasonal resident property access has been strongly discouraged at this point, rather than being banned outright.

However, the premier indicated those restrictions may not be in place long-term, should numbers continue trending downward.

"By May the 24th, hopefully the numbers are going to continue coming down. We're going to have a heart-to-heart conversation this week with the mayors (of 'cottage country'). There's only so long you can hold back taxpayers from going to their cottages," said Premier Ford.

...DSB paramedics test more than 200 patients for COVID-19 at home

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an extremely safe manner and that they can do it in a manner that limits any risk of exposure for the patient or anyone else in the community," said Mr. Smith.

By only having one of the two testers don full PPE, the service is able to conserve its supplies while maintaining safety. Mr. Smith said provincial sources and other agency partners have been very helpful in securing these items and the DSB has a four-and-a-half-week supply on hand.

Last week, the DSB hit the milestone of having tested 200 patients through its service. The responses have been quite positive to date.

"Patients are happy that they can have this service within their own homes without having to travel long distances, especially if they're not feeling well. The feedback from our community partners like municipalities and the

health care sector has all been extremely positive, too," said Mr. Smith.

All of this testing carries a cost. DSB CAO Fern Dominelli said the hourly rate for a paramedic can reach levels close to \$39 per hour for a 42-hour week, meaning a weekly staffing cost for the six individuals could be close to \$10,000. Then, there's the cost of supplies and ambulance expenses.

Ontario paramedics were also recently classified under the category of health care workers who will receive pay bonuses for their efforts in controlling COVID-19.

"There is a cost to this but we think that at the end of the day, this will prevent the spread of COVID," said Mr. Dominelli. "We are providing a valuable service, especially for seniors who might be afraid or unable to leave their home."

Despite taking six paramedics off their regularly assigned duties to be

COVID-19 testers, Mr. Smith said the DSB has been able to maintain its existing paramedic service levels.

This may be partly due to people being reluctant to visit health care providers because of pandemic fears. Several Ontario hospitals and paramedic services have reported downturns in their patient volumes; however, Mr. Smith said those volumes have not dropped significantly for this DSB.

Mr. Dominelli and Mr. Smith both stressed that anyone who needs medical help should seek it, regardless of any worries they may have.

As Ontario begins to plan its economic re-opening alongside other provinces, health experts warn that the best way to ensure success is through increased testing. Otherwise, models show that a second spike in cases—possibly worse than this first peak—could easily occur.

That additional testing is something the DSB has been discussing to determine how it may be able to help.

"As business starts going back to normal and we're figuring out what that means, it could mean more testing. We're meeting the level of community need at present, but if more testing is needed we will have to revisit it," said Mr. Dominelli.

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Nursing homes report adequate PPE supplies

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—With new and more stringent protocols being implemented almost daily in Island long-term care facilities and in massive volumes of deaths occurring in nursing homes where the virus has managed to infiltrate and spread, The Expositor reached out to local long-term care homes to see where they stand in regards to their supply of personal protective equipment (PPE). The news coming back was heartening as all three homes report that they have adequate supplies of PPE and remain free of COVID-19.

Testing of both staff and residents is currently underway in each of the homes and results are anticipated within a couple of days.

“Actually, our supplies are pretty good,” said Cheryl Osawabine-Peltier, administrator of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home. “Especially when you consider all of our staff are required to wear masks while on duty. Our supplies are holding pretty good.” While the homemade masks the nursing home acquired from the community can’t be used by the staff on duty, “they have to be surgical masks,” said Ms. Osawabine-Peltier, the custom masks have been useful for staff going to the grocery store or conducting other tasks within the community.

“To date, we have been able to maintain all of our PPE stocks to ensure that



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our staff are properly equipped to safely care for our residents in accordance with the stringent health and safety protocols mandated by public health,” said Stephanie Barber, community relations coordinator for the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay responding to an emailed query. “While directives surrounding PPE are rapidly changing, we have and continue to maintain strict adherence to all practices mandated by our governing bodies, while proudly exercising good stewardship and appropriate usage of PPE. Manitoulin Lodge was also proactive in ensuring all staff use masks while in our home before it was required and continues to strive to take every precaution to further safeguard our trusted residents, family members, staff and the Gore Bay community.”

Manitoulin Centennial Manor is also holding its own when it comes to PPE, according to administrator Tamara Beam. “We are doing alright,” she said. “Especially now that the other supplies, disinfectants and cleaning materials are coming in again. Even if the nursing home

were to fall to below a seven-day supply, the province has a backstop warehouse full of supplies the Manor could access in a pinch.”

The Manor is also starting the testing of its staff and residents this week. “Our swabs have come in and we will be starting to test this week,” she said. The testing should be complete at the Manor by week’s end.

All three Island long-term care homes are now holding a regular conference call with the hospital to ensure close co-operation and a rapid response should the virus appear in any of the homes. Contingency plans are in place with hospital nursing staff on deck to provide support as needed to the nursing homes in the event of an outbreak.

The Manitoulin Health Centre is also holding its own when it comes to PPE and hospital CEO Lynn Foster said the drop-in emergency department visits occurring during the pandemic has actually lightened the load somewhat when it comes to the rate at which the two sites are going through PPE supplies. The efforts of local community members to provide custom cloth masks for caregivers and home kits are also a welcome boon.

All in all, the situation remains positive, even if somewhat trying for both staff and residents with the strict new protocols in place.

...Northeast Town capital projects have been shelved

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the Green Bay Road project (grade raise and guard rails) and the Meredith Street drain. This, as well as using \$150,000 from the working capital reserve, can make the Connecting Link project work, he explained.

“We have \$2 million in (government) funding and a timeline to do it,” the CAO said.

Councillor Jim Ferguson said that since the municipality has been given the funds they had better use them and noted that the traffic should be lighter too, which could be helpful. Councillor Ferguson said that while he’d like to see the Draper Street sidewalk move forward, he’s in favour of the CAO’s proposal.

Councillor Laurie Cook asked about shelving the Meredith Street drain project. Mr. Williamson replied that the drain cannot be done at this time as it is tied up in tribunal hearings.

The sewer line from the Meredith Street intersection to the hospital comes in at \$162,000 which will come from a reserve created by the sale of the municipality’s Booseneck subdivision lots. Replacing Meredith Street’s aging cast iron water line will cost \$394,192 from the Little Current water reserve which will leave \$600,000 remaining in that reserve.

A motion accepting staff’s recommendation on how to proceed with the Connecting Link project, and other capital projects, passed.

The Northeast Town’s 2020 construction projects are: Connecting Link: resurface and replace curbs on Meredith Street, Worthington Street and Manitowaning Road including upgrades to the sewer and water on Meredith Street, Belanger Construction, \$3,033,320 (plus HST); Green Bush Road: widening, culverts and hard surfacing, JI Enterprises, \$480,000; and the lagoon expansion, Algoma Bio-Septic Inc., \$1,719,058 (plus HST).

...Province announces some businesses re-openings

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restrictions on select businesses as we carefully and methodically re-open Ontario’s economy and continue together on our path to renewed prosperity.”

Although certain businesses are being permitted to reopen, it is critical that people continue to stay home, practise physical distancing and only go out for essential reasons, to pick up groceries, prescriptions or to keep a medical appointment. It is through these simple actions that Ontario is making progress to stop the spread of COVID-19.

“As we begin planning for the next phase of our fight against COVID-19, Ontarians should continue to stay home as much as

possible to ensure we stop as quickly as possible the spread of this virus,” said Minister Elliott. “While we have made tremendous progress in our shared battle against this new virus, we are not done yet. We need to keep up the fight by continuing to practice physical distancing and good hygiene habits.”

On April 27, the government released ‘A Framework for Reopening our Province,’ which outlines the criteria Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts are using to advise the government on the loosening of emergency measures, as well as guiding principles for the safe, gradual reopening of businesses, services and public spaces.

While the government remains in Phase One of

Ontario’s Action Plan in response to COVID-19, ‘Protect and Support,’ allowing certain businesses and workplaces to open under strict guidelines demonstrates the government’s commitment to balance the needs of the economy with the health and safety of the people of Ontario.

“People’s efforts are paying off and we can see a light at the end of the tunnel,” said Minister Phillips. “Our response has always been based on the current status of the outbreak in our province, and on what makes sense for Ontario. To be clear we haven’t moved into the reopening phase of our response to COVID-19. Not yet. But based on the best public health advice available to us, we are a step closer.”

