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**SOUTH SHORE SALES**—The Providence Bay Fall Market held last Saturday proved to be a big success. The market attracted plenty of vendors and a steady, well-protocolled crowd of customers.

photo by David Patterson

## Mindemoya's Old School friends get building lease

*Agreement conditional on finding sustainable funding*

**by Michael Erskine**  
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) are one step closer to the dream of preserving the historical stone building following a decision by Central Manitoulin council instructing staff to prepare a conditional lease of the building to the citizen-led non-profit corporation.

The motion from the property committee that "staff be directed to create a contract document for the conditional lease of the Mindemoya Old School building between the municipality and the FOMOS" was moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Steve Shaffer. The recommendation from the property committee was also moved by Councillor Stephens, but seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt.

Councillor Shaffer noted that the motion clarifies his earlier position that the extension of the deadline for FOMOS to come up with the funding and sustainable business plan to April not be worded in such a way as to preclude an earlier agreement. "I believe a negotiated lease agreement should be in place as soon as possible," he said.

"The funding wouldn't be coming if they didn't have a lease," agreed Mayor Richard Stephens.

"I fully support this," said Councillor Stephens. "It is needed to help the group access funding. I want to emphasize that this lease is conditional on them (FOMOS) getting the funding. It is not a blanket where they can enter the building and so on—this is to help them with their business plan."

The motion passed without dissent.

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## Tragic gun mishap leads to manslaughter conviction, sentencing

**by Lori Thompson,**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
GORE BAY—Earlier this year (August 20), Frank Tomaselli of Sheshegwaning First Nation pleaded guilty to one count each of manslaughter with a weapon and careless handling of a firearm, relating to the death of his wife, Talia Carey, in August 2019. Last Friday, October 15, he was sentenced to four years in custody, less one year for time served in pre-trial custody, for the manslaughter plea and nine months for the firearm count, to be served concurrently.

Regional counsel David Kirk from the Sault Ste. Marie Crown Attorney's office and defence counsel James Weppner prepared a joint submission for sentencing to Justice Jessica Wolfe, who thanked both for their comprehensive and thoughtful submissions in this "complicated" case. Both lawyers spoke about the uniqueness of this case in the facts and in the approach.

Prior to sentencing, Mr. Tomaselli participated in a justice advisory circle facilitated by the UCCMM Justice Program that was attended by family, friends, respected elders, Mr. Tomaselli's mental health worker, an OPP constable and Sheshegwaning First Nation Chief Dean Roy. Some participants also attended the hearing to support Mr. Tomaselli while others submitted letters of support. Justice Wolfe explained this circle was an important initiative under the Anishinaabe of Manitoulin Island because "it reconciles Indigenous law with an emphasis on the promotion of healing and reparation with the application of Canadian sentencing law."

The co-advisory circle helps the sentencing judge by providing insight into reconciling the two world views on how to achieve justice as well as the shared goal of safe and healthy communities, she explained. The circle provided a report to the court that spoke about the impact on Mr. Tomaselli and Ms. Carey's four children of losing their mother, but who have also lost time with their father. It spoke to the harm of continued family separation and asked for compassion and understanding, keeping the girls in mind. The circle also recommended a follow up circle with all parties who were in attendance when Mr. Tomaselli is released from custody, to help him re-integrate into the community.

Linda Carey, mother of Talia Carey, read her victim impact statement into the court record, which Justice Wolfe quoted several times in

her decision. Ms. Carey spoke of the grief of losing her daughter but also about forgiveness, acceptance of what happened, and the unconditional love of children. Ms. Carey has cared for her four granddaughters since the tragic night in August 2019.

"You are modeling responsibility by owning up to your mistake and by following through on your comments to me that you will use every program and use every day of your sen-

tence to make sure you come out ready to be the best father you can be for them," Justice Wolfe told Mr. Tomaselli, while acknowledging that prison is not conducive to that kind of healing.

She pointed out the community continues to struggle with the loss, which has resulted in harmful anger directed towards Mr. Tomaselli.

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## Regional fibre-optic project seeking more buy-in from Manitoulin communities

**by Tom Sasvari**  
IRON BRIDGE—Shovels should be in the ground next spring on the Huron Shores and Manitoulin Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure Corporation (H&M COFI) fibre infrastructure project for Huron Shores, Manitoulin Island and the North Shore area. Meanwhile, at a recent Billings Township council meeting, council debated the issue of moving forward and supporting the project in principle.

"It's real, and things are moving ahead," stated Georges Bilodeau, Mayor of Huron Shores and H&M COFI, in an interview with The Expositor recently. "It's on the way. Shovels will prob-

ably be in the ground as of April or May of next year (2022)."

Mr. Bilodeau said he was part of a meeting earlier in the day with a team of about

20 people, including H&M COFI, federal and provincial representatives, and Rock Networks. "We discussed the mapping and technical stuff,

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## M'Chigeeng fugitive again sought after court's 'catch and release'

**by Tom Sasvari**  
M'CHIGEENG—Victor Branco, one of three people accused of trafficking controlled substances in a location in M'Chigeeng earlier this summer, was eventually captured and charged by police. As part of the police investigation, the incident caused an emergency alert, as Mr. Branco was suspected of

being armed and dangerous after evading police.

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police reported last week that on June 24, 2021, information was received that three individuals were trafficking controlled substances out of 644 Cross Hill Road, in M'Chigeeng First Nation.

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## Island restaurant industry feels COVID-19 rules unfair

**by Tom Sasvari**  
MANITOULIN—Like others in similar situations, several Manitoulin Island restaurant operators are furious that capacity limits remain in place for the hospitality industry while large sports venues and concert halls can operate free of capacity and physical distancing measures as long as vaccination requirements are enforced.

"I'm furious too. When I saw that the province is allowing sports stadiums to be packed and I'm at 50 percent capacity and my business is hanging on by the skin of my teeth, it's like a slap in the face," stated Judith Martin, owner of The Codmother's Restaurant in Gore Bay.

Restaurant owners launched a concerted campaign over the Thanksgiving long weekend to lift COVID-19 restrictions on their businesses to bring them in line with

large sports venues and concert halls, which can now operate free of capacity and physical distancing measures as long as vaccination requirements are enforced.

Denise Callaghan, co-owner of the Anchor Inn in Little Current, told The Expositor, "I totally agree. It's crazy." She explained her restaurant has seating for 80 customers but is only allowed to have a capacity limit of 40 seated customers and is only using nine of 17 tables.

"And our bar has not been open since COVID hit," Ms. Callaghan told The Expositor. "But what really hacked me off is when I heard a customer was swearing and giving one of our waitresses a hard time because of the COVID regulations. They are not our rules, they are Ontario rules. But we are not willing to take a fine, lose our licence or put people out of work

for not following the regulations."

Angie Moggy, co-owner-operator of the Grill and Chill in Mindemoya said, "We are upset. It doesn't seem fair for sure."

"We are still doing all takeout of food, but we hope to be able to open inside soon to customers," said Ms. Moggy.

CTV News reported on October 12, Ontario restaurateurs are expressing their frustration with the provincial government after a cabinet minister failed to attend a meeting to discuss capacity limits in the hospitality industry.

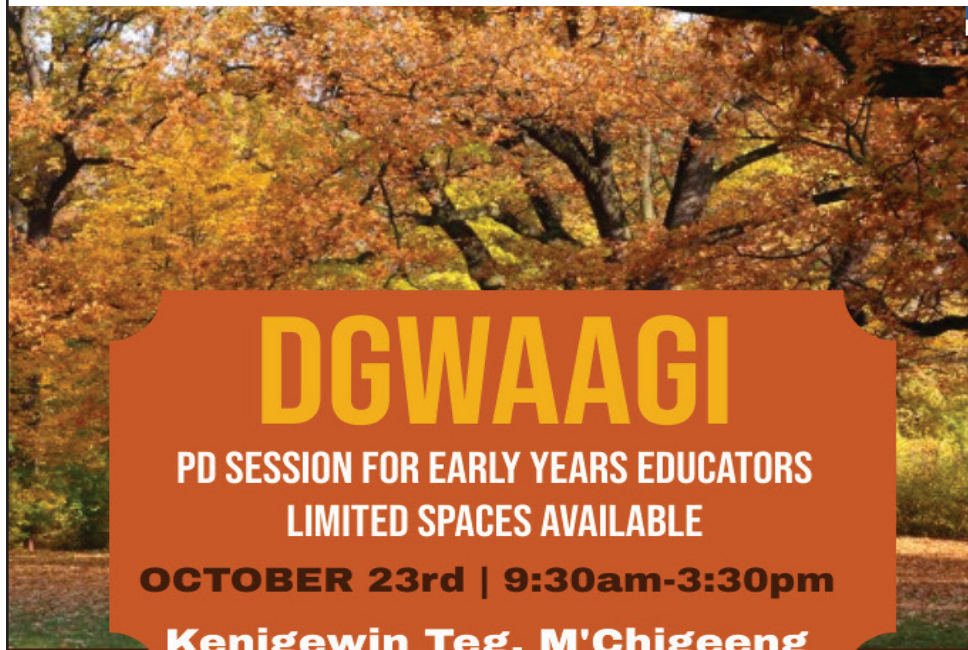
Currently, while restaurants are not subject to capacity limits, they must maintain two metres of distance between tables which, the industry says, effectively limits the number of diners.

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### Please note

The Hydro One Island-wide power outage originally scheduled for Saturday, October 23 has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 24. SEE STORY ON PAGE 6

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Community-based ITEP: Sample Schedule			
Summer 2022		Fall/Winter 2022/23	
Summer 1	Fall 1	Winter 1	Winter 1
May to June	July	September to December	January to April
Community-based Orientation	Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario Classes	Community-based Classes	Community-based Classes
Practicum 1 3 weeks		Practicum 2 3 weeks Mid-Fall	Practicum 3 4 weeks Mid-Winter
June: Community-based Classes 2 weekends			

Community-based ITEP: Sample Schedule			
Summer 2023		Fall/Winter 2023/24	
Summer 2	Fall 2	Winter 2	Summer 3
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\*ONLY Indigenous students may apply with a minimum of Grade 12 Diploma. Course dates and programs subject to change.

## Did You Know...?

The Indigenous Institutes Act, 2017 identifies a quality assurance process for Indigenous Institutes in Ontario. In this provincial legislation, Kenjgewin Teg is one of nine Ontario Indigenous Institutes. The Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Council (IAESC) is responsible for defining organizational standards and requirements that must be met. In their role in providing quality assurance to the public, IAESC will also approve Indigenous Institutes to grant diplomas, certificates, and degrees once quality assurance processes have been met.



### Anishinabek Education: UCCMM Tribal Council Resolution #501 (June 2010)

In 2010, the UCCMM Tribal Council expressed via Resolution #501 and Resolution #590 (2019) that Kenjgewin Teg has the authority and mandate to create and develop its own certificates, degrees and diplomas.

In 2017, seven years later, the Indigenous Institutes Act came into effect which identified that a quality assurance body, IAESC, would provide quality assurance measures for Indigenous Institutes in Ontario to develop and deliver their own certificates, degrees and diplomas.

Together, community voices of UCCMM and a provincial mechanism for implementation will allow Kenjgewin Teg to take on many new exciting opportunities ahead!

## What is 'accreditation'? What is an organization review?

Before an Ontario Indigenous Institute can grant diplomas, certificates, and degrees, the first step from IAESC requires completing an organization review.

- Kenjgewin Teg formally began its organization review planning in Fall 2019.
- In Sept 2020, documents were prepared and submitted to IAESC in support of Kenjgewin Teg's organization review. This involved providing documentation and evidence on how 25 established standards and benchmarks have been met.
- Other terms used to describe this process are: 'accreditation' and 'quality assurance'; these terms are closely interrelated and are often used interchangeably.

## Why is this important to Kenjgewin Teg?

Once the organization review process is completed, with IAESC's decision - Kenjgewin Teg can begin milestone next steps toward creating and developing Kenjgewin Teg's certificates, diplomas, and degrees!

## What's Next?

- As of October 2021, Kenjgewin Teg is now approaching the final stages of its organization review process with IAESC
- A final decision from IAESC is coming soon!

# Traffic study underway on proposed housing site in Gore Bay

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—A representative of Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS) says a traffic study is about to be conducted in regard to a proposed 40-unit apartment-type structure in the town.

“We’re excited that this study will be carried out,” stated Sarah McBain, communications special-

ist with OAHS, when contacted by The Expositor last week. She pointed out the assessment should be complete by the end of this year. Once all studies required by the town are completed, OAHS will be able to proceed with the planning stage for the project.

Jaime Garcia of CIMA+ (the project’s architect), in a letter dat-

ed September 30 to the town and also to Cathy Connor, program delivery manager for OAHS, on the scope of work for a traffic study, wrote, “The following characteristics of the development site will be considered for the preparation of the requested studies: municipal address, zoning residential multiple, 40 affordable housing units (three storey building). It is assumed that access will be located along Water Street approximately 165 metres south of the intersection with East Street.”

“CIMA+ will prepare a traffic study following the discussion sustained with the Manitoulin Planning Board (MPB) and Gore

Bay representatives,” wrote Mr. Garcia. “Based on those discussions it is our understanding that no other road authority, including the Ministry of Transportation, will be considered as a reviewer agency, and as such, no other material will be prepared aside of a traffic study for submission to the town of Gore Bay.”

“To this purpose it is assumed that the following information will be provided by OAHS: location plan of the subject property, property description, developer contact information, design drawings identifying the proposed access(es) to the site, project number and type of residential units,”

continued Mr. Garcia. “Based on the aforementioned information and after confirmation with the Town of Gore Bay regarding the scope of the traffic operations assessment, CIMA+ will complete the following tasks: an in-office review of the design drawings to confirm the adequacy of the location of the proposed access (i.e., to avoid potential conflicts with through traffic), determination of projected traffic volumes generated by the site based on the recommendations of the ITE Trip Generation Manual and information provided by OAHS, determination

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The popular Empress of Ireland exhibit will return for the 2022 season at the Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong after a well-received first year.

## Empress of Ireland display to continue next year at Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong

KAGAWONG—The news is all good from the Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong, in terms of attendance and one of the museum’s very popular displays this past season.

“The Canadian Museum of History has now officially granted the museum an extension of the Empress of Ireland display until October 2022,” stated Rick Nelson, curator of the heritage centre. “And Guy D’Astous, a private collector, has agreed to have his items in the display remain until then as well.”

“So, the entire exhibit that has been in place this season will remain in place for next year as well,” said Mr. Nelson. “We’ve already had people on Facebook say they are grateful the display will remain for another year because they couldn’t visit this year but will or are hopeful to be able to next year.”

And the heritage centre had an incredible year in terms of visitor attendance this summer and early fall. “We’ve had over 3,300 visitors in the past 10 weeks that the museum has been open,” continued Mr. Nelson. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, “we didn’t open until July 15, so we have only been open for 10 weeks. It has been a shorter season than usual.”

Mr. Nelson said that that the attendance number at the museum this year would make up the normal attendance for a season. “Think of what we might have had for a full season.”

The Empress of Ireland was a passenger ship that sank on May 29, 1914, east of Quebec City, just two years after the sinking of the Titanic. Built in 1906, the Canadian Pacific vessel was making its 96th run across the Atlantic to Liverpool when disaster struck at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River. It was broadsided by another vessel, the Norwegian collier (coal carrier) Storstad which collided with the ocean liner

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## Five chief candidates nominated in Sheshegwaning F. N. election

Band chief, council election slated for next month

by Tom Sasvari

SHESHEGWANING—Five candidates have been nominated for Sheshegwaning First Nation Chief and twenty-three candidates for the four council seats in the upcoming election to be held in the community.

A nomination meeting for candidates for chief and band council candidates was held last Thursday in the community.

The current Chief of Sheshegwaning First Nation is Dean Roy, while councillors include Nicole Bush, Alana Endanawas, Marie McLeod and Albert Cada.

Those nominated last week for the position of Band Council chief include incumbent Dean Roy, Ernest Wabegijik, Jennifer Sampson, Emilio Tomaselli, incumbents Alana Endanawas, Albert Cada, Nicole Bush, Marie McLeod, along

with Nancy Cada, Angela McLeod, Alex Cartegena, Christopher Endanawas, Deanna Sampson, Gregory Sampson, Luke Wabegijik, Robin Malley, Gene Cada, Jessica Sampson, Sabastian Malley, Kaitlyn Tomaselli, Violet Malley, John Wabegijik, Erica Sampson, and Freda Endanawas.

All candidates nominated for election have until October 20 to declare if they will let their name stand for the election, scheduled to take place November 20.

## Enhanced COVID-19 vaccine certificate with QR code and verification app available for download

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—In advance of October 22, the Ontario government is making the enhanced vaccine certificate with official QR code and the free, made-in-Ontario verification app, Verify Ontario, available for download. Together, these tools will make it easier, more secure, and convenient for individuals to provide proof of vaccination where required to do so and for businesses and organizations to verify vac-

cine certificates while protecting people’s privacy.

“I want to thank every Ontarian for their patience and co-operation as we’ve implemented our proof of vaccination policy,” said Premier Doug Ford in a release. “The enhanced vaccine certificates and Verify Ontario app will give our businesses further comfort in their ability to operate safely as we take further steps to protect people’s privacy. These

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## Four companies bid on Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport rehabilitation and renovation project

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—The municipal members of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport have received four tenders from companies bidding to carry out the designs for the rehabilitation and renovation work to be done on the airport (to send out for tenders), and to be the manager of the project.

“Yes, this is definitely progress,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne last week, of the four bids that

have been received. He explained the bids were received on Wednesday of last week. “The bids have arrived but we have to make sure they are complete. Ken Noland (Reeve of Burpee-Mills), Lee Hayden (Reeve of Gordon/Barrie Island township), airport manager Robbie Colwell and I haven’t sat down to look at the bids. We will be going through the four bids and rating them, and then the contract will be

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Laurie and Mike Addison, left, and Sharon and John Lloyd each made donations of \$2,500 toward the Robinson Township fire department’s bush buggy (UTV) fund.

photo by Tom Sasvari

## Western Manitoulin families make generous donations to fire department bush buggy fund

by Tom Sasvari

SILVER WATER—Two Western Manitoulin families have made significant donations toward the Robinson Township fire department bush buggy (UTV) fund.

John Lloyd and his wife Sharon (Addison-Lloyd), who have a cottage in Silver Water and a home in Gore Bay, and Mike and Laurie Addison of Gore Bay, made donations recently to the Robinson Local Services Board (LSB).

“We feel connected to the community, and everything just fell into place to make this contribution,” Mr. Lloyd told The Expositor recently.

“My daughter had seen a story referring to the fundraising campaign, that the Gore Bay Rotary Club had donated \$1,000 towards the fire department’s bush buggy fund,” Mr. Lloyd said. “I was thinking, this would be a perfect thing for us to help contribute to as well. So, I called Tim Mackin-

lay (who is chair of the LSB and a member of the fire department) and let him know we were interested in helping out. He told me at the time, the LSB was about \$5,000 short in raising funds for the bush buggy.” The Lloyds donated \$2,500 toward the fire department bush buggy fund.

Mr. Lloyd pointed out that his wife Sharon is originally from Silver Water. “We have a cottage here. We love it out here. We just felt it would be nice to contribute to the community in some way, in kind or through a donation like this.”

The estate of Ron and Betty Addison matched the contribution with another \$2,500 in their memory.

Mike Addison explained, “when the fire department was started in Robinson Township, both my parents signed up and became members of the fire department.” Ron Addison

served on the fire department for over 25 years and only retired due to health reasons.

“Laurie and I had decided to make a donation in memory of my parents, Ron and Betty,” said Mr. Addison.

“Because of the generous Rotary Club donation, it has spurred other people to come forward to contribute,” continued Mr. Addison.

The cheque presentations were made to Robinson Township fire chief Doug Wismer and Robinson LSB chair Tim Mackinlay.

Mr. Mackinlay had told The Expositor previously, “the UTV is equipped with all the tools a forest firefighter would need, including a fixed Honda pump, a high-pressure forestry pump, a high-pressure forestry pump and 600 feet of forestry hose. The trailer also carries 80 gallons of water, two backpack pumps and 200 feet of hose. In addition, there is a chainsaw for cutting fire breaks or downed trees blocking access.”

Mr. Wismer had told The Expositor previously, “this fully outfitted UTV bush buggy will help the department to address grass and forest fires in locations that are just not accessible with the larger fire vehicles. Our goal is to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to fires in remote locations to protect the homes and properties of our residents.”

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**editorial**

## Proposals on bridge swings a short-sighted movement

Plans being put forward by the Manitoulin Municipal Association to request that the swing bridge at Little Current only open for waterborne traffic every two hours is puzzling, given how the issue only crops up during the short boating season and how nearly all Islanders are long since accustomed to figuring it into their travel plans.

It is hard to fathom someone making their way to an important medical appointment off-Island not allowing for many possible delays along the way, let alone timing their arrival at the swing bridge when it is not due to swing. It seems a drastic move to implement because of careless or forgetful behaviour on the part of a very few.

The impact that would be felt on the boating public would be unreasonable, instead of a 15 minute pause at the bridge, having to wait two hours seems more than a bit onerous.

The loss of business for the merchants of Little Current, local Island businesses, should prove a concern to other municipalities, considering the close ties that still bind our communities together. Unlike the argument put forward by Central Manitoulin Councillor Dale Scott, it is not all about NEMI. In his own arguments, Councillor Scott noted that some of that boat traffic travels beyond Little Cur-

rent and on to Kagawong, Gore Bay and even Meldrum Bay and beyond.

It is sometimes easy to forget that we do live on an Island and with all of the benefits that come with that idyllic setting come some need for patience. Should we cancel deer season because so many have to wait for service due to hunting staff going on holidays?

The issue of swing bridge delays will largely be alleviated by the new two-lane structure (when it arrives) and commercial openings will remain ad hoc, coming at even less optimal times for those who do plan their trips more carefully. Even then, the bridge will still swing—probably on the hour.

Islanders are by their very nature nautically-minded. It goes with the territory, for good or ill. For many generations the only access to the Island was by ship, ferry or dangerous ice roads in the winter.

To the municipalities who are suggesting these changes, yes, it isn't all about NEMI, but the minor inconvenience of the hourly seasonal delays should be outweighed by the negative impact it would have on their friends and neighbours whose livelihood depends, in part, on the relatively free passage of our waterborne visitors and residents.

**letters**

## Writer dismayed at federal support for Line 5

*Ordinary citizens must remain vigilant in view of government laxity*

**To the Expositor:**

I feel that The Expositor should be aware of this latest disgrace on the part of the Canadian Government.

This article ('Why Do Canadians Seem to Care So Little about Protecting the Great Lakes from Line 5?' found at forloveofwater.org) is just the latest example of Justin Trudeau failing to protect the welfare of Canadian citizens.

FLOW is a non-profit environmental protection charity operating from the State of Michigan.

Manitouliners are particularly vulnerable in the event of a failure of the Line 5 petroleum pipeline, which is located beneath the Straits of Mackinac.

Our situation directly east of Mackinac, together with predominant-

ly westerly winds, puts our Island seriously at risk of petroleum pollution in the event of a pipeline rupture.

Oil washing up on Manitoulin beaches would cripple our already troubled tourist industry.

We owe it to our Island neighbours as well as all Canadians to recognize the need for vigilance in view of such government laxity.

Sincerely,

**Mike Wilton,  
Dominion Bay**

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The Expositor is aware of the referenced blog post and had reached out last week to the author of the referenced blog to clarify a couple of assertions made in the article. As of press time Monday, we had still not received a response from author Dr. Daniel MacFarlane.*

## Kudos provided to Billings for electric charging station plan

*A great way to encourage tourism and help the environment*

**To the Expositor:**

Kudos to Billings for their intention to install an electric charging station for public use ('Billings supports public EV charging idea, September 25). Manitoulin has had an EV charging station for public use since April 2020 at the Huron Sands Motel and Restaurant, right in front of the post office, \$5 per hour of charging.

Visitors can spend time and money in beautiful Providence Bay

while their vehicle charges. The charging station is listed on PlugShare. People buy an electric vehicle or hybrids to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and EV charging stations are a great way to encourage tourism and help the environment.

**Jan McQuay  
Mindemoya**

## Committee lists medical centre renovation priorities for town council to consider

**by Tom Sasvari**

WESTERN MANITOULIN—Gore Bay council has given its go ahead to the recommendations made by the Gore Bay Medical Centre ad hoc committee, for renovations and upgrades to the building.

Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne told The Expositor after a council meeting last week, "we supported the recommendations made by the committee for the renovations to the medical centre building and to have the committee continue to look at the design/conceptual design phase, what costs are involved and fundraising options."

The Gore Bay Medical Centre ad hoc committee has outlined its recommendations as to priorities for town council to consider for renovations and upgrades to the building.

"From my perspective the main priorities that came out of the (public) survey is the egress and ingress of the front entrance and the back entrance basement area (including accessibility to both areas of the building), wait room and reception area to overlook the waiting area, and includes work on the bathroom area," said Dr. Robert Hamilton, a member of the committee at a meeting held earlier this month.

The committee had previously reviewed the list of priorities that have been discussed and agreed that accessibility at the front of the building, ambulance entrance accessibility, the reception area to overlook the waiting room, wait room itself, basement entrance and bathroom were the main things to be looked at. Others included the building HVAC system,

lab renovations and examination rooms.

"I don't have too much to add to the suggested list of renovation items. I agree that the main concerns relate to the entrances and exits to the building, especially the front entrance, the rear entrance, ambulance service access, basement access, and associated improvements to the waiting room, patient washroom, and optimizing the interface between the waiting room and reception area," said Dr. Hamilton.

"I'm not clear about the process moving forward. The recommendations will now be made by the committee to council, then council looks at them and then asks for a firm to put an actual proposal together of the actual work to be done?" said Dr. Hamilton.

This would be the case, said town clerk Stasia Carr, to which Dr. Hamilton said, "I don't have the technical expertise as to what is possible. Will the engineer/architectural firm be asked to come up with advice as to what is possible. Or would they just implement a proposed plan?"

An architectural firm (to be selected by town council) could look at either option, said Ms. Carr.

Dr. Hamilton also inquired about an update on the dental office within the building. "I understand the dentist had given notice of leaving; do we have any updated information on that?"

It was explained by Ms. Carr that there is no new update. Dr. Maninder Singh's lease had ended on August 30, and "he wanted to sell his practice, but I don't know if he has been suc-

cessful," she said.

"It would be great to have another dentist in that office, but I don't know how realistic this would be," said Dr. Hamilton. He told the committee he will be attending a meeting this week with administrators of the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) looking at doctor recruitment. "With the Gore Bay services networking with Mindemoya and Little Current, who knows what health personnel opportunities will be available if there is no dentist service in that vacant office."

"I'll second Dr. Hamilton's motion to submit our priority list recommendations to council," said committee member Wayne Bailey. The motion was passed by the committee.

As for the future of the committee, "we as a group, moving forward we are either done or council will decide we are still a viable group, and we can look at fundraising. We'll wait and see," said committee co-chair Perry Patterson.

On behalf of the town and the committee, Ms. Carr said, "we would like to verbally thank the (Gore Bay) Rotary Club for their support of the medical centre (through the recent Bay to Bay Century Ride), which raised funds for two causes, one being the renovations of the medical centre."

"And thanks to the town and other groups and organizations etc. for taking part in this process," said Dr. Hamilton. "The medical centre has always been something that has been community driven, and this is another example of that. We appreciate the wider community taking part and are looking forward to seeing things come to fruition."

# obituary

## Buck Longhurst, March 24, 1946—October 12, 2021

### *Gore Bay's prolific marine historian and author will be missed*

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Friends of George Irwin (Buck) Longhurst will remember him as being a prolific marine historian and author. He had a great sense of humour and besides his family, his greatest passion was very much marine history.

"We were good friends and we are sure going to miss him. I don't know who we are ever going to be able to get to take over his position as curator of the (William Purvis) Marine Centre in Gore Bay," stated George Purvis.

Mr. Longhurst passed away in his 76th year on October 12 in Sudbury in the cardiac care unit at Health Sciences North Hospital with his family at his side. He lived in Gore Bay with his wife Eldene.