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The pandemic did not stop observance of the National Day of Mourning

The day holds particular significance with so many essential workers serving on the front lines of the pandemic

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—It has been decades since Brent Wade, son of Joanne Wade of Sheguiandah, lost his life while driving a truck through a level railway crossing with poor visibility and the pain of her loss has been with her every day since. Ms. Wade has channeled that pain into trying to help others in dealing with the loss of a loved one or the catastrophic impacts of a life-changing workplace injury through the Association for Workplace Tragedy Family Support, aka The Threads of Life.

The National Day of Mourning is observed on April 28, but this year the normal is no longer the norm when it comes to ceremonies aimed at supporting families after a workplace fatality, life-altering injury or occupational disease.

“In a normal year, many of our speakers share their stories and many of our family members attend ceremonies to honour workers affected by workplace tragedy and many of our partner organizations host events and ceremonies,” noted Shirley Hickman, executive director and founder of the Threads of Life. “In light of COVID-19, in person ceremonies did not happen this year. Instead, Threads of Life shared a short video on our Facebook page and YouTube channel on April 28.”

Those posts featured the Threads of Life executive director sharing a little of her own story of her son Tim’s death, and showed her lighting a candle.

“In years past we have held a memorial service at the Manitoulin Legal Clinic where we could have speakers and take part in the lighting of candles for our loved ones,” shared Ms. Wade. Local dignitaries and survivors would gather and share some of their own stories and thoughts about the importance of workplace safety and the impacts of loss.

Ms. Wade travels the province to Day of Mourning events, usually sharing her story as a speaker to groups of workers. “I try to impart the importance of workplace health and safety, especially to younger workers,” she said. Youth have a tendency towards thinking things will never happen to them, she noted. “They are inexperienced, and they want to do a good job and impress their employers and colleagues,” she said. “Unfortunately, too often safety takes a back seat with younger workers and they may eschew the proper safety equipment and allow themselves to be pressed into performing unsafe work.”

For Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha the Day of Mourning and the following international workers’ day on May 1 hold special meaning due to his long association working in the labour movement.

“During this terrible pandemic, it is unfortunate that we cannot gather



Threads of Life speaker Joanne Wade delivers a heart-felt keynote presentation to EACOM workers.

to witness in person the true devotion and support that we have all around us,” said Mr. Mantha. “Nonetheless, in our hearts we can stand in solidarity with workers across Ontario and Canada in marking an especially solemn and painful National Day of Mourning. On this day, our minds and hearts are with the thousands of health care workers, public health staff, first responders, pharmacy and grocery store staff, farmers, truckers, supply chain workers and many, many others. These are true heroes and when COVID-19 pandemic is over let’s never go back to not appreciating them—let’s never let them be taken for granted again.”

“Everyone has their own personal journey when they suffer the loss of a family member or they or a loved one are struck by a life-altering occupational injury,” said Ms. Wade. “Not

everyone wants to share or be involved in a group—some just want to be left alone to deal with it in their own way.”

But for those who do wish to reach out, Ms. Wade said that she wants them to know that the Threads of Life has resources and support ready and waiting to provide a helping hand.

As for her own journey, Ms. Wade notes that it is hard for those who have never suffered such a loss, or who have never had a family member impacted by a life-altering occupational injury, to fully understand the weight of that impact on the shoulders of those who have.

She gave an example of a friend who would lose patience with her while she was attempting to deal with the loss of her son Brent. “She would say that I had to get over it, to move on with my life,” she recalled. Sev-

eral years later, that friend suffered her own loss. “She came to me and apologized, saying ‘I didn’t realize,’” recalled Ms. Wade. “You don’t truly realize it until it happens to you.”

Ms. Wade said that her work now is aimed squarely at trying to ensure that occupational fatalities, injuries or diseases are not visited upon anyone else, and to raise awareness of health and safety issues that are too often ignored by those with the power to make changes.

She recalled the battle she had to convince the mayor of the community in which her son lost his life to deal with the issues at the level crossing. It wasn’t until another tragedy struck at the same location killing three young people that action was taken.

“Now there are four small white crosses where there shouldn’t be any,”

...Liberals move forward with ban on assault rifles

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grandfathering of existing weapons and the absence of a promised mandatory buy-back program.

“That means tens of thousands more weapons will remain in the hands of current owners,” she told the media. “Friday’s ban includes a two-year amnesty period for current owners, while making the general use and trade of assault weapons illegal. But it doesn’t forbid owning them.”

“For many families, including Indigenous people, firearms are part of traditions passed down through generations,” said Prime Minister Trudeau, asserting that the ban is not aimed at hunters. “The vast majority of gun owners use them safely and in accordance with the law, whether it be for work, sport shooting or collecting or for hunting. But you don’t need an AR-15 to bring down a deer.”

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she said. “It shouldn’t have to be after the fact that something gets done.” Ms. Wade urges everyone to speak up and demand action when there is an

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...Emergency departments open as usual

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“There is no question at all,” said MHC CEO and president Lynn Foster. “The emergency departments at both the Little Current and the Minde-moya sites are open 24/7.”

Ms. Foster noted that there has been a significant drop in cases presenting at the emergency departments but went on to point out that phenomena is not limited to the Island and not necessarily due to the message they have received when calling the hospital. Visits to emergency rooms across the province are down significantly since the COVID-19 virus first made an appearance in Ontario.

“A number of communities are seeing reductions (in emergency department visits),” confirmed Ms. Foster. “That may be because of some community members who hold back because of the COVID-19 virus, or maybe that folks are reluctant to go out in the community or to a facility where they are likely to come in contact with people who are ill.”

The confusion may have come about from people being asked to call into the hospital if they are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.



Things are relatively quiet in the emergency departments of the Manitoulin Health Centre, but both locations are, and have been, open throughout the pandemic, albeit with careful protocols in place.

For that there are two assessment centres set up on Manitoulin, one in Little Current open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 5 pm and Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Minde-moya.

“Our doors are open,” said Ms. Foster. “They always have been. There are safety measures in place to ensure the safety of other patients and staff, but the door to the emergency department is not locked.”

So, if a person thinks they may have a broken limb and show no symptoms of the virus, they should just go to emerg

photos by Michael Erskine they way they always have? “Absolutely,” said Ms. Foster.

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logue about potential solutions and arrange for lobbying efforts if needed. It is not a decision-making body and instead allows for less formal discussions on measures that might be beneficial for member municipalities.

It has always had an understood 'open door' policy for First Nations to come and speak at the meetings, an offer that has been taken up by a handful of Island First Nations during this pandemic.



UCCMM Tribal Chair Patsy Corbiere

restriction because traffic was detouring on his municipality's roads that were not up to highway standards. He also shared concern about the authority to restrict traffic on a provincial highway.

Both before and after the letter, the wild west of social media had been a powder keg of polarized commenters with aggressive opinions on the travel restriction and the prospect of seasonal visitors coming to Manitoulin this summer.

With the relatively small yet deeply connected social world on Manitoulin Island, any actions by a community resonate deeply with their neighbours. Given this unique quality, UCCMM lawyer Julian Falconer said he was shocked there was no coordinated response plan already in place.

"What's being offered is clearly an olive branch designed to protect people. That's a far cry from the negativity, including the notion of calling in the province, that is being

bandied about," said Mr. Falconer at a Monday afternoon press conference about the new committee.

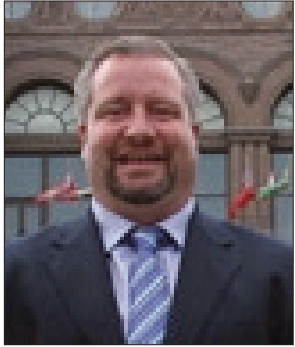
Chief Corbiere said the committee is expected to have eight members, including an equal number of First Nation and municipal representatives and also experts in public safety and health.

The terms of reference for the committee have yet to be written but there is considerable interest in pursuing the model. Mayor MacNevin has expressed his willingness to be a municipal representative, should he be requested to join.

"We want to focus on health, not politics," said Chief Corbiere, adding that the way the Island responds to COVID-19 may have a lasting impact on tourism for years to come. "I think good things will come out of the committee but it needs to be formed, we need to agree to it and there needs to be equal representation."

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha was also at the Monday press conference and said he supported the committee because he felt respectful dialogue was the only way to move forward constructively. He offered his assistance as an MPP to help promote the health and security of Island communities.

MMA chair Ken Noland did not respond to a request for comment by press time Monday.



Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha

Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin agreed that the MMA is designed to address municipal issues, just as UCCMM is designed for the needs of its six constituent First Nations.

Tensions have increased in recent weeks since the start of a travel restriction in M'Chigeeng that has caused traffic snarls for Indigenous and non-Indigenous travellers alike.