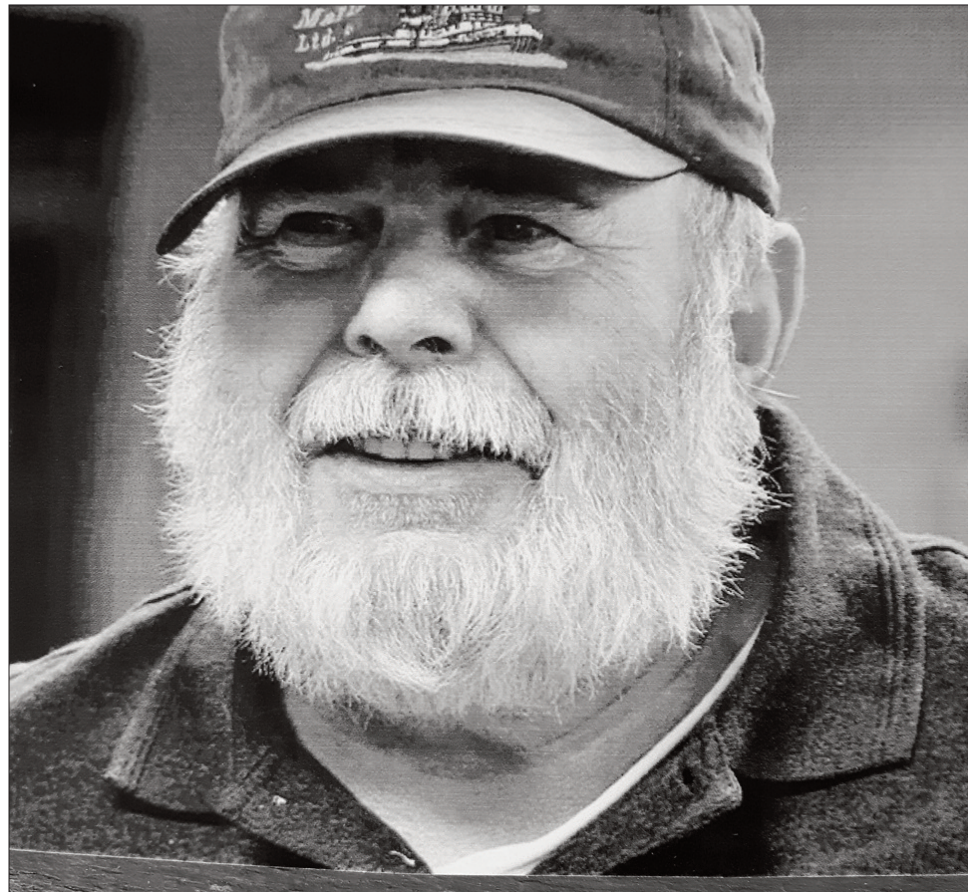
"I got to know Buck well after he moved to Gore Bay," said George Purvis. He pointed out that Buck wrote several books, including the history of the Purvis Brothers Fisheries. "I helped gather some pictures for the book and he wrote the book. He did a great job."

Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Buck Longhurst is survived by his wife of 34 years, Eldene (Porter Bailey) of Gore Bay, stepchildren Anne Porter of Gore Bay, Jeff and Sandy (Knight) Porter of Aurora, and grandchildren Bailey Nerbus of Kelowna and Chris and Sarah Porter of Aurora. He is predeceased by his parents David and Iris of Sault Ste. Marie.

As a young person Mr. Longhurst had spent many summers in Sandfield. After high school, Buck went into the Navy until Canada's defence forces were amalgamated in 1965. Then, he became a letter carrier and supervisor until 1970 when his life changed on meeting Jack Purvis on the waterfront in Sault Ste. Marie.

"He started working with us in the late 1960s, working with us for several years, when we were putting the business together," stated Jack Purvis, of Purvis Marine Ltd. in Sault Ste. Marie. "He was a crane operator but he became known as the Purvis Marine historian, working on several books with Skip Gillham."

"Buck was a boat fanatic," said Jack Purvis. "I can remember a boating adven-



Gore Bay marine historian and author, Buck Longhurst, passed away in his 76th year on October 12.

ture when we brought the tugboat Avenger back to the Sault from Gravesend, England. He even produced a book on this trip. He was always a great asset for us and he was a really nice guy and a really good friend."

"I can remember when he started at the Canada Post office as a letter carrier in the Sault, he would always be getting into trouble with his bosses because he would get everything done but he would take shortcuts on his route; he was anxious to get back to us and play on the boats," quipped Jack Purvis.

Jack Purvis is originally from Gore Bay, "and Buck and his wife Eldene and myself and my wife would keep in touch after they moved to Gore Bay. Eldene was a librarian

in the Sault when they first met up. His mother had a store here in the Sault and his father worked for the city."

Mr. Longhurst wrote a column, 'On The Lakes,' for many years in the Manitoulin West Recorder. "It was an excellent column and I can't tell you how much I learned by reading his column. Buck's knowledge on marine history was phenomenal. He had a great sense of humour and I really used to like talking to him about the Sault, my hometown. We would reminisce about places, people or things in the Sault. Again, he had a tremendous amount of knowledge on the history of the city and people he knew."

Buck was a lifelong Great Lakes shipping

enthusiast and he worked as a hoisting engineer and mobile crane operator with his crane, Dino the Dinosaur, at Algoma Steel, loading ships. He spent many hours chasing boats around the Great Lakes to get the perfect picture for his collection.

Buck and Eldene moved back to Manitoulin in 2004, where they had lived ever since.

In his spare time, Buck authored more than 15 books including several books exploring the histories of smaller Canadian shipping companies, among them Purvis Marine Ltd., A.B. McLean and Sons, the Abitibi tugs, Yankcanuck Steamship Co., and "The Last boats on the Turkey Trail," about vessels that travelled the route from the North Channel (above Manitoulin Island) into the St. Mary's River, named for the many courses which zigzag through the area's islands, shoals and ports. His usual co-author was the late E.B. "Skip" Gillham; however, he also co-authored a history of Algoma Central with Rod Cunningham. Both were honoured by the Marine Historical Society of Detroit as Historian of the Year.

Buck worked hard to help establish the William Purvis Marine Museum where much of his massive marine collection is now on display.

"I used to see all these old boats out there," Buck told The Manitoulin Expositor in a 2018 interview. "With the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, all the little canal boats, the small upper lakes boats, were disappearing. I started taking photos and whenever I got a vacation I'd be at Sarnia or the Welland Canal taking pictures or getting rides on boats and taking more pictures. My hobby turned into an obsession." As he towed ships to their final resting places in the scrapyard, he would salvage unwanted name plaques, keys, flags, log-books and brass railings to add to his growing personal collection.

Buck will be cremated. As per his request there will be no service.

Donations to the Kidney Foundation of Canada or the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Angel Bus would be greatly appreciated.

## Committee formed to examine garbage options as Providence Bay Landfill ordered closed

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Following debate on the mandate for a landfill committee and whether the committee would have any role in the closure plan for the Providence Bay landfill, Central Manitoulin council moved to create a committee to plan for the future disposition of the municipality's waste.

The original recommendation from the Water, Waste and Education committee was moved by Councillor Dale Scott and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt and read "That we recommend to Council that a sub-committee of the Water, Waste and Education committee be formed to assist in the preparation of a draft formal plan for the Providence Bay Landfill closure and to steer the municipal direction with future landfill issues."

Councillor Derek Stephens pointed out that the closure order follows strict ministry guidelines. Staff and the municipality's consultants have the expertise to do the job, he suggested. "I don't believe anyone on council could add anything to the process, it's a staff job," he said.

Councillor Stephens noted that the municipality once had a committee looking at those issues several years ago. "But then that fell by the wayside," he said. The issue of the eventual closure of the Providence Bay landfill, far from being a surprise, had been heralded for some time. "But as for closure, we don't have a say in it."

Mayor Richard Stephens said he believed the spirit of the motion was to create a group to look at future options.

Councillor Rose Diebolt agreed, noting that the issue was to decide what to do with the municipality's garbage, "rather than ship it to Espanola."

Councillor Dale Scott said that he believed there is value in forming a sub-committee to look at future options, but that committee should have a broader mandate than simply the Providence Bay landfill. "The blue box is winding down," he said. "It's all sort of a big picture issue."

Mayor Stephens noted that the previous committee was sidetracked by a proposed Island-wide committee, but never reinstated after that concept fell by the wayside.

Mayor Stephens sought CAO Ruth Frawley's opinion on the motion. She pointed out that Councillor Stephens was correct in the matter of the closure, but added that it was well within council's purview to look into options for the future.

Councillor Scott asked if council needed to pass a motion on the closure of the Providence Bay landfill. CAO Frawley said "no."

After some debate, it was agreed the portion of the motion regarding the closure would be removed but a committee would be formed to deal with future landfill issues.

Councillor Diebolt asked if it was necessary to set up a separate committee or if the existing Climate Change committee could undertake the work, seeing as many of the members of that committee have some expertise that could prove useful.

"We are not in a position to poach another committee," said Mayor Stephens, who went on to point out that the municipality

as sought a five-year extension to the life of the landfill.

Councillor Stephens corrected a suggestion that any committee would "give direction to staff," adding that was the job of council as a whole.

Some discussion on composting then took place following an interjection from Councillor Scott, with suggestions that could divert 40 percent of the municipality's waste. Councillor Scott added the need for a glass pulverizer to turn waste glass into usable silica. Mayor Stephens redirected debate to the question at hand.

Councillor Stephens called for a recorded vote on the motion and cast the only dissenting vote on the motion.

## District Services Board assessing paramedic stations' viability

by Michael Erskine

ESPANOLA—When the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) took on responsibility for overseeing ambulance services across its catchment area it inherited a large number of paramedic stations. Those stations may not measure up to modern health and safety standards, according to a report to the DSB from Chief of Paramedic Services Paul Myre.

"As some of our paramedic stations are approaching end-of-life and will soon require significant renovations or perhaps even replacement, staff have commenced an in-depth analysis process for capital planning purposes," said Mr. Myre in his report to the September 23 DSB meeting. "For the first step, the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre has been engaged to perform a heat mapping of 911 calls throughout the entire Manitoulin-Sudbury district collating data from the 2017 to 2020 years. This heat mapping exercise of all urgent and emergent paramedic services calls over this three-year period will provide a focused analysis on current station locations. This process will inform decision making and recommend optimal station locations based on our current and projected response times."

"Paramedic services currently occupy 12 paramedic stations

across our district," continued Mr. Myre. "A building condition analysis conducted by HSC Business Solutions in September of 2020 provided the board with some future capital assumptions and explored a sound fiscal approach to ensure a prudent use of public dollars when addressing critical infrastructure components."

Mr. Myre went on to note that "Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedic Services stations were assumed not for their strategic placement, but rather as legacy depots from previous service operators. As staff have reported on numerous occasions, several factors such as our aging population and increased call volumes are impacting our landscape and our ability to operate within it. A close assessment of our current asset location and exploration of system optimization opportunities are necessary for downstream planning purposes. Staff believe that this study would be an important initial step in understanding whether all of our stations are in optimal locations and would be a point of reference as stations attain their end-of-life expectancy."

Staff will be reporting further on any rationalization or change in locations for stations and other information sometime in the future.



Police told Kagawong residents to shelter in place October 11 in connection with a domestic incident involving a barricaded person.

## Toronto man is facing multiple charges after domestic dispute in the Village of Kagawong

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

KAGAWONG—Residents of Kagawong were surprised when they awoke on Thanksgiving Monday to find the small village teeming with police officers from the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service.

Police responded to a domestic dispute on Main Street after receiving a call at 4:07 AM on the morning of October 11, 2021. A shelter in place of safety advisory was issued at approximately 10 am that lasted until the incident was resolved without injury at approximately 4 pm.

A 27-year-old male from Toronto has been charged with three counts of uttering threats – cause death or bodily harm, contrary to section 264.1(1)(a) of the Criminal Code (CC); pointing a firearm, contrary to section 87 of the CC; assault-spousal, contrary to section 266 of the CC; and mischief-domestic, contrary to section 430(4) of the CC.

The accused is being held for a bail hearing and is scheduled to appear in court in Gore Bay this week. The investigation by the Manitoulin OPP crime unit remains in progress.

### Expositor correction

In the October 13, 2021 edition of The Expositor in the story, 'Book detailing history of 'Sandfield Mills' re-released in third edition, the last paragraph reads in part, 'the book can be purchased from Sarah Williamson. It should have read Sharon Watson. The Expositor regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.

## Planned power outage for reliability improvement work now rescheduled for Sunday, October 24

MANITOULIN—Hydro One had scheduled and advertised a one-day planned power outage for this Saturday, October 23. On Monday of this week, the utility announced that the outage will take place the next day, on Sunday, October 24, instead. This also means that the power outage breakfast at the Howland Seniors' Hall in Sheguiandah will take place Sunday, October 24. The breakfast had also originally been scheduled for Saturday.

Hydro One will turn off power to the Island as crews upgrade aging infrastructure. Company spokesperson Alicia Sayers told The Expositor, "Work crews will be completing upgrades on infrastructure. This will include upgrades to seven transmission structures and distribution (like hydro beams and arms). Some of the equipment has been identified as

being at the end of its life."

The power outage will take place on Sunday, October 24, from 8 am to 5 pm, and affect approximately 10,400 customers on Manitoulin Island and the surrounding area.

"We understand that this is a challenging time to be without power and would like to thank our customers for their patience as crews complete this important area investment work," a Hydro One release noted.

Hydro One also provided some tips to help you and your family during an outage. "Make sure your appliances, such as the stove, are in the off position; make sure your cellphone and extended battery packs are fully charged; keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. Use a cooler with ice for items you will need during the outage; if your water services will be affected, consid-

er filling jugs of water to use for drinking and cooking; if you plan to use a generator, remember to use it in a dry area outdoors away from any open windows, doors and vents. Visit the Electrical Safety Authority at [esasafe.com](http://esasafe.com) for more tips. If your water services will be affected and you have a bathtub, consider filling it with water before the outage begins. You can use the water and a bucket to fill your toilet tank to be able to flush.

Affected Hydro One customers have been notified via auto-dialer and can visit Hydro One's outage map or call 1-888-664-9376 for more information.

The power outage breakfast at the Howland Seniors Hall will have three seatings of 50 people each, 8:30-9:30 am, (call Myrna at 705-368-3638), from 10:00-11:00 am (call Mary Ellen at 705-368-3746), and from 11:30-12:30 am, (call Gail at 705-368-2589).



## Law & Order

### Motor vehicle collision results in impaired charges

On September 30 at approximately 2:58 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) were dispatched to a motor vehicle collision on Highway 542 in the Township of Gordon/Barrie Island.

Officers arrived on scene and spoke with the driver of the motor vehicle. A roadside screening device was administered, and the driver was subsequently arrested. The driver was then transported to the Gore Bay detachment.

As a result of the investigation, 34-year-old Matthew Stirman from Campbell Township was charged with operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs, contrary to section 320.14(1)(a) of the criminal code (CC), operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus), contrary to section 320.14(1)(b) of the CC; and drive motor vehicle with no licence, contrary to section 32(1) of the highway traffic act (HTA).

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay on November 10.

### OPP seeking information regarding break and enter

On August 30, shortly after 11 am officers from the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP received a report of a break and enter at a property on Beach Road in the Township of Burpee and Mills.

An OPP investigation revealed that sometime between the evening of August 29 and the morning of August 30 unknown person(s) entered multiple buildings on the property and caused extensive damage. Any person with information regarding the person(s) responsible for this break and enter should immediately contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or your nearest police authority.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or go online at [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Team Fergmeijer passed two seasonal Kagawongians who broke down on their way to the ferry last weekend. They said their 'check engine' light came on, but, when they got out and popped the hood, it was right where it was supposed to be. When we stopped to see why they were stopped on the side of the road, they said that they could really use a lift. We were happy to do what we could, so we complimented them on their hair and outfits and drove off. We were happy to hear that they sorted things out and managed to get home to their family. It could have been much worse; if there's one thing we know about broken down vehicles, it takes one to no one.

Where do ghosts buy their food? At the ghost-ery store! But on Halloween night, all little ghouls and goblins can get some treats for free starting at 5 pm at the Kagawong Pavilion - stop on by! Brought to you by the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee.

There is a planned power outage this Sunday from 8 am to 5 pm for pretty much the whole Island. This is a change from Hydro's originally advertised outage day of Saturday, October 23. We know it's not ideal (or even shocking) for a lot of people, but when it comes to this sort of thing, resistance is futile.

Happy birthday to long-distance honorary Kagawongian Joanne T, and Kagawongian-in-law Ken F, who both turned 29 this week. In honour of the momentous occasion, we have a birthday riddle: what has wings, a colourful tail and wears a bow? A birthday pheasant!

The Anglican Church is holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 20th from 9 am to 2 pm. There will be baked goods, crafts, and gift baskets up for grabs. They will also have a 'take home' fundraising dinner with homemade meat pies, lasagna and perogies. All funds raised go towards replacing the church roof. COVID-19 protocols will be in place.

Looking to leave your mark on the township? The Township of Billings invites professional artists and illustrators with a connection to Billings to submit proposals and quotations for a re-design of the current flywheel face situated at the Old Mill Heritage Centre/Municipal office building

parking lot. Proposals will be selected until November 26, 2021 at noon. Check out <https://billingsstp.ca/administration/requests-for-proposals/>, for more information.

Looking to get involved in the community? There are currently vacancies on the Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee, as well as the Economic Development Committee. If you are interested in joining one of these committees, visit the township website (<http://billingsstp.ca>) for information and application forms.

The province has rolled out its new enhanced vaccine certificates that include a scannable QR code that protects your personal information. If you need your proof of vaccination or QR code printed, visit <http://covid19.ontario-health.ca> to access your vaccination receipts. If you need help, stop in at the township office or library during their regular hours and someone will be happy to help you.

Although the high double-digit temperatures might make you think differently, it is swiftly getting to be that festive time of year again: Community Christmas Concert time! With COVID concerns still uppermost in mind, organizers have decided to stick to the online format they used last year. It was such a fun night that Team Fergmeijer can't wait to experience it all over again this year! Stay tuned for dates and times, and start thinking about what song, joke, skit, or dance you might be willing to contribute! Email [Kagawong@live.ca](mailto:Kagawong@live.ca) for more information or if you are interested in performing.

Did you hear about the baker who became really successful after adding leaves to his bread recipe? He raked in the dough! Have a great week!

### Silver Water Karen Noble

Lloyd and Jean Steeves went to their daughter Sherry Beaudoin's for Thanksgiving weekend and also visited their daughter, Laurie Lamothe. Jean participated as a vendor at the market held in Providence Bay on Saturday October 16. She reported there were 1,000 customers by the end of the day. It is great to have people shopping locally.

Congratulations to grandparents Karen (Johnston) and Steve Marshall, and parents Caitlin and Jordan McGrath on

the birth of Madeline June, August 31, 2021.

The Silver Water Recreation Center held its election meeting on October 13. Willie Hunter and Darlene Munro were elected. Janice Frame and Jean Steeves finished their terms. No decisions were made about euchre.

The Local Roads Board of Robinson held its election meeting on October 14 outdoors with over 70 people attending which was wonderful to see. Larry Zimmerman finishes his term on December 31 and Jerry Martin begins his one-year term on January 1.

There will be a zoom pre-budget meeting for the Local Services Board of Robinson with date to be announced. Please email [robinsonsb@gmail.com](mailto:robinsonsb@gmail.com) if you would like the internet link or the tollfree number to join by phone. Anyone with unreliable internet or phone access, please let me know. This is an opportunity to ask questions, make suggestions or comments about the various categories including the fire department, the garbage collection / recycling, the street lighting, recreation, administration, and emergency telecommunications. Enquiries will be kept confidential as requested.

There will be a Halloween decorating contest for homes and yards in Silver Water. The judging will take place Sunday morning, October 31. Reg and Caitlin have set the bar pretty high already. There will be cash prizes awarded. Please let me know if you have decorated by October 30. The mini market at 20563 Hwy 540 will be held October 23 and October 30. Feel free to set up with yard sale items or other items. Starting in November, the market will be inside the buildings and geared more to Christmas items. Masks, sanitizer and social distancing will be mandatory. Archie Cadden's funeral service will be held on Saturday, Oct 23 at the Meldrum Bay cemetery. Condolences to the family of Aline Marois and to the family of Buck Longhurst.

The recycle bins will be open Saturday, October 23 from 1 to 2 pm.

# Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

## Manitoulin Sporting Life



### Pre-NSSSA blow-outs!

This past Friday, October 15th, Manitoulin Secondary School stormed the pre-NSSSA race at CASS held on St. Joseph Island. **Xavier Mara, Brodie Pennie, and Maren Kasunich** each placed first in all of their races. Xavier's 4K race had an exciting finish as his time of 16 minutes and 46 seconds was a mere second ahead of second place. Those repeats paid off, Xav! Brodie finished his 5K in a scorching time of 18 minutes and 48 seconds.

Maren, always an exciting runner, finished her race in apparent leisure, for the win! Following Maren in second, third and sixth place were MSS runners **Mackenzie Green, Annie Balfe and Morgan Green**. Of course, with those placings they easily won the team division!

The senior boys finished in second place thanks to **Julian Wemigwans, Alan Wilkin, Jack Pennie and Landon Hare**. Sadly, these were the only full teams with at least four runners to count as a qualifying team. Maybe even sadder, (but not for MSS) is that with just our two qualifying teams, we won the overall aggregate title! Hats off as well to our other MSS runners who also ran hard and finished but alas, didn't have a team: **Andrew Cooper, Ezra Diebolt, Patrick McCann and Orland Carter-O'Hearn**. This Friday, back on the same course, is the actual, official NSSSA race. Way to go team and good luck Friday!

### Family's weekend goes swimmingly!

This past weekend, Xavier Mara finished his Bronze Cross, the day after winning his pre-NSSSA race (see above). Xavier's mother and driver, **Margit Alberti**, also got her full Bronze Cross. The "Cross" is an amazing accomplishment and commitment requiring hours and hours over many weekends in the pool and classroom. Well done, Margit and Xavier!

### Warrior-Fox-Recollet

A belated congratulations to **Aurel Fox-Recollet** who hails from Wiikwemkoong (now of Sudbury), who finished in fifth place out of 32 runners in the 12-kilometre Apex Warrior Trail Race back on September 25. His time was 1:26.40 on one tough course, held at the Lake Laurentian site in Sudbury, consisting of hills, more hills, sharp rocks, clay and narrow trails. Way to go, Aurel!

### Turkey Trotters

The Sudbury Fitness Challenge's Turkey Gobbler was a couple of weekends ago and several Island runners participated. In the one-kilometre girls' division, two Lakeview School girls (under 12) didn't just participate—they finished first and second overall! **Rowyn Kasunich** and **Damara Wassegijig** respectively were nearly a minute ahead of the third-place runner, needing only four-and-a-half minutes over the Walden cross country course!

Not to be outdone, Rowyn's sister Maren Kasunich, also of M'Chigeeng, ran in the women's 3.5-kilometre event and won it by more than three minutes—they even beat the top male by more than a minute and a half! Maren ran an astonishing 14:25, not even on the road or track! Participating as well were Manitowaning's Mara/Alberti family. **Margit Alberti, Chris Mara** and their son **Sebastian Mara** also completed the distance.

In the eight-kilometre women's division, Birch Island's **Avery Sutherland** finished fifth overall and was the first under-19-year-old in just over 43 minutes. Congratulations to all of the participants!

### NOJHL nights

Manitoulin's two players skating in the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League both found themselves on the scoresheet this week and their respective teams had mixed results for the league standings. **Liam Bridgeman** and his Espanola Express had their first plus-week, winning five of a possible six points. Liam had one assist for the cause and started getting more good looks on net and subsequent ice-time as well. The Express started off with a 5-3 win over the Cubs, followed by a 3-2 overtime loss to the powerhouse Soo Thunderbirds, and then a slaughter of the Elliot Lake Redwings in their rink, 8-2!

**Billy Biederman**, who skates for the Sudbury Cubs, had a great week offensively and now sits in third place in team scoring with four goals and four assists. That's a total of eight points, especially impressive for a 16-year-old rookie! His team split their two games to take two of four points. They had a 2-1 win over Elliot Lake but suffered a loss to Espanola. The Cubs and Express are back at it, again in Espanola, this Friday. 7:30 is game-time!

**A good sport is good for sports.**  
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Phoenix Firant, 11 years old, reaches the finish line to place first in the youth division with a time of 58 minutes and 49 seconds. photos by Michael Erskine

## Return of Wiky Road Race rosters 60 runners

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—Organizers were kept busy this past weekend as the Wiky 10K Road Race resumed after a COVID-19 induced hiatus, with 60 participants registering for the Island's oldest road race.

The race set out from its traditional start line in Kaboni, travelling down the road to end in a final lap around the track of Thunderbird Park before crossing the line where officials stood by with stopwatches to record runner's times.

First runner across the finish line was home-grown favourite Aurel Fox, who won The Expositor Trophy for the Fastest Male Runner, with a time of 37:58; second was Neil Mahalanobis with a time of

38:38; and third was Christian Kaiser with a time of 40:40. Sara McIlraith was the first female runner across the line with a time of 40:40 securing the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education Trophy for the Fastest Female Runner; second female was Chantel Dagastino with a time of 44:28; and third place female was Julianne Falconi with a time of 45:47.

The top youth runner was 11-year-old Phoenix Firant, with a time of 58:49. Top senior (55-plus) honours went to David Crockett, with a time of 49:23. This was Mr. Crockett's first-ever race.

After the racers and walkers crossed the finish line, they were presented with medals, T-shirts and a large bag containing the celebratory meal.



Aurel Fox sprang across the finish line first, winning The Expositor Trophy for his time of 37 minutes and 58 seconds.



Sara McIlraith secures the top time in the women's division with a finish of 40 minutes, 40 seconds.



Neil Mahalanobis was second across the line in the male division with a time of 38 minutes and 38 seconds.



Roxanne Mandamin was the first person to reach the finish in the walking division.

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## Island runners see great results in cross-country race

WALDEN—Several Manitoulin Island cross-country runners garnered very good results in a race held in Walden last week.

“A few of the runners I coach took part in the Turkey Gobbler (cross-country) Trot held at the Walden Trails (earlier this month),” said Gerry Holliday of Mindemoya.

Mr. Holliday explained that Maren Kasunich, of M’Chigeeng First Nation, took first place in the women’s 3.5 kilometre race overall in a time of 14 minutes 25 seconds. She finished two minutes and 15 seconds ahead of her near-



Rowyn Kasunich, in foreground, and Damara Wassegijig took first and second place respectively in the women’s 3.5-kilometre race at the Turkey Gobbler Trot held at the Walden Trails recently.

est competitor overall. In the girls one-kilometre adventure (obstacle course) run Rowyn Kasunich, in

the under age 12 category, took top spot with a time of four minutes 29 seconds. Island runner Damara Wassegijig took second place, finishing eight seconds behind Rowyn Kasunich.

Margit Alberti finished 20th in the women’s 3.5 kilometre race in a time of 24 minutes 22 seconds. Her husband, Chris Mara, finished 12th in the men’s 3.5 kilometre race in a time of 21 minutes and the couple’s son, Sebastian Mara, finished 13th overall in the men’s 3.5 kilometre race in a time of 22 minutes 7 seconds.

## MSS runners perform well at pre-NSSSA competition

by Tom Sasvari

M’CHIGEENG—Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs runners posted some excellent results in a pre-North Shore Secondary School Association (NSSSA) cross-country event held at St. Joseph Island on Friday of last week.

“The top midget boy was Xavi Mara, while the junior boy’s division was won by Brody Pennie, and Maren Kasunich took top spot in the junior girl’s division (all from MSS),” MSS coach Gerry Holliday told The Expositor. “Our junior girls team finished first in the team category.”

Maren Kasunich was first in the girl’s division, with fellow MSS runners Mackenzie Green second, Annie Balfe third and Morgan Green sixth.

Mr. Holliday noted as well the Mustangs boy’s seniors team finished second overall.

“We took first place overall in the pre-NSSSA,” said Mr. Holliday. The NSSSA championships will take place on the same cross-country trails at St. Joseph Island this Friday.



The MSS Mustangs junior girls’ team took top spot in their division at the pre-North Shore Secondary School Athletic Association (NSSSA) cross-country running event held at St. Joseph Island on Friday of last week. In photo is the winning MSS team: from left, Maren Kasunich, Mackenzie Green, Annie Balfe and Morgan Green.

## MSS boys’ volleyball teams open season with strong start

M’CHIGEENG—The Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs boys’ teams both got off to a successful start in regular season action held recently.

MSS hosted the junior boys’ division volleyball on October 6, with the Mustangs playing against Espanola and winning all four of its games. “The junior boys team went undefeated,” said Jordan Smith, of MSS. “The junior boys’ team is made up of a great group of young players. They only dropped one set in four games played,” he said, noting the team is coached by teacher Frank Gurney.