Mayor MacNevin issued an open letter to the Ministry of Transportation last week denouncing the



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COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

RN discovers sourdough diversion in isolation

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—Noojmowin Teg Health Centre registered nurse and certified diabetic education worker Kendra Recollet is hunkered down with her family while on maternity leave and with three boys, aged six, three and five months, social isolation has been largely the name of the game for quite a while now. Casting about for something adult-ish to do while at home, Ms. Recollet recalled her love of baking.

As anyone who has visited a grocery store lately knows only too well, standard yeast has become a highly desired commodity—seems a lot of folks have re-discovered baking. But the apparent yeast drought doesn't phase Ms. Recollet in the least, not since she discovered the wonders of sourdough baking.

"I have always loved baking," said Ms. Recollet over the phone when contacted by The Expositor, "more so pies and cookies. I haven't ever been much of a bread baker, but I came across this online post about how to make sourdough and just decided to go with it."

Ms. Recollet explains that instead of using store-bought yeast, the process of sourdough bread-making utilizes the natural bacteria in flour, water and air to create the leavening. "You take a cup of flour and water and essentially just mix them up together in a jar with a loose lid. Every day you take half of it out and refeed it more flour and more water.

The process is repeated again and again until the mixture is strong enough to use for baking.

"It takes about seven to nine days," said Ms. Recollet. "You will see it rising in the jar. When it doubles or a little bit more I put an elastic around the jar."

The key test comes when she takes a small piece of the mixture and puts it in a bowl of water. "If it floats it is

good to go," she said. "But you have to keep feeding it. Some people will put it in the fridge to slow it down so they can use it later." The cooling slows the process down and allows the mixture to last longer between baking sessions.

Ms. Recollet said she tried regular all-purpose flour at first, but swiftly found that to be less optimal than specific bread flour. "There is all-purpose flour, cake flour and pastry flour," she said. "The cake flour has more proteins in it." She found getting the right kind of flour challenging.

"I tried the Island Jar (in Little Current) for some Loon Song flour, but they were out," said Ms. Recollet. "I found a mill in Arva (just outside London, Ontario) and they had flour they were willing to ship me." This was all well before the COVID-19 pandemic had hit Canada.

Having sampled the high quality flour from the Arva mill, Ms. Recollet said that she would have a hard time going back. "It's a much better quality; it's a good thing I have a lot of it on hand," she laughed.

The bake uses whole wheat flour. "Whole wheat flour is more likely to have the natural wild yeasts in its makeup," she said. But if whole wheat flour is not to be had, all-purpose flour can still work, it just might take a bit longer.

After trying out the simple recipes she came across, Ms. Recollet started to become more adventurous in her baking forays. One recent experiment used

an infusion of Earl Grey tea and figs.

"It was really good!" attested Expositor editor Alicia McCutcheon, who got an opportunity to try the bread out.

Other infusions on the to-do list include jalapeno and chocolate and cinnamon raisin. "I don't like raisins myself, but I know other people do," laughed Ms. Recollet. Still, said she finds the classic sourdough is still her

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Noojmowin Teg nurse and diabetes educator Kendra Recollet has fused art and sustenance with her take on a popular online movement centred around sourdough.



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Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane launches powwow culture book

by Warren Schlote

CALGARY—Wiikwemkoong dancer, author and educator Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane is set to release her new book, 'Powwow: A Celebration through Song and Dance,' an educational title targeted toward younger readers that contains important knowledge for audiences of all ages and backgrounds as part of Orca Publishing's 'Orca Origins' series about cultural celebrations around the world.

"I recently taught a required aboriginal education course at the University of Alberta, and it was shocking to see the limitations of what people know (about Indigenous peoples in Canada). That formed the context of writing this book, writing for that audience," says Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane.

The 88-page title is full of rich, colourful photographs and it tells a story about powwow culture as well as the history of Indigenous peoples in Canada and the struggles against oppressive policies throughout recent centuries.

This is reflected in the first chapter about the origins of powwow culture—the first sub-section is simply titled 'Colonization.' The book discusses the Indian Act, the pass system that forbade Status Indians from leaving the reserve without government approval and the legality of traditional celebrations, which were once outlawed but later permitted after they had been appropriated into travelling shows created by and for settler audiences.

Chapter two dives into an explanation of powwow culture and parts of the ceremony such as Grand Entry, the giveaway and sharing stories. In Chapter 3, Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane shares an overview of the drums, songs and dance styles and chapter four concludes with an overview of powwows as they exist today across Turtle Island and a note from the author.

Her goal for the final word is to explain the true history of Canada and its relations with Indigenous peoples, to emphasize the importance of storytelling as an expression of who and what Indigenous peoples are and to highlight that there is no one definition of an "Indigenous" person.

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane is completing her PhD at the University of Alberta in education policy studies and wisdom-based approaches to teacher education. She had been encouraged to write this book by the late Greg Younging and Richard Van Camp.

"Typical tourists generally only know the aesthetics or the 'beads and feathers,' we might call them. They go to Grand Entry, ooh and aah, get a taco, maybe chat for a bit and leave. When I was asked to do this book, I wanted to help people understand how powwow culture and dance evolved out of the change in the Indian Act that allowed us to have ceremonies," she says.

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane was raised in Toronto but her family would come home to Wiikwemkoong every summer, where she found much joy in traditional powwows. She began as a shawl dancer and later became a jingle dress dancer, which she has practiced for the past 30 years.

"Powwows were a time that allowed me to be an Anishinaabe-kwe, a Wiikwemkoong nation member; I could be excited and free. Come the end of the weekend or the end of the summer it was back to Toronto to try and fit in and conform to societal pressures," she says.

The gaze of tourists watching her and her fellow Anishinabek dancing at powwows took away some of that joy. She met many people who did not understand the importance of these traditions. During Grand Entry, she would stay away from the outside, instead dancing in the



Wiikwemkoong's Karen Pheasant-Neganigwane poses with her new book 'Powwow: A Celebration through Song and Dance.'

safety of the centre, surrounded by her people.

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane would often disappear after Grand Entry until most of the tourists had left, before coming back out and celebrating her culture with fewer spectators. "The song entered me, it lifted my spirit and I felt beautiful," she said.

In her book, Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane attempts to cut through the commodification of certain powwow styles and uncover the true origin stories of certain customs. The jingle dress, for instance, is an Anishinaabe-made dance that originated in Northwestern Ontario.

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane notes the resiliency of Indigenous cultures that is often visible in ceremony. She cites a recent online powwow that started up at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic when people could no longer interact in person, so many people began posting videos of themselves dancing to an online group.

This book is not only written for non-Indigenous audiences; rather, Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane says there are many Indigenous people across Turtle Island who have not been able to grow up with their own culture.

She was teaching an inner-city powwow dance class in Edmonton and noted that many of the participants were parents of Indigenous foster children. For those who lost their cultural grounding, learning the ways of powwows can become an entry point into reclaiming their traditional knowledge.

"I'm really appreciative that Orca allowed me to hold steadfast as an Anishinaabe-kwe, and recognizing in my first chapter, the introduction, the picture of my house in Kaboni and sharing a picture of my grandma and grand-

pa who were farmers at Murray Hill," she says.

Ms. Pheasant-Neganigwane says every generation dances for a different reason and her own children are now continuing to share traditional teachings about powwows and celebrate their heritage. Daughter Sophie Pheasant travels to conduct community dance workshops and presentations and son Matthew Pheasant has danced professionally for events such as the Vancouver 2010 Olympics and festivals across the continent.

This new book has already been getting strong reviews, such as from the School Library Journal which gave it a star for its excellence and declared it "a necessary purchase."

'Powwow: A Celebration through Song and Dance' officially launches on April 21 and it is available for order at OrcaBook.com.

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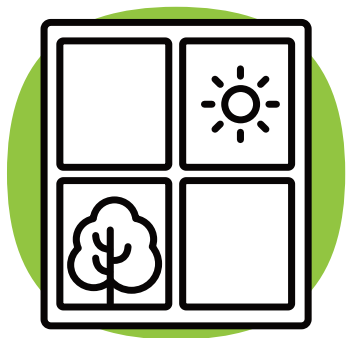
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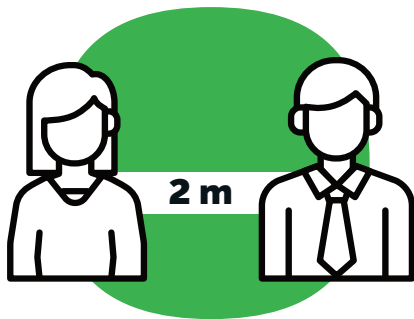
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Great Big Sea founder reveals how to steal a secret's power

by Michael Erskine
LITTLE CURRENT—Sean McCann went from being the most popular drinking buddy that ever set out on a St. John's, Newfoundland pub crawl to a lonely and friendless pariah—but along the way he discovered how to strip away the power from a secret that was set on ruining his life.