The Mustangs senior boys’ team travelled to Elliot Lake last Wednesday to play both Espanola and the host Elliot Lake teams. The Mustangs, coached by Mike Wesno, split two games with each of their opponents.

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### PLAYER PROFILE

by Aspen Debassige

**CONGRATULATIONS, SARAYA!**

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**SARAYA ESHKAWKOGAN**

Saraya Eshkawkogan is sure to leave her mark in MSS sports in the years to come. Saraya is a super-active Grade 10 student who has always enjoyed playing and competing in a variety of sports. She is stoked to be able to bring her skills to the teams that she hopes to be a part of in the following years at Manitoulin Secondary School. Saraya loved playing sports in elementary school and was very disappointed that she didn’t have the chance to take part in school sports in Grade 9.

Saraya lives in Little Current and attended Little Current Public School (LCPS) from SK to Grade 8. In elementary school she played almost all of the sports that were offered including 3-pitch, soccer, flag football, volleyball, and track and field. Her most memorable moments in elementary school were the bus rides back from tournaments. Saraya and her teammates would blast music and the whole team would sing along. This is a part of why Saraya loves the team aspect of sports, the camaraderie and friendships that get created along the way.

Relationships are always a big part of sports and it’s not always just about competition. Much can be learned from teammates, from coaches and from the teams we compete against. Sports can also improve our relationship with ourselves as we reflect on our approach to the game, our improvement, and our attitudes in general.

As Saraya adjusts to in-person learning again in her Grade 10 year, she still makes plenty of time for athletics. This semester she has already joined the girls’ golf team and competed in a tournament at Stone Ridge in Elliot Lake. She does plan to try out for plenty of other sports this year including volleyball, track and field, and badminton.

Saraya enjoys sports for a multitude of reasons. They keep her active and help her to stay strong and healthy especially in these uncertain times. She also enjoys sports because it’s a good opportunity to meet and make new friends and build relationships with your fellow teammates. By playing sports Saraya has learned some very valuable lessons. She has learned better communication and leadership skills, and has built up her confidence in herself and her abilities. Saraya feels that these skills will set her up for the rest of her life.

When it comes to competition, Saraya is also heavily involved in a not-so-common one (by Manitoulin standards anyway) - competitive dance. Saraya has been competitively dancing for four years. This involves taking trips to Sudbury two-three times per week. She has tried a variety of types of dance which include tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, lyrical, jazz funk, acrobatics, contemporary, hip hop and musical theatre.

When it comes down to favourites, she would have to choose contemporary and hip hop. Saraya started dancing with her previous studio called “Project Dance” in Sudbury. She attended two competitions under this studio. She placed first for her ballet solo routine and helped her former team win several awards for their group dances. This year Saraya transferred to a new studio. “Spotlight Dance Company.” As with many sports, Covid put a stop to her competitions last year so she is hopeful that she will be able to compete at three separate events in the coming spring.

Outside of school and sports you can find Saraya working behind the counters of the Little Current grocery store. This past summer she took a job at Breakaway Sports and Cycle. She likes to go hunting and fishing with her family whenever they get the chance and always finds the time to be on the water whether it’s kayaking, boating or swimming. She also enjoys playing various sports outside of competition such as volleyball, golf, soccer, ultimate frisbee, basketball, pretty much a little bit of everything!

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

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## ...Traffic study underway on proposed housing site

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of the potential effects of projected traffic at the proposed access as well as the following locations. Our proposed approach considers that historical traffic volumes and turning movements at those locations may be provided by the Town of Gore Bay or by OAHS (including) the yield-controlled intersection of Water Street and Bay Street; the stop-controlled intersection of Bay Street (minor road) and Agnes Street; the stop-controlled intersection of Water Street and Main Street (minor road) and the stop-controlled intersection of Main Street (minor road) and Meredith Street. Recommendation of mitigation measures to be considered as part of the proposed development.”

“The results of the aforementioned activities will be summarized in the form of a traffic study report for submission to the Town of Gore Bay to support the rezoning of the subject land to multiple family residential (conducted by others),” wrote Mr. Garcia.

Ms. McBain also told The Expositor that Tulloch Engineering will be helping in the studies being carried out on behalf of OAHS.

“This is the proposal for the traffic study being forwarded to council,” said Gore Bay Mayor Dan Osborne at a Gore Bay council meeting last week. “Does anyone have any

questions or thoughts at this time.”

Councillor Jack Clark asked if the town has received any information yet on other studies they are requiring of OAHS for consideration by council for the housing project.

Mayor Osborne told council that as of this point the town has not received any information on studies having been completed.

Council accepted the information from AOHS that the traffic study is to be carried out.

“We accepted this as information,” Mayor Osborne told The Expositor after the council meeting. He pointed out OAHS “is required to have several studies done for our review. So far we haven’t seen anything yet.”

As was reported previously, council for the Town of Gore Bay gave its approval to amend a zoning bylaw toward the development of a proposed 40-unit apartment-type structure in the town (with conditions), in consideration of the many concerns by residents of Hall Street. The considerations include studies on mitigation to flooding, conservation at Bickell’s Creek, an environmental study to be carried out, approval of the building design, water-sewer capacity and a traffic study. All have to be in place and council has to be satisfied with the information provided for the project to move forward.

## ...Four bids on West End airport rehabilitation project

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awarded.” Mayor Osborne said the tender posted, “is for the company that will be putting the design together of the work to be done, with our requests and asks, and then they will be putting this out for contractors to bid on for the various aspects of the project. The winning design bid from the four we received will manage the project from start to finish and make sure everything is done to specifications and put out the tenders for each aspect of the project.”

“We will be looking at the tenders that have come in, and we are planning to award the contract on or shortly after October 20,” said Mayor Osborne.

Tenders have been received from Exp., Belanger, Idea Inc. and Tatham.

In July 2020, the federal government announced it was providing funding of \$3,966,497 toward the rehabilitation of the Gore Bay-Manitoulin Airport, including a new air terminal, helipad, expansion of the secondary runway and enhancements to security and wildlife fencing. This project will improve passenger safety and security, emergency responses and the flow of traffic.

Robby Colwell, manager of the airport, told The Expositor at the time the funding was announced, “With the enhancements covered under this funding program, our airport will become a more substantial aviation

hub, serving a larger catchment area and be better positioned to leverage future opportunities. We will have a better foundation to build from and attract businesses to locate at the airport.”

“The new air terminal building will be the champion of the project. Our existing building opened in 1947, right after World War II, and has a bomb shelter in the basement. It does not satisfy many of the building codes of modern-day structures and has become a limiting factor for growth,” said Mr. Colwell. “The replacement terminal will be approximately four times as large and will be a modern, full service, multi-use air terminal building that will attract more users to our facility and strengthen our appeal to a diverse aviation community. The new building can serve as an emergency crisis management centre and will contain many features to deal with a large scale post-disaster occurrence. The airport already has much of the key infrastructure to deal with this type of emergency and the new terminal building will allow us to enhance the deliverables for this saturation, if/when it happens.”

The terminal will have a large centre core that will be the focal point of the building, with the largest part being a lounge that will be spacious and bright, offering great views of airside. Blended into this space will be a customer service and operations centre, Mr. Colwell explained. Upgraded

and large capacity washrooms will include a barrier-free washroom and change tables. A pilot’s fatigue management centre will provide a quiet rest area for pilots to control fatigue and do flight planning in a calm, secluded setting.

The project will provide for a large multi-function room for training and aviation safety seminars, a food services area, rental office space will be available, as well as improved and expanded Canada Border Services office.

“The new terminal building will eliminate accessibility constraints experienced at our existing building,” continued Mr. Colwell. The widening and lengthening of the secondary runway will enhance aviation safety by providing an alternative landing surface to a broader range of aircraft. Plans include the installation of a helipad.

“Upgrades to our field electrical centre will establish a reliable and large-capacity emergency power unit and airfield lighting improvements,” said Mr. Colwell. And for a large-scale power interruption on the Island, the airport will be able to operate normally to support critical medical transfer flights and Hydro One power grid repair operations. The terminal can be transformed into a temporary emergency shelter if needed.

A date of 2026 has been set for the project to be completed.

## ...Empress exhibit will return to Kagawong next year

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while navigating thick fog in the Gulf of St. Lawrence during the early hours of May 29, 1914. The ship foundered within 15 minutes with the loss of 1,012 people on board.

Although the ship was equipped with more than enough lifeboats for all onboard, the Empress of Ireland

capsized so quickly it was nearly impossible to launch them. The ship capsized so fast passengers didn’t even have time to climb stairs while escaping out of their cabins. Apparently, the first divers to reach the sunken wreck 100 feet down saw people’s faces sticking out of portholes.

The museum secured numerous

artifacts from the Museum of History in Gatineau, Quebec and many items from the private collection of Guy D’Astous, a private collector and a professional diver, who has dived on the actual wreck 35 times over the years. Mr. D’Astous arguably has the largest private collection the world.

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## Sheshegwaning launches community app

SHESHEGWANING—In the interest of providing immediate and accessible communications to their members, particularly while social distancing measures are still in place, Sheshegwaning's band administration has partnered with Aivia Design and Technology Engineering to produce a custom mobile application.

The app is capable of sending news updates, announcements, event information, important documents and emergency notifications directly to members' devices using push notifications that can be tapped to access more information. The technology also allows band administration to collect information directly from their mem-

bership using fillable forms and surveys.

Chief Dean Roy said Sheshegwaning has decided to develop its own app because "the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying lockdown measures presented us with a strong reason to move more of our communications online. We need to be able to reach our members with vital information no matter where they are, at any time. This is particularly crucial now with ongoing updates about COVID safety measures and vaccines needing to be distributed."

The official Sheshegwaning First Nation app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

## ...Enhanced vaccination certificate available

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certificates remain a key element of our plan to protect the gains we have made while avoiding future lockdowns."

To ensure a smooth user experience, the province is initially making the enhanced vaccine certificates available for download in cohorts. Enhanced vaccine certificates with official QR codes were made available for download on the COVID-19 vaccination portal over three days based on birth month: October 15, 12:00 am to 11:59 pm for all individuals born between January and April; October 16, 12 am to 11:59 pm for all individuals born between May and August; and October 17, 12 am to 11:59 pm for all individuals born between September and December.

As of October 18, the portal was open for any individual to download their enhanced vaccine certificate, regardless of their birth month. Individuals can also call the provincial vaccine contact centre at 1-833-943-3900 to have their enhanced vaccine certificate emailed or mailed to them.

People can save the electronic version of their vaccine certificate with a QR code to their phone or print a paper copy. Businesses must accept both electronic and paper versions. In addition, while the current vaccine receipt without a QR code remains valid and will continue to be accepted, the province is encouraging individuals to download their enhanced vaccine certificate with a QR code as an easier, more secure, and convenient way to have their proof of vaccination verified. Ontarians will need to continue to show a piece of identification with their name and date of birth along with their proof of vaccination when visiting select businesses and organizations.

Ontario's enhanced vaccine certificate with QR code is built to the SMART Health Card standard adopted by the federal government in collaboration with provinces and territories. To support Ontarians who are travelling internationally, Ontario is also including the government of Canada logo on the enhanced vaccine certificate.

"Getting vaccinated is the single most important thing Ontarians can do to protect themselves and their communities," said Christine Elliott, deputy premier and minister of health. "We are making it simpler, faster and more convenient for Ontarians to show their proof of vaccination, allowing them to safely access businesses and other settings across the province. If

you haven't yet received your vaccine, please do so today."

In addition, businesses and organizations can now download the free Verify Ontario app from the Apple App and Google Play stores. The app has been made available in advance of October 22 to ensure businesses and organizations download the app and have sufficient time to become familiar with it. The Verify Ontario app for businesses can be used without an internet connection but like any app it will need to connect to the internet periodically to keep it up to date. The app never stores personal information and only shows the minimum amount of information necessary to confirm vaccination.

Verify Ontario will only scan and read official government issued QR codes, such as Ontario's vaccine certificate and those SMART Health Codes from other provinces including Quebec, British Columbia and Yukon Territory.

The Ontario digital service at the associate ministry of digital government collaborated with the Ministry of Health to deliver the Verify Ontario app. Extensive user research and stakeholder consultations were conducted with businesses to ensure the app would be easy to use.

"The Verify Ontario app will support Ontario businesses, protect our hard-fought progress by making it quicker and easier to confirm if a person is fully vaccinated, while protecting their privacy," said Kaleed Rasheed, associate minister of digital government. "I encourage all Ontarians to get an official enhanced vaccine certificate with an official QR code, and businesses to download and use our Verify Ontario app."

Since the proof of vaccination requirement went into effect, the province has reached two key milestones in its COVID-19 response with more than 87 percent of individuals aged 12 and over vaccinated with at least a first dose and more than 82 percent with two doses.

"Getting vaccinated is the most important thing we can all do to protect ourselves, our families and our communities from COVID-19," said Dr. Kieran Moore, chief medical officer of health. "Proof of vaccination using the new vaccine certificate with QR code and Verify Ontario app are important tools to help stop the spread of the virus while keeping businesses and organizations open safely."



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## ...Tragic gun mishap leads to manslaughter conviction

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li, but that there is also a lot of support for him now and when he returns. "It is not missed by me that your chief and elders of your community participated in the circle," she said. "Be mindful of that support and accept it going forward."

"It is clear you had no intention to cause harm or death to your wife or anyone else for that matter," Justice Wolfe read from her decision. "That said, your actions gave rise to an inherently dangerous situation and caused a marked departure to the standard of care expected of a reasonable person."

"It brings me no pleasure to send a young Anishinaabe man to a federal institution in circumstances such as these but it is the law I am obliged to follow and the sentence most consistent with the principles outlined, including proportionality," she read. "You have shown so much resilience in these difficult times and I have learned from your beautiful family and community. I hope, as Mr. Weppler submitted, that the Canadian courts will continue to learn from these approaches as we move forward in these times of reconciliation."

In addition to the three years in

custody (that include a concurrent nine-month sentence for careless storage of a firearm), Mr. Tomaselli received a weapons prohibition for life, with the exception of lifting the prohibition for hunting for sustenance under section 113(1) while in the accompaniment of a person appropriately licensed to possess a firearm. He was also required to provide a DNA sample and forfeit the weapon and ammunition seized. As Mr. Tomaselli is unemployed, has been in custody and will be entering custody, Justice Wolfe waived the victim fine surcharge.