Mr. McCann is the founder of the popular Newfoundland band Great Big Sea, a group known for its vast repertoire of rousing drinking songs, but it was drinking that eventually came to threaten everything he valued in his life—leaving him with a difficult decision to make.

The veteran of the Canadian music scene delivered the workshop 'One Good Reason' at the Mnaamodzawin Health Services Wellness Week conference at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre held in early February.

Mr. McCann introduced himself to the audience, describing his Catholic upbringing in Newfoundland. As a young child he moved to St. John's with his family. He is married, has two sons and now lives in Manotick, a suburb of Ottawa.

"I was a pretty good kid in school," he said. "I had a good marks, played hockey and was pretty happy."

He recalled a very popular priest that came to his community. The priest was quite the sensation and soon ingratiated himself



Sean McCann, seated, centre facing camera, shares in a drum song during his visit to Manitoulin in February of this year (and before the time of physical distancing). Mr. McCann, founder of the east coast band Great Big Sea, was the guest speaker at the Mnaamodzawin Health Services Wellness Week conference.

into the community and Mr. McCann's family. The priest took the young McCann under his wing. "My 15-year-old mind did not see any red flags," he recalled. "I thought 'wow, how special is this?'" he said. "The priest is interested in me personally."

"When I got home I told my parents," he said. "They were excited." Soon an invitation was extended to come to the family home for supper. "He said grace. We all felt special."

In time, the priest sug-

gested that he would take young Sean to Rome and introduce him to the pope, if he could raise the money for the flight.

"He did introduce me to the pope," said Mr. McCann, "but also to cigarettes and alcohol. He began sexually abusing me."

"I didn't know what to do about that, who to tell, how to say it," he recalled. "I decided to keep it a secret. I kept it in me for 35 years."

The secret stayed buried until it emerged in a song: 'Hold Me Mother.'

"I believe a secret can kill us," said Mr. McCann. "Secrets kill people. I kept a secret for 35 years and it almost killed me."

Mr. McCann described his relationship with the contents of the fridge on the Great Big Sea tour bus—a fridge that was always filled with plenty of booze. It was that fridge that eventually led to Mr. McCann deciding to step away from the band and to stop even playing Great Big Sea songs for a long time.

But at first the on the

road lifestyle of an alternative rock band seemed a godsend.

"Being an alcoholic, and hiding from the truth, there is no better position," he said. "It allowed me to hide for 28 years." Though that came at a cost, both personal and financial. "Anyone wonder what the cost to completely empty a hotel mini bar is? \$475," he said.

Mr. McCann broke into the song 'Hard Drinking Man' for the audience. The audience sat in rapt attention.

photo by Michael Erskine

Drinking helped to blot out the memories, but as his drinking progressed it became clear to Mr. McCann that it would soon "destroy everything that was dear to me."

Despite that realization, quitting wasn't easy.

Among the challenges was the massive loss of "friends."

For much of his adult life, Mr. McCann was "one of the top three guys to have a drink with" and the life of just about any party going. After putting the bottle down, it was crickets in the hallway. "At any given time in St. John's I could call up any one of a thousand people." Afterwards, not a soul. "I had my wife and my kids," he said.

He tried going out on the road on tour with the band. Each time he got on the bus he would come face-to-face with the bus fridge.

"When I came home, I quit again," he said. Each time he would again face the fridge when he boarded the tour bus. The result? "I would become more depressed."

Realizing he couldn't break the cycle on his own, Mr. McCann embraced a higher power: "Her name is Andrea, my wife."

"She sat me down and gave me an ultimatum," he said. "'You have two kids,' she said. 'We are not going to watch. If you drink again, we are gone'."

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...Great Big Sea founder reveals how to steal a secret's power

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McCann what he had to lose. "I put the glass down and it stuck," he said. "That was in 2011 and I haven't touched a drink since then."

But there was still that fridge, and his relationship with his band members were deteriorating rapidly. It didn't help

He announced plans to stop touring with the band at the end of December 2013.

After he quit drinking the nightmares began and the memories, so long buried, came flooding back in a deluge.

It wasn't until he faced down the secret, pulled it into the light, that he was able to get a handle on the one weapon that will drain a secret of its life destroy-

ing power—dragging that secret out from the dark recesses where it was buried into the full light of day.

"By acknowledging my truth," said Mr. McCann, "it was no longer my prison."

"The past is something we can't control," he said, "but we can use it to our advantage."

For a number of years Mr. McCann had vowed to never sing the songs of Great Big Sea again, but an incident at a small folk festival with about 300 people, one without a beer tent, changed his mind.

He saw a woman searching for a four-leaf clover. She had been struck by a drunk driver when she was 10 and since then had not been able to tolerate

crowds, bright lights or high volumes. "She told me 'I haven't been able to see you'," he recalled.

He went on stage to sing every song from the repertoire that he could recall and has been singing his songs ever since. Following the show, the woman gave him the four-leaf clover she had found.

"I had it silvered and I am wearing it today," said Mr. McCann.

The key message Mr. McCann had for his audience, many of whom are still struggling with the impact of the residential school system and the '60s Scoop, is to not let secrets destroy you.

"You can take the power away from a secret," he said. "Don't keep it buried inside you where it can fes-

ter and ruin your life and relationships."

Mr. McCann joined his cousins following the conference, being related to the family of Bud and the late Ann Debassige.

"I am looking forward to catching up with my Manitoulin family," he said.

Other workshops at the conference included presentations by Derek Debassige of Manitoulin Physio; Natalie Hastings with Drumfit; Christain Hebert with a presentation on Jordan's Principle; Joe Pitwawakwat, who spoke on traditional medicines; the UCCM Police which delivered a talk on cannabis and community safety; Jennifer Bitner with 'Mind Fitness Mastery Skills'; Magical Paws on therapy dogs; Karen Pitawanakwat on the Canadian Indigenous Cognitive Assessment Tool; Will Morin on language and culture; and Gwek-waadziwin Miikan: healing with the land.

Throughout the three-day conference massages were available courtesy of Jaguar Spirit, while foot care took place on Tuesday, reflexology with Barb Recollect on Wednesday and Thursday and hand massages were also offered on Thursday.

Elder in residence for the conference was Ken Kakeeway, who was available for one-on-one sessions.



Sean McCann poses for a photo with his Island kin, Bud and Derek Debassige.

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Henry said he went for a drive with his wife just to get out of the house for a change. She was driving for about 10 minutes and she said, "It's like we got the highway to ourselves, I haven't seen a car so far."

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OPP investigates mischief at Killarney Provincial Park

On the afternoon of April 27, members of the Nipissing West (Sudbury) Detachment of the OPP received a report of mischief at Killarney Provincial Park.

Investigation revealed that sometime between 9 am on April 26 and 5:15 pm on April 27, unknown suspect(s) removed the hardware from the gate posts in order to take down the gate on Chikanishing Creek Road, off of Highway 637, which is the access to the Chikanishing Trail.

Previous to that, on April 14 at 10:10 am, members of the Nipissing West Detachment of the OPP received a report of mischief at the provincial park.

Investigation revealed unknown person(s) cut the lock off the access gate on Chikanishing Creek Road, off of Highway 637, which is the access to the Chikanishing Trail. Culprits also damaged the roadway.



Law & Order

There are signs posted at all access points to the Killarney Provincial Park indicating the park is closed.

Officers would like to remind the public that as a result of the declaration of emergency, Ontario's Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves are closed to the public until further notice. Those who are not compliant with the law may be charged with: Fail to comply with an order made during a declared emergency, contrary to section 7.0.11(1)(a) of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) and face a fine of \$750; and/or unlawfully use land, contrary to section 13(2) of the Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act (PPCRA), with a fine of \$155; and/or enter premises when entry prohibited, contrary to section 2(1)(a)(i) of the Trespass to Property Act (TPA), and a fine of \$65.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding the person(s) responsible for this mischief to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at SudburyCrimeStoppers.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Manitoulin OPP investigates domestic dispute

On April 26 at approximately 6:32 pm, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to a domestic dispute at a residence in Manitowaning.

As a result of the investigation, a 24-year-old from Sudbury was arrested and charged with fail to comply with recognizance.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay in July. The name of the accused will not be released in order to protect the identity of the victim.