## ...Regional fibre-optic project seeking more municipal buy-in

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the hydro poles and roads where this will be installed, basically all the paperwork for the project."

As was reported previously, H&M COFI has been awarded funding up to \$91,077,421 through two government programs: Ontario's Improving Connectivity for Ontario (ICON) program as well as the government of Canada's Universal Broadband Fund (UBF). The funding for this program is part of a larger commitment announced by both levels of government, totaling \$170 million.

With this funding, H&M COFI will partner with Rock Networks to build a broadband network that will make available reliable and affordable high-speed internet to all underserved residents and businesses in the region.

Mr. Bilodeau noted that for the Manitoulin area, Whitefish River is a partner in H&M COFI as is Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, and some other municipalities on Manitoulin Island.

Customers will have the opportunity to be able to get fibre infrastructure; however, for those municipalities and First Nations that don't become partners in the project, they will not get the potential revenues from being a participating partner.

"We have received an extensive report in our meeting package," said Billings Councillor Bryan Barker, at a recent council meeting.

"Regarding H&M COFI's update, are there any municipalities or

First Nations on the Island that have signed on (as a partner)?" asked Councillor Sharon Jackson.

Billings economic development officer Todd Gordon informed council, "yes there are, but it's not clear to me who. I have asked and received confusing answers."

Mr. Gordon explained the H&M COFI project "relies heavily on new fibre optic as its backbone. Their goal is to provide as much fibre to each home as possible."

However, it was pointed out this fibre infrastructure could be very expensive.

JoAnne Matheson, H&M COFI board member stated in a letter to council dated September 22, "we understand that the Council of Billings Township has elected to not support H&M COFI's construction of a broadband network, a network that would allow all communities in our catchment, including yours, access to reliable high-speed internet. COVID has emphasized how underserved the rural North is with respect to high-speed internet for personal, business, education and health care needs."

"It is our hope that the following might help with your queries and change your mind about providing a letter of support (LOS) for this initiative," wrote Ms. Matheson. "The plan to bring reliable and affordable high-speed internet to our largely underserved region started with this community. H&M COFI Inc., a non-profit corporation, was formed to apply for gov-

ernment funding to construct a new state-of-the-art fibre broadband network. The network would serve the area from Garden River First Nation to Nairn Centre, including Elliot Lake and Manitoulin and St. Joseph Islands. While the Municipality of Huron Shores could have applied for funding to improve internet service along the North Shore corridor of Highway 17, it realized that most of its neighbouring communities also faced the same dilemma."

On August 6 H&M COFI was the sole recipient of grant funding to bring high-speed internet to our region through a new state-of-the-art network, continued Ms. Matheson. She explained that now that H&M COFI has been granted government funding, it will build a complete fibre network including connecting fibre to the homes and businesses of the communities outlined. This network will ensure that high-speed internet can be made available to all residents and businesses in the entire catchment area. Once the network is constructed and operating, consumers (home and business owners) will buy internet services from ISPs (internet service providers), only the ISPs that will be using the H&M COFI network. ISPs will pay a wholesale or floor rate to H&M COFI for the internet access they sell.

"Although government funding has been announced, there are stipulations that the remaining First Nation communities and municipalities need to provide letters of

support," continued Ms. Matheson. "These letters required for each community state that our region fails to be fully served by the minimum federal government broadband allowance of 50 Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload speed, and that the communities support the need for better service."

"Without your support, your community appears to be stating that you either don't need or want this services brought to your residents, businesses and organizations," wrote Ms. Matheson. "During the construction phase of the H&M COFI project, its technical and engineering partner Rock Networks, will require access to your community to install the network. The letters of support is just that and not a financial commitment."

Ms. Matheson explained H&M COFI has a secondary vision with this project to offer a chance for a "community owned fibre infrastructure" which would allow interested communities to see a return on an equity investment in the project. This is separate from the construction of the network.

"There is no requirement for financial investment for this project to proceed in your community. The Ontario ICON program has asked for the remaining LOS for the project and as such we request your assistance in meeting their request," wrote Ms. Matheson.

Billings council agreed they would consider the request for a letter of support at a future meeting.

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# ...Island restaurant industry feels COVID-19 rules unfair

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Meanwhile, the Scotiabank Arena, which hosted the Toronto Maple Leafs home opener on October 13, welcomed nearly 20,000 fans without the need to sit several seats apart or maintain any form of distancing, CTV News reported.

"There's 450,000 people employed in the restaurant businesses in Ontario," Paul Bogнар, CEO of Sir Corp., which owns Jack Astor's Bar and Grill and Scaddabush Italian Kitchen and Bar told CP24. "We've been the hardest hit sector, you would think that would be a priority."

"I don't understand it all," stated Ms. Martin. Codmothers is currently only allowed to seat 29 people in its restaurant (being only at 50 percent capacity limit). "That's a lot of business lost," said Ms. Martin.

"When I heard what the province is doing, I said 'are you kidding'," stated Ms. Martin. "I could make more being a vendor at sporting events. I don't understand any of this. Obviously, the big money makers are getting pampered and the little restaurants like ours get walked over. It just doesn't make any sense at all." "With our outside deck during the summer at least it helped bolster sales but with the weather not being conducive to sitting outside to eat now, it makes it that much more difficult," said Ms. Martin.

Ms. Martin noted, "a lot of other restaurants are seasonal but I'm trying to provide service to the town by opening year-round."

"I've struggled for the past two years because of the pandemic, so the action or lack of actions by the province is like a slap in the face," stated Ms. Martin.

John Sinopoli, the founder of Save Hospitality CA,

said while the group hoped to meet with both Tourism and Culture minister Lisa MacLeod and health minister Christine Elliott on Tuesday of last week, they were faced with political staff instead who, they say, provided little insight into what the restaurant industry could expect, reported CTV News.

"They literally have no plan for us, that was the answer," Mr. Sinopoli told CTV News Toronto. The restaurant industry has been trying to gauge, among other things, a timeframe for when restrictions would be eased, the benchmarks that would be used to lift restrictions and what information has been driving the government's decision making.

"We're trying to get to the bottom of either logic, the scientific data, the historical data, any data for the decision that was made that nobody can understand," Mr. Bogнар told CP24.

Without a plan, Mr. Sinopoli warned the government that it could soon be faced with civil disobedience with respect to the regulations and restrictions on indoor dining.

"The fate of Canada's 90,000-plus restaurants is still uncertain," said Restaurants Canada President and CEO Todd Barclay in a release. "Most have been losing money or barely breaking even since coming out of initial lockdown last year, and at least 10,000 establishments have already closed. The rest need government support to help them survive the fall and winter so they can continue feeding our recovery."

According to survey data from Restaurants Canada, eight out of 10 restaurants have been operating at a loss or barely scraping by with a profit margin of two per-

cent or less throughout the entire pandemic and nearly half of all foodservice businesses have been consistently losing money ever since the first wave of lockdowns ended last year. Seven out of 10 restaurant operators are still receiving the federal wage and/or rent subsidy and if these critical sources of support ended this month nearly 80 percent said they will struggle to keep existing staff or have to cut staff hours. More than half said they will struggle with hiring back staff/hiring new staff, the release said.

## ...M'Chigeeng fugitive again sought after court's 'catch and release'

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As a result, a controlled drug and substances act (CDSA) search warrant was applied for and granted. The warrant was executed through a joint force effort by officers with the Ontario Provincial Police, UCCM Anishnaabe Police and Wikwemikong Tribal Police.

Arrested in the residence and charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine and possession of property obtained by crime (Canadian currency) were Victor Branco, 21 years of age, Robert Migwans 45 years of age and Stephanie Cooper, 31 years of age.

Seized by police during the search warrant were 18.5 grams of crystal methamphetamine, 26.8 grams of crack cocaine, 4.9 grams of fentanyl and over \$19,000 in Canadian currency. Also seized were packaging materials indicating the controlled substances that were being packaged for sale.

All three accused were released on undertakings with conditions. Mr. Branco was escorted off the Island by the police with a condition to not be present in M'Chigeeng and to reside at a residence in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

A compliance check was completed recently on Mr. Branco's address by Toronto Police Service on behalf of a request by UCCM investigators and

Mr. Branco was found to not be present as per his curfew condition.

As a result, UCCM Police hold an arrest warrant for breach of conditions of undertaking for Victor Branco and are asking for the public's assistance in locating Mr. Branco as he is known to frequent M'Chigeeng First Nation. Mr. Branco's last known reported address as per his undertaking is in Sudbury.

Mr. Branco is also being encouraged to call the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service or his nearest police service and to speak with an officer for further direction in dealing with his outstanding arrest warrant.



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# Wolves impact wetlands, have unique hunting abilities, researcher tells Nature Club

**by Lori Thompson  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter**  
MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Nature Club was established in 1979 to increase knowledge of nature for its members and to support the preservation of elements of natural history, many of which are unique to Manitoulin. Members meet monthly to share observations and host guest speakers on topics of interest and recently had a look into the secret lives of wolves with a presentation by Thomas Gable, project lead on the Voyageurs Wolf Project. The project addresses the question, “what do wolves do during the summer in a forested ecosystem?”

“My family does have a cabin in McGregor Bay and that’s sort of like my special place,” said Mr. Gable. “I’m really jealous of all you who are in that area right now but I’m excited to talk about the work I’m doing here in northern Minnesota, because a lot of the things I’m going to talk about today translates into ecosystems like McGregor Bay, Killarney Park and Manitoulin Island where a lot of the habitats are very similar. We have very similar ecosystems where we have wolves hunting and killing deer and beavers primarily.”

Mr. Gable recently completed his Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota. He’s been studying wolves in the greater Voyageurs ecosystem since 2014, when he



Wolves play an unheralded role in wetland ecosystems. The Manitoulin Nature Club recently learned about how wolves and beavers interact to create or reduce wetlands.

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started his masters at Northern Michigan University. He’s particularly interested in wolf-beaver interactions and his graduate work was focused on trying to understand this predator-prey dynamic. Much of his early interest in wolves stemmed from encountering wolves, wolf tracks and occasional kills while exploring the wilds of places around his family’s McGregor Bay cabin. His research includes things not currently known about wolf hunting behaviour, wolf diet and how wolves impact larger ecosystems

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## Health officials increase COVID-19 protections for rec. facilities

NORTHERN ONTARIO—Northern Ontario medical officers of health continue to put the health and safety of residents first. Effective October 14, operators of facilities in Northern Ontario where indoor sports are played or practiced will ensure additional groups provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19. Northern Ontario’s seven medical officers of health (including Dr. Penny Sutcliffe of Public Health Sudbury and Districts) have issued instructions to facility operators under the Reopening Ontario Act requiring anyone aged 12 and older coaching, officiating or volunteering at indoor organized sports to provide proof of vaccination unless a medical exemption applies.

Activities related to organized sports have the potential to increase COVID-19 transmission, a release notes. “Specifically, close contact, heavy breathing, long exposure times, crowded indoor spaces and masks removed during physical activity all contribute to increased risk of COVID-19 transmission. Requiring more groups to be protected with COVID-19 vaccinations will help reduce this risk while maintaining opportunities for sport.”

Currently, the province of Ontario requires proof of vaccination for all those 12 and older entering indoor sport and recreational fitness facilities but exempts those under 18 who enter only to participate in an organized sport. As per the provincial guidance, the requirements do not apply to workers or volunteers, including coaches and officials.

Under the letters sent September 29, Northern medical officers of health are instructing facility operators to require those aged 12 and older who coach, officiate, or volunteer at indoor organized sports to show proof of vaccination.

Northern Ontario medical officers of health advise that Northerners are currently in the fourth wave of the

COVID-19 pandemic, with the highly transmissible Delta variant the dominant strain causing COVID-19 cases. The benefits of physical activity and socializing are critical to residents’ well-being. Requiring proof of vaccination for those who support organized sports will help to keep sports running and protect all those participating, a release explains.

Many local organized sports groups and teams participate in travel across Northern Ontario. As all seven Northern Ontario public health units are implementing the same requirement, there will be a consistent approach to vaccine requirements to help reduce the risk of spread and keep communities safe.

Proof of vaccination is not currently required for those aged 12 to 17 who actively participate in organized sports. “However, the Northern Ontario medical officers of health will continue to monitor the local COVID-19 situation and adjust instructions as needed. Everyone aged 12 and over is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible. Municipalities, businesses and organizations across the region are strongly recommended to develop and implement COVID-19 vaccination policies.”

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# Central Manitoulin council delays agreement on e-bike charging stations

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A motion regarding Central Manitoulin's participation in an Island-wide e-bike program failed to pass at the municipality's property committee meeting and was re-submitted to the township's October 14 council meeting by Councillor Derek Stephens. The motion reads, "given the \$30,000 commitment that Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) has made to the e-bike project, that they approve the installation of the charging stations in two locations with a \$3,000 cap on the municipal contribution to installation costs." It was brought forward to the committee of the whole at the October 14 council meeting by Councillor Derek Stephens.

Mayor Richard Stephens questioned whether the procedural requirement for reconsideration that requires one of the councillors from the winning side of the vote to propose reconsideration applies to decisions made at committee.

CAO Ruth Frawley noted that Councillor Stephens was within bounds to bring the motion to the council table, "as just a motion."

Councillor Stephens put forward the argument that since MICA was putting forward a \$130,000 project that would benefit the community with a \$30,000 commitment and considering the municipal contribution would be capped at \$3,000, it made sense to move forward with the project. He pointed out that the municipality's building superintendent was in favour of the proposed locations, municipal staff were in agreement, the Discovery Board was in agreement with the location and also it did not make sense for council to micromanage the location themselves.

"Parking at Providence Bay is a different issue," he said.

Mayor Stephens said that the property committee had sought to gain more information on the location from staff and that they were not shutting the door on the concept.

In fact, everyone who spoke on the motion prefaced their remarks by indicating support for the charging stations concept, but many voiced concerns on one of the proposed charging station locations.

Councillor Angela Johnston said that while she did not want the municipality to lose out on acquiring the charging stations, she had travelled to the proposed location and felt that locating the charging stations across the road on a grassy portion was more appropriate. She noted that she did not want to see decisions being made "piecemeal."

Councillor Rose Diebolt agreed with Councillor Johnston. "Yes to charging stations," she said, but questioned that the town was putting in the cement pads for the stations, and paying for the hydro. "Are we doing that for every business?" she asked.