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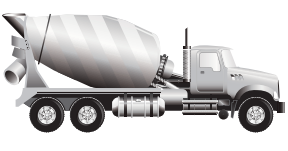
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...RN discovers sourdough diversion

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Classic sourdough bread, she explains, is made from an 80/20 mix of white and whole wheat flour. "It's great toasted," she said.

When the bread is worked into the loaf for the oven, Ms. Recollet scores the top with a bread lane, a razer-like instrument. "That's to control how the crust expands," she said. "In olden times the cuts in the crust were like a baker's signature, a maker's mark that told you who made it and that it was of high quality."

Ms. Recollet said she is still working on her own maker's mark for the crust. "I kind of had one I was trying, but it was a bit too complicated," she said. "I am still playing around."

She uses a Dutch oven to bake the sourdough bread. "You actually steam it," she said. "Some people put a pan of water on the bottom rack of the oven."

Ms. Recollet said that one day she hopes to have a specialized oven in which to bake sourdough. "That's a



An Earl Grey and fig sourdough loaf awaits the knife and a good slathering of butter.

ways off yet," she said. "It's a bit of a hard sell to convince my partner that we should spend \$1,000 on a new oven," she added with a laugh.

Since she doesn't have a commercial kitchen at her disposal, Ms. Recollet doesn't sell her baking, limiting its distribution to friends and family, although dona-

tions for flour and expenses are gratefully received. "I may just save them up to buy that oven," she laughs.

Ms. Recollet has an Instagram account, @homebakednorth, that hosts an amazing number of stunning photographs of her creations, but be forewarned, excessive mouth-watering may well ensue.



2nd Posting - CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY: COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING COORDINATOR

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The position will be responsible for overseeing the planning and overall coordination, marketing and provision of ongoing communication with a CCP Planning Team, Administration, Chief and Council, community members including men, women, youth, seniors and all family groups. The position will require someone who has communication, coordination and facilitation, and reporting skills. Must be energetic and personable with a strong knowledge of Whitefish River First Nation territory, culture and history, and is passionate about bringing the voice of the community forward to create a great vision for the community of WRFN. This position will be supervised under the guidance of the Manager of Community Economic Development.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Bring creative energy and approach to facilitating comprehensive community plan;
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- Explore the community's priorities and opportunities;
- Develop Engagement and Communications Strategy;
- Work with WRFN Chief and Council, staff and community to design and implement the CCP process;
- Review background information and previous planning;
- Coordinate and host any of the following initiatives: information sessions, community meetings, focus group sessions (youth, elder, men and women) and/or creation of community survey;
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- Writing, researching, analyzing, communications with staff and Chief and Council and funders;
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- Identify any additional information needed to complete CCP document;
- Research and gather information for compilation into CCP and other community-based processes;
- Review other First Nation's CCPs; and
- Discuss visioning and community engagement strategies already in place.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

Education and Experience:

- Graduate or undergraduate university degree in education, public administration, business administration, social work or a related field.
- Ontario Teaching Certification (OCT) would be considered an asset.
- Three (3) to five (5) years of work experience in senior management position, preferably in the Indigenous education sector.
- Experience with development of programs and evaluation processes;
- Experience with education strategies and initiatives related to indigenous education;
- Experience writing proposals, policies, procedures and reports;
- Experience working with schools, school boards and external education bodies.

Knowledge Requirements:

- Ability to speak or understand Anishinabemowin and participation in culture and traditions of the Anishinaabe people.
- The ability to speak or understand the language would be an asset.
- Must be familiar with the Kinooaadziwin Education Body.
- Knowledgeable of federal and provincial legislation, regulations and programs as they relate to Indigenous Education operations and First Nations student learning needs.
- Knowledgeable of and experience in the delivery of educational program and service requirements for First Nations students.
- Knowledgeable of relevant Education Service Agreements and experienced in working with provincial education authorities in area of First Nations students' learning success.
- Knowledgeable of and experience in utilizing project management techniques.
- Knowledgeable of the discipline of organizational behaviour.
- Knowledgeable of and experience in community development and strategic planning activities.

Other Requirements:

- Must provide a Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire.
- Must possess a valid Ontario driver's licence, access to a dependable vehicle and valid automobile insurance.

Applications will be accepted via email to the attention of:

CONFIDENTIAL:

Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Manager
Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road; P.O. Box 188; Birch Island; ON P0P1A0
Email: andream@whitefishriver.ca

Applications must be submitted by May 15th, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:
Cover letter, current resume, copies of qualifications, and three (3) employment related (recent) reference letters.
We thank all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



Nakiwin Azheyaaksin Employment Opportunity Director of Finance

SUMMARY

The Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory is seeking applications from qualified individuals to apply for the position of Director of Finance. Working under the supervision of the Director of Operations, the Director of Finance will oversee the day-to-day operations of WUT's Coordinated Finance Unit.

JOB DUTIES

Participate in the provision of effective strategic, financial and information systems by:

- Providing financial advice and guidance to the Director of Operations
- Participating in strategic financial planning
- Researching, preparing and submitting the annual budget
- Preparing detailed reports on financial, information systems and administrative matters

Provide comptrollership functions in order to ensure finances are managed according to legislation, policies and procedures and generally accepted accounting principles by:

- Managing accounting and financial systems and maintaining full and accurate accounting records
- Analyze and interpret financial data to maximize overall financial performance
- Ensure compliance with financial legislation, policies and procedures
- Respond to auditors' comments concerning finances and operations
- Liaison between WUT and banking, insurance and investment groups

Direct and manage the Coordinated Finance Unit staff by:

- Delegating work to staff formally through job descriptions, staff meetings and on a daily basis
- Ensuring standards of work are maintained through regular monitoring
- Preparing annual performance reviews for all direct reports
- Initiating disciplinary actions in accordance with WUT's Personnel Policy as appropriate
- Researching, suggesting and approving all training for departmental staff

QUALIFICATIONS

- University degree in Accounting, Commerce or Business Management/Administration
- Minimum five years' experience in a senior finance management position
- Experience in writing proposals, policies, procedures and reports
- Experience in conducting financial analysis and risk management
- Experience in working with Indigenous organizations
- Experience in a supervisory capacity leading a team in change management
- Knowledge of Anishinabemowin and culture and committed to continual learning and development

Closing Date: May 15, 2020 at 2:00 pm

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

Confidential: Director of Finance Position

Box 112 19A Complex Drive
Wiikwemkoong Unceded Indian Reserve
Wiikwemkoong ON P0P 2J0
erc@wiikwemkoong.ca

We thank all interested applicants. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Please submit copies as there is no return of submissions. Late Submissions will not be considered.
Posted: April 27, 2020



The wild leeks (or ramps) are showing themselves in big patches throughout the bush. The ramps are still quite small but big in flavour. They take a bit of time to harvest, but they add so much to recipes and since they are available only for a short while, make the most of them!

Bacon and Ramp Vinaigrette

Use this recipe for a salad, drizzled on top of soups or spoon some on top of grilled meat. Use any bacon but my favourite is the picnic bacon that Max Burt produces.

- 12 ramps, cleaned and cut up into large pieces
- 2 slices bacon
- 3/4 cup olive oil
- 3/4 cup fresh minced parsley
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

Place ramps and bacon into a frying pan. Cook over medium heat until the ramps are brown and bacon is crisp, 4-5 minutes. Place in a blender. Add half the oil, parsley, vinegar, salt and pepper. Puree until smooth. With motor running slowly add the remaining oil until emulsified.

Gluten Free Wild Ramp Fritters


You can use regular flour in this recipe. I tried it with spelt and found that the spelt gave it a different texture and flavour.

- 1/2 cup gluten free flour or unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1 tsp sea salt
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 2 large eggs beaten
- 1/2 cup cold sparkling mineral water
- 3 cups chopped ramps (both the bulb and greens)
- Butter or oil

In a small bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and parmesan cheese. Add eggs and cold mineral water; mix until the batter is smooth. Fold in the chopped ramps. Heat oil or butter in a skillet over medium heat. Drop spoonfuls of the batter (roughly 2 Tbsp) into the hot skillet. Cook each fritter 1-2 minutes per side, until lightly browned and cooked through. Transfer cooked fritters to a paper towel-lined plate. Eat them warm or cold.

Great with wild leek and potato soup!





**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
SCHOOL HEALTH SUPPORT
SERVICES CARE COORDINATOR**

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni Gshiwewziwaat Program – ‘Supporting our Children as they Continue Towards the Future’ (formerly known as School Health Support Services Program-SHSS) is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of School Health Support Services Care Coordinator.

Job Summary
The School Health Support Services Care Coordinator, under the direction of the SHSS Manager, will oversee and coordinate the provision of School Health Support Services in the participating communities, M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Whitefish River and Wikwemikong, therefore travel may be required or base office flexible.

Responsibilities - The Care Coordinator will:

1. Assess, prioritize, plan, direct, monitor, schedule and authorize service delivery to school-aged learners.
2. Assess learner's needs and identify potential risks, determine eligibility for appropriate services and possible referral along care pathways.
3. Manage available resources with the unique needs of the community, client and caregiver circle.
4. Ensure the integration of services with existing programs and services both on and off reserve.
5. Strive to advance knowledge, skills and abilities, and consistently share these with others.
6. Contribute to planning, developing, implementing, coordinating and evaluating the delivery of support services to children and youth.
7. Document daily activities and submit detailed reports.
8. Develop and maintain computer databases.
9. Conduct seminars and discussion groups.
10. Work with the Manager to assess needs, set goals and formulate plans of action for program improvement, and follow up and provide feedback on progress.
11. Collaborate with teachers, parents and school administration to address individual student issues or areas of concern.
12. Comply with school policies, procedures and best practices.
13. Monitor progress of student recommendations, including recommendations for the subsequent year(s) of the project.
14. Establish an efficient referral path that will support students when required.
15. Respond to parent, teacher and/or student inquiries.

Qualifications & Skills

- Degree level education in nursing, occupational therapy, social work or another health-related discipline will be considered with appropriate experience.
- Registered and in good standing with a regulatory body (preferably College of Nurses of Ontario, College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario or Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers).
- Two years direct clinical experience in pediatrics is preferred.
- Experience in case management is preferred.
- Policy and Procedure development experience is an asset.
- Highly developed understanding of industry regulations, standards, best practices and respective college professional guidelines.

Salary is in accordance to WUT Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, and copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Care Coordinator
Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni Gshiwewziwaat Program
(School Health Support Program)
Attention: Melissa Roy
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: May 29, 2020 @ 4:00pm

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Personal Support Worker
FULL-TIME PERMANENT**



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

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

OBJECTIVES

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

QUALIFICATIONS:


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

Salary range based on qualifications and approved salary grid.

A cover letter, resume, two work related reference letters and a criminal reference check (dated within 90 days) marked 'Confidential' must be submitted via fax, email or in person to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
hr@mnaamodzawin.com
Fax: 705-368-2229

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, May 15, 2020 at 12:00pm
Only those applicants considered for an interview will be notified.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELLOR
Full Time Permanent Position
35 hours per week**

Mnaamodzawin Health Services is seeking a reliable and committed individual to provide community-based client centred mental health services to First Nation community members of Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning and Zhiibaahaasing. The counsellor will work in a confidential environment that is interdisciplinary and values the cultural philosophy of First Nations communities.

Skills and Qualifications:

1. Experience working with First Nations communities and knowledge of Ojibway culture, language, traditions and treatment approaches an asset
2. Bachelor of Social Work Degree preferred
3. Social Service Worker Diploma will be considered
4. Must be a member or eligible for membership with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
5. Ability to provide mental health assessment and evidence-based treatment services to individuals, couples and families
6. A minimum of two years' experience in a mental health setting is an asset
7. Ability to liaise as appropriate with other First Nation, internal and external providers to ensure appropriate continuum of Mental Health Services
8. Ability to work independently and collaboratively
9. Must have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and dependable vehicle
10. Possess Standard First Aid/CPR certification or be willing to take training
11. Experience with Microsoft computer software
12. Experience working with electronic medical records is an asset
13. Ability to assist in the development and planning of community mental health resources
14. Administrative skills include management of scheduling, health records, annual work plans and tracking of services provided

Closing Date: Friday, May 15, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Qualified individuals are invited to submit a cover letter, a current resume, a recent Vulnerable Sector Screening (within the last year), credentials, registration with their appropriate College, along with three current work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL, to:

Human Resources
Mnaamodzawin Health Services
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning
Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0
Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271 Fax: 705-368-2229
hr@mnaamodzawin.com

*only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted

Tehkummah Talk and Times

“Reset”
 Remember when....
 We did not need advice
 About washing hands
 Or staying inside.
 Keeping a distance
 Like six feet or so
 From friends and family
 Don't pet family's pride.
 Store shelves were full
 And suspicions were few
 And lots of cars on the road
 While we didn't have
 To plan what to do.
 For we all carried our load
 Of scheduled events
 We did on and on
 We hardly considered our price
 But all of a sudden
 There is lots on our hands
 Besides soap and water
 And government's advice.
 Oh, they find Earth recovering
 And that's no surprise
 As it and ourselves
 Learn to breathe
 To take a step back
 And reassess life.
 And maybe rethink
 What we need
 The “bug” instills fear

*Of that there's no doubt
 But it's allowed us to
 Consider our pace.
 But maybe just thinking
 About after it's gone
 It will have opened the minds
 Of the whole human race.
 Oh, some are still working hard
 Fighting the cause
 Or giving their life to the foe
 But kindness is showing*

*While some use this pause
 To reassess life
 And the way we go.
 Remember when...
 April 14, 2020
 —Pat Hall*

Day 43: Be careful driving the Tenth as the goose is doing his guarding again at the Blue Jay Creek and he is not cautious. Not friendly either, according ...continued on page 25



RONA

Little Current Building Centre

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

RONA Little Current Building Centre is currently accepting resumes for **in-store floor staff and yard positions**. Construction experience will be considered an asset. Estimating experience would also be beneficial.

Part time positions available, with the possibility of full time for the right candidate.

Email your resume to aaron@ronalittlecurrent.com or scott@ronalittlecurrent.com



Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy Off-Reserve Representative

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

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

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

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

For more information about the organization, please see our web-site at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

Pre-requisites:

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

Send “Confidential” to:

Attn: Ryan Corbiere, Board Chair
 c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
 Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002,
 Little Current, ON POP1K0
 Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 204 Fax: 705-368-2229
 Or email: p.williamson@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline: Posting is open until filled
Miigwetch/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application.
Only those under consideration will be contacted.



2ND POSTING FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY TRUST SECRETARIAT

Background

The Whitefish River First Nation is the beneficiary of a Trust as a result of a settlement of a Land Claim with Canada. As a result, the Niigan Naabidaan Trust was established.

The Niigan Naabidaan Trust Agreement was signed on November 20, 2019, and the Trust has five (5) Trustees, one (1) Corporate Trustee, two (2) Community Trustees, one (1) Council ex-officio Trustee and one (1) youth ex-officio trustee.

The Trust Secretariat will assist WRFN with administrative implementation of the Niigan Naabidaan Trust Agreement.

Technical Qualifications

- Diploma or degree with strong academic credentials in business or office administration;
- Aboriginal Studies and /or Commerce would be considered an asset;
- Strong proficiency with Microsoft Word and Excel is required;
- Understanding of financial information, preferred; and
- Strong verbal and written communication skills.

Other Qualifications:

- Strong attention to detail required;
- Time management and organizational skills;
- Ability to handle stressful situations in utmost professional manner;
- Knowledge of First Nations and Aboriginal communities in Canada;
- Ability to multi-task and prioritize duties;
- Proven analytical skills and systematic problem solving; and
- Interpersonal relations and demonstrated ability to work with others effectively in teams.

Some specific duties of the Trust Secretariat include:

1. Follow all terms and condition of the Niigan Naabidaan Trust Agreement.
2. Plan and organization of First Nation trust meetings and prepare meeting materials as required.
3. Book facilities for meetings and arrange meals and snacks (if applicable).
4. Attend trust meetings, which may require travel from time to time.
5. Follow-up on activities from trust meetings.
6. Manage day-to-day operations of the Niigan Naabidaan Trust Agreement, including financial related matters (i.e. budgets, calculations, operating expenses, etc.).
7. Manage and organize all trust files.
8. Assist with travel arrangements of the Trust members.
9. Assist in organizing annual First Nation community consultation process, including preparing consultation materials, responding to calls/emails from community members, administering surveys and summarizing the results.
10. Prepare presentations, correspondence, annual reports and proposals as required and requested.

Remuneration: To commensurate with Education and Experience.

Preference will be given to applicants who have previous experience in working with First Nation communities. However, all interested applicants are invited to apply.

Please submit a cover letter, current resume and three (3) current work-related references to:

CONFIDENTIAL
Whitefish River First Nation
 C/o Andrea McGregor, Human Resource Manager
 17A Rainbow Ridge Road
 Birch Island, ON POP1A0
andream@whitefishriver.ca

Applications must be received no later than Friday, May 22nd, 2020.