Councillor Steve Shaffer said that he did not see a problem with the proposal and that, "like everyone else I support e-bikes; I think we are getting hung up on location." He

also pointed out that the location was okay with municipal staff adding, "I don't think we should be putting up roadblocks."

Mayor Stephens interjected that he felt the decision by the building superintendent was "rushed."

Councillor Stephens rejoined that the building superintendent had indicated the proposed locations were the cheapest.

"Cheapest isn't always the best," replied Mayor Stephens.

Councillor Dale Scott offered up that he owns an e-bike himself and would probably use the proposed charging stations himself, but added that he agreed with Councillor Johnston that the proposed location may not be the best place. He added that he did not think it would take long for reconsideration and that there was plenty of time to get the stations in place by May.

"A little bit of extra money won't be that big a deal," suggested Councillor Scott.

"The best place is a subjective opinion," said Councillor Shaffer, reiterating the support of the building superintendent, Discovery Board, staff and MICA for the proposed locations.

When polled by Mayor Stephens for his opinion, Councillor Al Tribinevicius said "I need more time."

Mayor Stephens then polled CAO Ruth Frawley for her opinion. "My feeling is that council is trying to micromanage staff," she said. "It's going off the rails."

Councillor Scott suggested that elected officials should have input and that the parking issue in Providence Bay is "a significant issue," adding that "we need to think about parking in the future."

One of the concerns raised by councillors was the potential impact the stations could have on council's future plans for the Discovery Centre and the impact the stations could have on parking.

Councillor Stephens reiterated that parking was a "totally separate issue" and that council should not be doing the work of staff. He noted that any new construction or revamp of the existing structure could incorporate the charging stations.

"That's your opinion," rejoined Mayor Stephens.

Councillor Scott said he did not believe they were micromanaging staff. "Staff will have the final decision," he asserted.

In a recorded vote, Councillors Shaffer, Stephens and Tribinevicius were in support of entering the agreement with MICA, while Councillors Scott, Johnston, Diebolt and Mayor Stephens voted against the motion.

MICA spokesperson Maja Mielonen said she remained optimistic, given that nearly all councillors expressed support for the program. "We have six (Island) municipalities that have come on board," she said. She noted that, while

Central Manitoulin council could have input on the Providence Bay site, it was ultimately MICA who would decide if the e-bikes would be placed in the locations suggested by council. "If it is tucked in behind the arena out of sight, that would really defeat the purpose," she said. "This is an Island-wide service."

Ms. Mielonen said that the sites chosen by the town's building superintendent, MICA and town staff was really the best. "It is at least three metres from the walkway to the bathrooms, to the changerooms. It doesn't impact any of the existing parking. It has visibility, really, it is the ideal location. MICA would have to agree."

Visibility is key to the program as the e-bike must be utilized if the program is going to pay for itself, she noted. As for electricity cost, only the need for an established service is key. "It costs about 10 cents to charge a 500-watt battery," she said. "But if we had to pay for a new service, all that goes along with that, it probably wouldn't be sustainable right now."

Ms. Mielonen noted that with the other municipalities, the e-bike charging locations were chosen in consultation with staff.

In the end, however, Ms. Mielonen said that the program is moving forward well and is truly a good news story for the Island. "This will allow people to get out and explore the Island," she said. The e-bike program is the culmination of two years of sustained effort and lobbying by MICA. "We are very excited to see this finally taking place," she said. "It's a very good thing."

Council made no mention of the other location put forward for the e-bike charging stations, beside the Mindemoya arena.

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"We are delighted," said FOMOS spokesperson Alison McAllister. "Everything is going in the right direction. All the planets have aligned, now we have gotten to the point of negotiating a lease, a conditional lease, but that is to be expected."

Ms. McAllister agreed that "no granting agency or other organization is going to give you money unless they are sure that you have

secured the location. This is an investment a government or company is making; obviously they need security as well."

She noted FOMOS has a great deal of expertise on board in their organization and links to several other historical or non-profit organizations, "so we know what a lease would look like," she said. "We are willing to assist the municipality in sharing that knowledge."

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# ...Wolves impact wetlands, have unique hunting abilities, researcher tells Nature Club

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Voyageurs Wolf Project (VWP) is a University of Minnesota project that has been doing intensive wolf research for about seven years. It began in 2015, building on a monitoring program begun by Voyageurs National Park in 2012. Wolves in the Great Lakes region were removed from the endangered species list in 2012. "That triggered a lot of monitoring efforts by national agencies to understand how the delisting of wolves would impact the population," he said.

The objective of VWP right now is to understand the reproductive ecology and predation habits of wolves in the summer in the greater Voyageurs ecosystem (reproductive ecology deals with raising

pups). "With wolves you kind of have the season when they have their pups and there's not snow and ice on the ground and then you have the winter, so summer and winter is how we really think about it," Mr. Gable said.

During the summer, wolves are focused on two main things: having and raising pups and hunting and killing prey so they can feed themselves and provision their pups. To have a really detailed understanding of wolf ecology in the summertime, there needs to be a really detailed understanding of both of these facets of wolves, he explained. The VWP uses remote trail cameras and GPS collars to track the wolves.

Voyageurs National Park is located on the northern border of Minnesota. Canada is actually the northern border. The park is roughly

770 square kilometres and the VWP works in what they call the greater voyageurs ecosystem. A few wolf packs exist solely within the boundaries of the park but most have territories that border the park, with the wolves going in and outside of the park. Researchers needed to also understand what was going on south of the park if they wanted to understand wolves in the park because "borders don't mean anything to wolves."

One thing that makes the park unique is the abundance of beavers there. "It likely has the highest beaver densities in the lower 48 states and probably rivals even the highest densities in parts of Canada," said Mr. Gable. One survey last winter identified 1,100 beaver lodges. "Compared to a place like McGregor Bay or Manitoulin Island, those would

have substantially fewer beavers than we have here by a significant margin. Voyageurs National Park has a lot of mixed forest habitats and interspersed amongst those are a lot of wetlands and beaver ponds."

During the summer, wolves are primarily hunting and killing small prey. In the project area and in places like Manitoulin and McGregor Bay, they're killing beavers and deer fawns. "In the dense forest it's difficult to observe where the wolf is killing and then consuming their prey, so it makes it really

difficult to find what's going on. Because of that there's a lot of basic information about wolves that no one knows," Mr. Gable said.

Before VWP started there were no estimates in scientific literature on how many fawns and beavers a typical wolf kills in the summertime, despite hundreds of thousands of hours of wolf research in places like Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba. "Because we don't know really how many fawns and beavers a wolf is killing, we don't understand what

effect wolves are having on prey populations during these periods. It's really hard to know how wolves might be impacting the beaver population if you don't know how many beavers," he said.

They've found that the typical wolf in the project area is killing between 13 and 15 deer fawns and 12 to 14 beavers in the summertime but there's a wide range. "We've had one that killed only one beaver and last year we had a wolf that was sort of a beaver specialist and killed 42 beavers. To

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## Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home confirms near total vaccinations

by Michael Erskine

WIIKWEMKOONG—"All of our staff willingly got their vaccinations back in January," confirmed Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home administrator Cheryl Osawabine-Peltier. "They all rolled up their sleeves and got down to it without being asked. A couple were hesitant at first, but they eventually came around. They understood the importance. Our staff always goes that extra step and beyond."

A new hire is in the process of getting the vaccination, she noted, having received the first dose and is scheduled for the second one.

The nursing home staff are mostly younger, noted Ms. Osawabine-Peltier. "That really helps with doing the online stuff the residents are into," she laughed,

noting Wiikwemkoong Nursing Home residents have launched their first TikTok video.

"They have been doing our own version of 'Fear Factor'," she said. "They made up all these gross sounding things to eat—but of course they were all really delicious," she laughed.

Although the nursing home now has a vaccination policy, Ms. Osawabine-Peltier said that it hadn't proved necessary as all staff were fully vaccinated before the policy had been set to paper. "We had a vaccination policy long before the province's came down," she said.

The nursing home is looking forward to the launch of this year's Angel Tree fundraiser, which should be launched soon.

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# Central Manitoulin council to lobby province on resurfacing and repairing Highway 542

by Michael Erskine  
CENTRAL  
MANITOULIN—Responding to a letter from resident Brad Thom, Central Manitoulin council passed a

motion to press the Ministry of Transportation to move on repairs to Highway 542 as soon as possible. The recommendation from the Roads Committee

reads, "That we recommend to council that the CAO/clerk respond to Brad Thom's email, that since the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) recognizes and is aware of the concerns

regarding the condition of Highway 542, that the municipality would like to see the extensive repairs and reconstruction on this highway be given the highest priority and that the work be done sooner rather than later."

The motion, moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Al Tribinevicius, calls on the province to move on the repairs at the MTO's earliest possibility.

"The condition of this road is getting so bad," said Councillor Tribinevicius. He noted that he had driven through Sandfield to Little

Current past Big Lake. "It's just terrible," he said. "I think this highway should have won the worst road in Ontario contest."

Councillor Tribinevicius noted that Highway 6 to Little Current was excellent.

Councillor Stephens noted that the lesser-used provincial roadways in the municipality have been deteriorating badly. He noted the MTO website indicates no plans to work on Highway 542 in the next three years.

"I think we should be going after the MTO and our government representatives," said Councillor

Stephens. "Our municipal roads are seeing more traffic because the highways are so atrocious people are avoiding using them."

Councillor Steve Shaffer agreed with his colleague, adding that he was looking forward to winter so the snow could smooth out the roadway.

Councillor Rose Diebolt asked if the municipality could do something about the roads, to which CAO Ruth Frawley responded the municipality cannot work on provincial roadways.

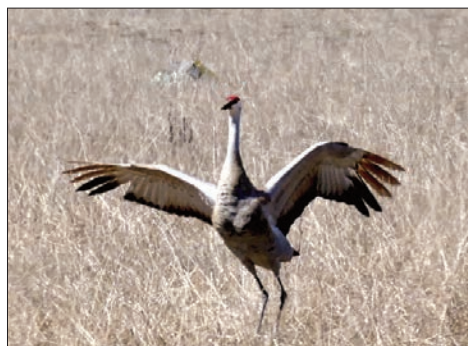
## OFAH says other provinces in Canada requesting crane hunt

by Tom Sasvari

ONTARIO—The potential of a Sandhill Crane hunt taking place in Ontario in areas like Manitoulin Island has been potentially boosted with requests from other parts of Canada for a hunting permit system being established on other species of birds, says a representative of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).

As was reported previously, Roy Polsky President of the OFAH at a recent OFAH zone D meeting said, "the (Canadian Wildlife Services) is looking at the possibility of issuing a hunting permit (for sandhill cranes). At least they are still looking at it. But a hunt is at least three years off. It may be a while, but hopefully we will get there." Sandhill cranes are currently protected under the Migratory Birds Act.

Lauren Tonelli, resources management specialist with OFAH, told The Expositor last week, "there has been some talk about exploring permits in the prairie provinces for a Tundra Swan hunt. Enough people are interested there that a hunting season has been requested."



A Sandhill crane struts his stuff in a farmer's field.

Ms. Tonelli added, "provinces on the east coast are asking the CWS to consider having a permanent hunt as well for the murre, a seabird. And we are pushing for a sandhill crane permit for a hunt on a more country-wide basis. It is encouraging that in other areas, similar permits for a hunt season have been requested. We haven't heard anything from CWS on our request for a sandhill crane permit system. We are hoping at a November meeting with CWS that they will provide an update on the request."

## ...Wolves impact wetlands, have unique hunting abilities

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put 42 beavers into perspective, a typical beaver colony in our area has five beavers so that means that one wolf by itself killed eight-and-one-half colonies of beavers which is quite astounding."

One key finding to date is that wolf diets are very flexible, meaning that wolves are very adaptable. They're very good at finding unique food sources and taking advantage of them. Wolves kill and eat adult deer in the shoulder seasons of early spring and late fall. They hunt and kill freshwater fish for a couple of weeks in the springtime. The VWP was first to document that behaviour: VWP wolves all eat blueberries every summer without fail, with blueberries making up to 80 percent of their weekly diet during the month of July. "Berries are probably a starvation food source where in the summertime wolves are struggling to find calories, particularly the middle of summer. Blueberries don't require a lot of energy expenditure and it sort of satiates them for a period of time," explained Mr. Gable.

Wolves were previously thought of as cursorial predators that "primarily kill their prey by outrunning and outlasting it so they are not using a lot of secrecy or tactics, just brute force," Mr. Gable said. VWP found that wolves hunt beavers by ambushing them, "which changed the way we think about wolves' predation behaviour. Most predators have one main mode by which they hunt and kill their prey but wolves have the ability to go back and forth between two different hunting modes. That again speaks to their adaptability and probably is the reason wolves are able to

exist in a variety of different habitat types."

One of their most significant documented findings is how wolves actually alter wetland ecosystems. "Wolves impact wetland creation through a very simple, straightforward process. Wolves prey on beavers. Beavers create wetlands. By default, wolves impact wetlands by preying on beavers," he said.

They found that wolves are impacting the creation of 88 ponds or wetlands in the Voyageurs area. "That is really just a drop in the bucket when you look at the ecosystem but when you look at this over multiple years then the impact becomes more substantial. If in year one wolves impact the creation of 88 ponds then the next year 88 ponds then the next and the next, then all of a sudden wolves are responsible for impacting the creation of over 400 ponds or wetlands," Mr. Gable continued.

"Another way to think about it is when a beaver creates a single pond in a localized area it radically transforms that area from forests or meadow into a thriving wetland that's doing all sorts of things like nutrient cycling, carbon storage, water storage, and providing habitats. Wolves that prevent that habitat from forming are then connected to all of these wonderful ecological processes that beaver ponds are responsible for. What we've been able to document is that wolves are very connected to wetlands, streams and riparian habitats. It's such a simple process; all they have to do is kill a young beaver."

There are still a lot of really interesting questions to be answered, Mr. Gable said. You can follow the Voyageurs Wolf Project on and other social media sites.

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# Pattoos Ink opens in Mindemoya offering tattoos and a wide selection of merchandise

by Betty Bardswich  
 MINDEMOYA—So you think you want to get a tattoo? Know what's even better? A pattoo.

Pat Giles and his wife Meghan of Tehkummah have opened Pattoos Ink, a tattoo shop in Mindemoya, and it is well worth a visit even if you don't want artistic designs on your body, for there is a great deal of merchandise for sale. Weed the North pillows, anyone?