We thank all who apply, however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES MANAGER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Children's Services is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Manager.

Job Summary

This position is responsible for the administration, management, planning and supervision of the comprehensive, wholistic and culturally relevant Children's Services Program, on behalf of the Wikwemikong Health Centre. This currently includes, but may not necessarily be limited to: Early Childhood Development services, Aboriginal Head Start (On Reserve), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Maternal Child Health (MCH) and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP). The program and services are delivered to parents/guardians/caregivers with families and children ages 0 – 6.

Responsibilities

1. Ensure resources are used in the best way possible in order to produce measurable and positive outcomes for children 0 – 6 years, their parents, families and community.
2. To deliver comprehensive community health programs which include the following: enable the maternal and newborn population and their families to achieve and maintain an optimal level of health and development from pre-conception, pregnancy, birth and early adjustment to parenting.
3. To plan, organize and implement the programming that promotes a balanced wholistic health care approach, incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual aspects to meet the needs of 0 - 6 year children and their families. To plan programs according to these basic health and cultural indicators utilizing the Children's Bill of Rights.
4. To collaborate, communicate, establish and maintain positive working relationships with community, organizations and agencies for meeting program needs, i.e. Library, Prevention Services, Ontario Works, Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinhiik Wiin ni gshkiwewziwaat and Primary Care.
5. The Manager will ensure through the various means of case management to coordinate an effective program delivery for the best outcome of the client occurs and to assist families with access to services for those living with complex issues or with children who require special needs.

Qualifications

- Baccalaureate in Nursing from a Canadian University or three year College Diploma in nursing
- Certificate of competence with the College of Nurses of Ontario, with knowledge and understanding of College Standards of Practice
- Member of Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) with Legal Assistance Program (LAP)
- Demonstrate strong clinical skills in assessment of infants and young children and pregnant women
- Two (2) years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs
- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills, including proficiency in computer applications, especially Microsoft Office
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and be an example of professionalism, as identified by Wikwemikong

For a complete JOB DESCRIPTION, please contact Melissa Roy. Salary is in accordance to WUT Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

Deadline: May 29, 2020 @ 4:00pm

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

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

...Tehkummah Talk

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to Lori and Lorie. The walkers on Monday, obviously, "no trespassing." Lisa and pup, Lynn and Linda, all out enjoying the weather. Tara and I both got attacked by mosquitos on Sunday. The joy of summer!

Carol's and Earl's Restaurant is changing to four days a week, 11 am to 7 pm Thursday to Sunday, starting May 7.

I hear there was a long line up of drive-throughs to salute Eileen Leeson on her birthday on Monday, April 27. Way to go!

Day 44: A shower before April is gone! I got thinking about our churches this morning. I'm missing the Sunday services. I'm sure the churches are missing us and our support too.

The bluebird of happiness lives somewhere near Pauline's front porch.

Thanks Lorna for bringing in Martin's sermons.

When you're not out and about you forget about stuff and I had forgotten to wish Wendy Payne happiness in her move to her new church (near Paris I think).

Day 45: Day 100 in America (north), April 29, 2020.

Rain, we got finally, and my bones are paying the price.

A phone call from Joan this morning to tell me that Don Arnold had passed away. He was 97. A funeral service, she says, Saturday with 10 family members only. That's the sadness of dying in the COVID-19 times. But common-sense prevails? Thinking of you all with love and sympathy. Do take care.

The rain took the TV, so it's book reading.

Last week it was Erica Spinder's 'Bone Cold.' Laurene had given me the book and I left it until? But it wasn't as scary as it sounded and it sure was good!

Linda McNaughton phoned, she sounded cheerful. Like me, she is looking out through rain-washed windows. It's not quite 5 pm but is it ever dark already. A phone call from Judy Blue later. She had helped Bob Calbrack with his birthday. She said he got lots of Facebook wishes.

Day 46: All my bones are making crunching noises today. Call from Derek this morning. They are sprucing up their house for selling.

A long phone chat with Sissy Pat. She says Don has the garden ready to go and it sounds like they may have a bit of cabin fever? Anyway, good to hear her voice.

Sherry calls daily. She has been playing good Samaritan with help, of course.

I just made homemade tomato soup, my style! It has got to be the best! This is one time I don't mind bragging, of course, it was Mum's recipe.

Bad, sad news on the TV.

I see by the Expositor obits that Yvonne Sellen passed away. She was a nice lady and had quite the battle with cancer over the years too. Sympathy to friends and family.

Day 47: Sunrise and warm! I sat out early with my coffee and I had cream for it today.

A bit of a visit with Brenda Robinson. I always enjoy our chats. This was outside the post office.

More sitting outside Bobbi Jo. Bless her heart, gave me the first ice cream of summer and a short visit at the out-

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NOTICE TO ALL USERS OF GORE BAY WATERWORKS SYSTEM

INTERRUPTION OF WATER SERVICE

All residents using the Gore Bay Waterworks system may experience water pressure and/or dirty water on the following dates:

May 19 to May 29, 2020

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR.

Ontario Clean Water Agency will be doing their annual valve/hydrant maintenance and water main flushing.

If you experience dirty water, let your tap run until it runs clear.

Your co-operation is appreciated.
If you have any questions please call
705-282-2420 ext. 4

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

All claims against the Estate of Lottie Celena Thompson, late of the Township of Billings, in the Province of Ontario must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 30th day of June, 2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Administrator then shall have notice.

DATED at the Twp. of Billings, this 28th day of April, 2020.

Cheryl Lyn Thompson and Rodney Charles Everette Thompson,
Estate Trustees of the Estate of
Lottie Celena Thompson, by their solicitor
B. J. Allison, B.A., LL.B.
P. O. Box 212
Mindemoya, Ontario
POP 1S0

CENTRAL MANITOULIN BUSINESS OPERATIONS

FOR A LIST OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 VISIT:

centralmanitoulin.ca/content/covid19-business-operations

SELF-ISOLATING?

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP YOU GET GROCERIES AND ERRANDS



CENTRAL MANITOULIN COMMUNITY HELPLINE

CALL OUR NEW NUMBER
1-844-935-0443
BACKUP 1-249-878-1659

Death Notices

IRENE LOUISE O'NEILL PALMER

June 27, 1933 - May 2, 2020



Irene Louise O'Neill Palmer, a summer resident on Lake Mindemoya, passed away peacefully at her home in Toronto after a lengthy journey with Alzheimer/Dementia. Irene will be sadly missed by husband Frank, his children Jeff and Alliston, sister-in-law Jane and Irene's children Kevin, Kathee, Megan and Christen and their spouses, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, along with combined families and friends living within Canada and Internationally. Irene was a RN - Winnipeg General Nursing College and Masters of Education - major in Psychology - York University, ending her career at Thistleton Regional Centre for Children and Adolescents doing research, evaluation and analytical work. Initially, after retirement, she spent much of her time as a volunteer at Covenant House, a youth shelter. A limited memorial and burial service is being arranged with St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church. Condolences and honorary donations would be appreciated for either the Alzheimer Society of Canada or St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church via the Sullivan Funeral Home, www.SullivanFuneralHome.ca.

Death Notices

DONALD ROY ARNOLD



Donald Roy Arnold a past resident of Sandfield and Mindemoya, Manitoulin Island, Ontario, died peacefully at H.J. McFarland Memorial Home, Picton, Ontario on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at the age of 96. Born to Hazel (nee Leeson) and Roy Arnold in Tehkummah, Manitoulin Island on September 2, 1923. Cherished husband of Lois (nee Myland), predeceased. Much loved father of Nancy (Warren, predeceased) Hayes, Sandra (Simpson) Cherry, Wendy Sharpe, George (Anne) Arnold, Lucinda (Rob) Cull and Shelley-Anne (Pierre) Olivier. Proud grandfather of Kelly, Shawna, Tara, Erin, Donald, Andrew, Adam, Michael, Lindsay, David, Sarah, Reid, Dylan, Adam, Lauren and Liam. Great-grandfather of Adam, Sophia, Samantha, Kamryn, Alison, Leilo, Ethan, Ryan, Andrea, Christina, Ainsley, Alana, Shelby, Brooklyn, Miley, Cameron, Aleah, Anden, Bentley, Charley, Oakley, Mikayla, Lyric and Austin. Predeceased by brothers, Leland and Wendall Arnold. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to H.J. McFarland Memorial Home or the Triangle Seniors Club, Tehkummah, Ontario. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Highland Funeral Home

www.arbormemorial.ca/en/highland-scarborough

*In Loving memory of Dad
He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.
His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.
He was there, a firm foundation
Through all our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.
A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
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MARGARET CLAIRE BELL (NEE MCPHEE)

July 17, 1933 - April 29, 2020



Margaret Claire Bell (nee McPhee) passed peacefully at the Manitoulin Health Centre Mindemoya on the early morning of April 29, 2020 at the age of 86 years. Dearly beloved wife of the late Melvin Bell. Loving mother and best friend of Rick (Chris) Bell of Hamilton, Sharon Prior of Gore Bay and Annette (Wendell) Clarke of Gore Bay. The absolute best and doting, loving and proud Grandma to Leeanne (Kevin) Woestenenk of Gore Bay, Cory (Sherry) Prior of Espanola, Jodi Bell Kavanagh of Hamilton, Ashley (Adam) Batman of Peterborough and Caitlin (Cody) Clarke of Fort McMurray, Alberta. Proud Nana of Connor and Hannah Woestenenk, Paige, Cooper and Ava Prior, Isla and Heath Batman and Jocelyn Van Haren. She will be sadly missed by sisters-in-law Nancy McPhee Lewis and Mary Bell, and sisters by heart Darlene Whealy, Jessie Bell and Ginger Morrison. Predeceased by her parents Scott and Margaret McPhee, son-in-law Andy Prior, sisters Dorothy McMillan and Marjorie Vanhorne, brothers Jim McPhee and Murray McPhee, brothers-in-law Laverne McMillan, Ozzie Vanhorne, Ron Bell and Jarvis Bell. She will also be missed dearly by so many great friends, nieces, nephews and cousins. At Claire's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation has taken place. A burial will be held at a later date in Burpee Mills Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Gore Bay Rotary Club (Gore Bay Medical Centre) or the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as expressions of sympathy and may be made through www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

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, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.

...Tehkummah Talk and Times

...continued from page 25 side benches, though she didn't sit. Then a nice chat with Lisa (my neighbour). I found out she is an astrologer. Also, one thing I had tried in my life (what haven't I tried?).

The hills (or trees) are alive with the sound of music. The golden daffodils are providing colour and the grass is greener (on my side). A lovely day!

A lovely surprise, cousin Donna phoned this afternoon. We don't talk often this way, usually see her at the restaurant, but not lately right. She's always cheery sounding.

A day full of surprises, a knock on the door woke me and a lovely meal of bites, treats and lasagna. Bobbi Jo back again smiling, left me smiling and a full tummy. Thanks and yum!

I have had "plant kindness" cut out for almost two weeks. Will I get it up in the window for Monday!

I got a nice note from Nora in Sarnia, that was a surprise too. She filled me in on some happenings.

I got a Christmas card from Mollie with some words scratched out and changed.

A card from Helen on the answering machine!

Day 48: A phone call from the birthday girl. I should have sung to her, but she could be a critic? Ordinarily I would give her a hug! Bless you Lori.

I wanted to do outside stuff but my old legs were tired. I did the laundry early this morning and needed coin as the dispensers were dry. A nice gentleman cashed a \$20 bill for me. Otherwise, I would have had to reverse the trip?

I ate a whole side of whitefish for my breakfast! I really needed something different to eat! It was worth every penny! But I upset my cup of coffee and had to start all over again. There's an awful lot of liquid in a full cup and it bounced too!

Sis Susan called, no news is good news which is pretty well everybody's life story these days. Cab-

in fever everyone?

Day 49: The second stem on the Amaryllis is in bloom this morning.

I woke up singing "Storms Never Last." Of course, that made me think of Bob Eadie and my Mom (Mom always got Bob to sing this song).

Do you know it's going to be bunny rabbit kind of a year! They are so cute!

I'm always out of pages or out of pens, that's the most annoying. I need to write while the thought is hot and no ink. I need a pen fairy.

Kudos this week to my neighbours across the street Susan and Ross, since this virus has attacked. So, thank you, you two are on the good neighbour of the week/month/time list. Many people have grati-

tude for your commitment to this community (and Island). Well, the goodies keep rolling in. A delish rhubarb cake from Lorna. Cal brought vegetables and chicken. But, I had my supper at the seaside while watching for the Chi-Cheemaun, ha, but it was scenic and restful. So, I had a one-woman picnic of chicken fingers and fries and saw that family life looks hopeful. Swallows flitting over the water while pairs of loons, ducks and geese floated on the water.

I put my hummingbird feeder out this morning Lori told me the Orioles were her, so...

Remember to accept the things we cannot change, change only what we can. God bless.



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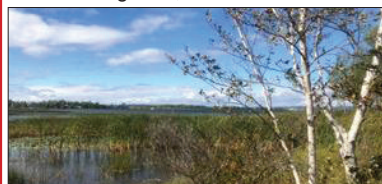
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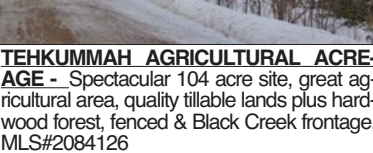
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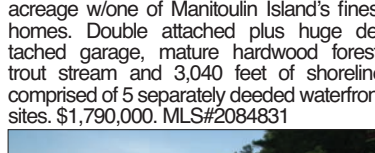
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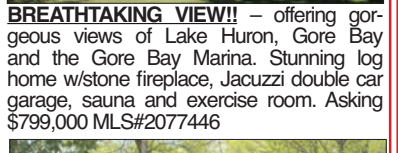
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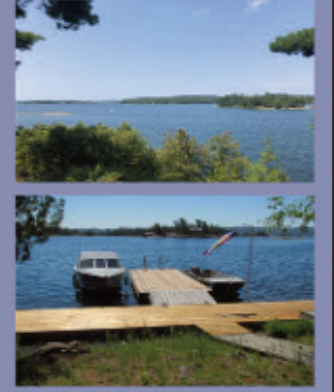
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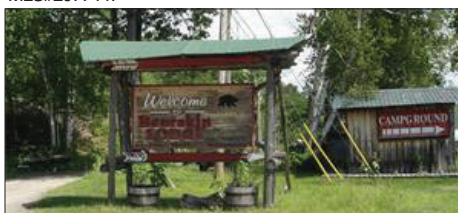
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NEWLY RENOVATED KAGAWONG AREA HOME!

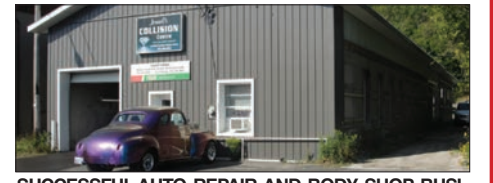
This 960 sq. ft. 2 + 2 bedroom & 2 bath home is situated between Kagawong & Mindemoya on a 2 acre lot. This home comes with an attached garage as well as a detached garage & large workshop that could easily be converted to a rental unit. The house has a fully finished basement & the workshop comes with a full basement as well. Amenities such as shopping, golf, fishing & hospital are all close by. Asking \$335,000.00!!! #3605



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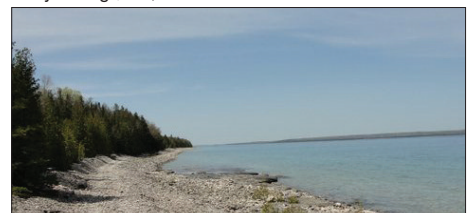
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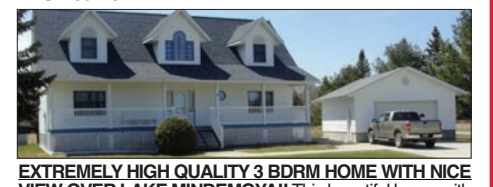
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LARGE WATERFRONT ACREAGE!! - Approximately 133 Acres of mixed forest with some small meadows and about a half mile of shoreline along the Mississagi Strait of Lake Huron located at the west end of Manitoulin close to the town of Meldrum Bay. The property is accessible by truck and the beautiful shoreline has many great building sites. There are atv trails on the property with lots of mature trees as well as many deer and small game. The lake itself has great fishing for most fresh water species, especially salmon, rainbow, lake trout, and musky. Asking \$199,000. MLS#2083525



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EXTREMELY HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH NICE VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!! This beautiful home with its hardwood floors & vaulted ceilings comes with a magnificent kitchen with cherry stained maple cabinets, 3 baths including the en-suite in the huge 600 sq ft master bdrm found at the top of a spectacular oak stair case. The manicured lot comes adorned with a variety of mature trees which nicely outline the property, amazing concrete driveway & huge side-walks leading to 2 large decks of which one is a covered verandah. Also on the lot is a 10 x 12 storage shed & a heated completely finished & insulated double size garage. Asking \$370,000. MLS#2074309