The Giles are from Windsor, but Pat has been coming to the Island since he was a kid, and it has always been his dream to live here permanently. Islanders will be familiar with his relatives, including Edith Trepanier, his grandmother, who has since moved to Windsor, his aunt, Sandy Smith, who has served many a customer at the Foodland deli and Sandy's son Justin and his wife, Natasha. She has contributed to the items for sale in the shop, including the pillows and masks.

The articles for sale at Pattoos Ink include an extensive collection of t-shirts, a world-famous brand known as the Sullen Art Collective. Starting with a tattoo artist tee in 2001, more than 200 artists worldwide have put their names on their designed articles of clothing. There is a women's clothing line too for the Sullen Angels, also with beautifully



Meghan and Pat Giles operate Pattoos Ink, serving up tattoos and a host of other eclectic merchandise.

photo by Michael Erskine

designed tops and hoodies. The Giles also sell pieces by local artists to do their part to give back to the community. Artists Jade Wyman, 10, and Rebekah Putman, 15, have their art on display. The Giles also expect to get other artists interested in having their work exhibited at this unique shop.

Men and women of all classes and ages have tattoos today, and you can even buy a Barbie doll with the markings. As Mr. Giles pointed out, though, you may get a tattoo at his shop if you are 15, but you must have the permission of a parent. But whatever your age, think carefully about the tattoo you want. The

most significant number of regretted tattoos are of another person's name. Mr. Giles is very good at changing tattoos for the better, as evidenced by the photos on his Facebook page, but people may have to have it completely covered for an unwanted name.

One aspect to keep in mind when contemplating a tattoo is that you can never copy one. Tattooing is art, folks, and while you may get a tattoo along the same lines as the work done by another person, a direct composition is not allowed. You can use another person's style, but not their copy. And if you

are not sure what type to get, Mr. Giles has a flash book of pre-drawn and pre-coloured tattoos to help with a choice. Tattoos can be intricate or not. Some people love black tattoos, but most people want colour.

Disposable needles are in use at Pattoos Ink, and everything for the process is vegan, whether ink, stencil papers or transferring gel. And for those who are a little scared of the process, there is TV to watch, music if you prefer, chatting with the artist or freezing. You must book an appointment for your tattoo session.

Pattoos Ink is open from



There are plenty of great gift ideas available at Pattoos Ink.

Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm. Credit cards, debit and cash are all accepted, and gift cards are available. You can check out their work on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Canada Post building "gets some work done"

Work is being conducted at the Canada Post office location in Gore Bay. The ramp and stair entrance area to the building are being replaced over the next few weeks. A work crew from H and R Noble Construction, pictured here, began dismantling the ramp area recently.

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# Students at Central Manitoulin Public School plant 400 flower bulbs

MINDEMOYA—Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS) students from Kindergarten to Grade 8 planted flower bulbs in their school's no-mow zone on October 8. The 400 flower bulbs were provided free of charge by Bulbs4Kids, a program that allows the students to become familiar with flower bulbs and the world of nature in way that is also a lot of fun.

When the tulips, crocuses, daffodils and grape hyacinths start blooming early in the spring, the school's existing no-mow zone and front beds will be bursting with color.

Robin Duncanson, a Grade 2 teacher at CMPS signed up last spring to receive a flower bulb kit. Her Grade 2 class is one of 150 classes in Canada, 450 classes in the Netherlands, 800 classes in Germany, 400 classes in France and 100 classes in Sweden who will be studying the bulbs as they grow and change throughout the seasons. Every student at school on Friday partnered with a



A Central Manitoulin Public School student holds up one of the 400 bulbs planted by children from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

photos by Robin Duncanson

buddy from another grade to plant the 400 bulbs.

"They got them in the soil just in time for the rain!" noted Ms. Duncanson. More than 1.3 million flower

bulbs will be planted in school gardens through this program.

More and more studies are confirming the beneficial effects that the natural



The bulb planting expeditions are courtesy of Bulbs4Kids, a program that allows students to become familiar with flower bulbs and the world of nature in a way that is fun.

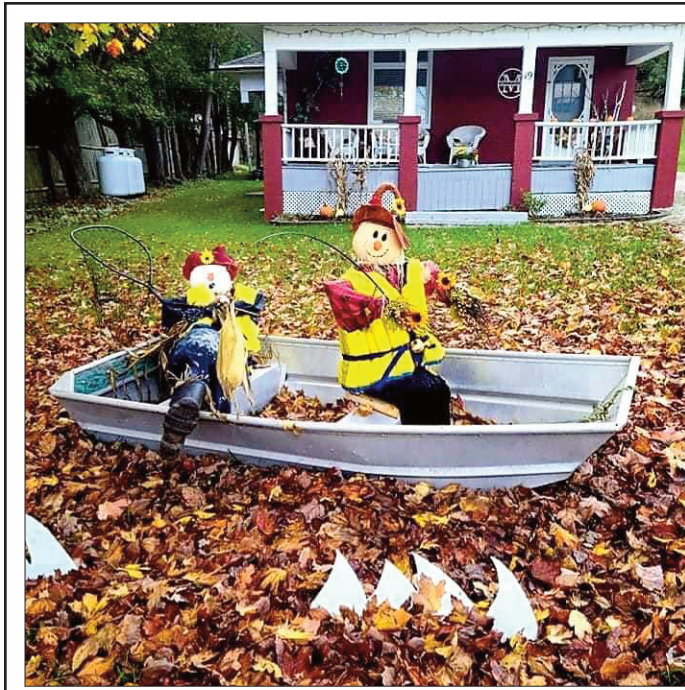
world has on our health, said a press release accompanying the bulbs. Playing in a natural environment and having hands-on expe-

riences with plants contributes to the healthy balanced development of children. It makes children smarter, fitter and more

creative.

The problem, notes the release, is that urbanization has meant that the distance between people and natural environments has never been greater. This is why Bulbs4Kids decided to offer 150 free Bulbs4Kids kits to Canadian elementary schools; together with the class, a Bulbs4Kids kit helps these children discover flower bulbs. This program was initiated by iBulb and involves making 2,250 flower bulb kits available to Canadian, Dutch, German, French, English and Swedish elementary schools.

Bulbs4Kids is an initiative of iBulb, the promotional organization of Royal Anthos. Royal Anthos is a trade association for nursery stock and flower bulbs based in the Netherlands. iBulb promotes the use of flower bulbs, bulb flowers and bulbs in pots by means of worldwide PR activities and advertising campaigns.



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## Dr. Shirley Cheechoo to receive prestigious imagineNATIVE Award of Excellence

TORONTO—On October 24, Dr. Shirley Cheechoo of M'Chigeeng will be awarded the 2021 August Schellenberg Award of Excellence from imagineNATIVE Film and Media Arts Festival.

Festival organizers announced the award on October 1, noting that the award is made possible thanks to the support of ACTRA National, a generous donation from Joan Karasevich Schellenberg and various individual donors.

"I am very humbled and pleased to be selected for this honour," said Dr. Cheechoo in conversation with The Expositor, adding that it is always nice to see one's work being appreciated by one's peers.

The August Schellenberg Award of Excellence (affectionately nicknamed the Augie) is an annual prize recognizing "significant professional and personal achievement by an Indigenous actor of any gender from Turtle Island." Dr. Cheechoo will receive the award during the online imagineNATIVE Awards presentation to be held this Sunday, October 24.

According to the imagineNative website, the "August Schellenberg Award of Excellence was launched in partnership with Ms. Karasevich Schellenberg to honour her late husband, the legendary actor August (Augie) Schellenberg and the spirit of his work. This award is presented to gifted Indigenous actors from across Turtle Island based on the longevity and impact of their careers, as well as their professionalism and involvement in mentorship and community work."

The award citation notes that Dr. Cheechoo was born in Eastmain, Quebec, on the eastern shore of James Bay. An accomplished and award-winning Cree artist, actor, direc-



Order of Canada recipient Dr. Shirley Cheechoo will soon receive a prestigious imagineNATIVE award of excellence.

tor and filmmaker, Dr. Cheechoo's career spans over 30 years and has garnered numerous awards for her own work and for her significant contributions to arts practice throughout Ontario.

Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Cheechoo was the first person hailing from a First Nation in Canada to write, produce, direct and act in a feature-length, dramatic film entitled, 'Bearwalker,' was screened at France's famed Cannes Film Festival.

Dr. Cheechoo is also founder and artistic director of Weengushk Film Institute in M'Chigeeng, an Indigenous land-based film school that seeks to engage youth to further their careers in all aspects of storytelling.

She was also the founder of Debajehmujig Storytellers, a Wiikwemkoong land-based Indigenous theatre company that has launched the artistic careers of many Island and other Indigenous actors and directors.

Dr. Cheechoo joins an august company, with past Augie recipients including Tantoo Cardinal in 2015, Tom Jackson in 2016, Tina Keeper in 2017, Michael Greyeyes in 2018, Michelle Thrush in 2019 and Lorne Cardinal in 2020.

The imagineNATIVE Film and Media Arts Festival is the world's largest Indigenous festival showcasing film, video, audio, digital and interactive media made by Indigenous screen-content creators. The festival presents "compelling and distinctive works from Canada and around the globe, reflecting the diversity of Indigenous nations and illustrating the vitality and dynamism of Indigenous arts, perspectives and cultures in contemporary media."

## Team Aelick helps to raise significant funds for Canadian Liver Foundation

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—While it had to be rescheduled and only included two people taking part due to inclement weather, this year's Stroll for Liver in Kagawong still proved to be a tremendous success in raising money for the Canadian Liver Foundation.

"This year's Stroll for Liver in Kagawong was scheduled for August 29," said Wayne Aelick, who along with his wife Anna make up the Aelick team. "We hoped the weather would permit us to stroll through Kagawong, but the forecast was not good and called for rain, thunder, lightning and a tornado later in the day...we cancelled this year's stroll at approximately 7:30 am."

"So, Anna and I took part in a stroll ourselves, last week," Mr. Aelick told The Expositor. He explained, "since our neighbours had prepared food for a gathering

after the stroll, a few met at our home for lunch instead."

"Thanks to the support of family, friends, neighbours and businesses, Team Aelick exceeded our fundraising goal of \$15,000," stated Mr. Aelick. "This money will be used by the Canadian Liver Foundation in the battle against liver disease."

Mr. Aelick kept a promise he had made earlier this summer, having his hair coloured green (after \$500 in donations had been raised), then having his head shaved totally bald (after \$1,000 had been raised).

"Team Aelick is planning another stroll in 2022, and once again we would like to thank all our supporters for their part in our efforts," added Mr. Aelick.

(Right) Wayne Aelick, had his hair coloured green after \$500 in donations had been raised for the Stroll for Liver in Kagawong.



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**coming events**

**Power Outage Breakfast, DATE CHANGE!** Sunday, October 24th at the Sheguiandah Seniors' Hall. Three settings of 50 people, \$12. Between 8:30 to 9:30 am, call Myrna, 705-368-3638; 10 to 11 am, call Mary Ellen, 705-368-3746; 11:30 am to 12:30 pm, call Gail, 705-368-2589. COVID protocols will be observed! 22-23p

**Lyons Memorial United Church** in Gore Bay is holding a rummage sale of fall and winter clothing for the family and Christmas decorations on October 29 and 30 from 9 am to 1 pm. Please bring your own bags. COVID rules will apply, please wear a mask. 22-27p

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**notice**

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**Legion Events**

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Wing Night,** Thursday, October 28, 4 to 8 pm. Wings, \$1 each (sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and Cajun); cheese balls, two for \$1; Jalapeno poppers, \$1 each; cheese sticks, \$1 each; mushroom caps, nine for \$3. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. To pre-order call or text 705-348-0123. Delivery within town limits, Little Current. Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary will receive a donation from the next two Wing Nights, October 14 and 28. 23-24p

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# Township municipal building to undergo renovations

by Tom Sasvari  
EVANSVILLE—The Burpee and Mills Township municipal complex is going to be going through some renovations and expansion soon, after funding was provided by the provincial government for COVID-19 measures, as well as federal funding to improve accessibility at the municipal complex.

“We had applied for and received \$100,000 in COVID-19 assistance funding from the provincial government for the municipal complex,” said Ken Noland, Reeve of Burpee and Mills Township, last week. “These funds will be used to enhance the municipal building to meet COVID-19 protocols. The enhancements will include providing for a bigger entranceway and lobby area and increasing the council chambers area to allow for additional social distancing.” Reeve Noland told The Expositor, “We also received funding of

\$42,635 from the federal government for accessibility enhancements and will be putting in automatic doors at the front entrance

of the building.” The tender package for the work to be carried out has already been sent out, and an early October dead-

line has been set to have the tenders in from contractors for the work to be completed.

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**Poppy Campaign 2021**

Last year's campaign was excellent as we raised \$6,350 for the district. Poppies will be in the locations on October 28, 2021. The Pandemic has been difficult on everyone including the veterans. All contributions go to veterans, families and community facilities including the nursing homes in Little Current and Wikwemkoong.

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Sue Morin, Poppy Chair  
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**Employment Opportunity**  
**CRISIS TEAM – EMERGENCY SHELTER WORKER**

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

**Responsibilities**

- As part of a team, be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the low-barriers program;
- Supervise individuals accessing the program;
- Provide a safe and trustworthy environment;
- Complete intakes/discharges;
- Establish empathetic rapport with individuals accessing the program;
- Implement the program's policies and procedures and residency agreements in a spirit of fairness and respect;
- Support individuals' efforts to attain their goals through advocacy, research, and appropriate referrals;
- Work as a resource for individuals, particularly around housing issues, support and advocacy;
- Participate in on-going team building, ensuring peer accountability, strong communications and support;
- Use intervention and mediation skills to defuse potential conflicts;
- Perform light housekeeping and maintenance tasks to ensure a clean work environment;
- Administrative duties;
- Participation in team activities and decision-making;
- Providing programming support as identified;
- Shift work that includes nights, evenings, and weekends.

**Qualifications**

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma.
- Previous experience working with people who are homeless and/or under-housed.
- Knowledge of service delivery systems, specialized services, First Nation community dynamics as well as all applicable legislation.
- An intimate understanding of the lived experience of Anishinaabe people and Traditional wellness approaches.
- Strong communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Knowledge of our tenant population, diversity issues, anti-discrimination practices, and systemic reasons for homelessness.
- Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, and organization skills.
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- Ability to maintain confidentiality and professionalism in all aspects of work.
- Ability to work in a team approach and with minimal supervision.
- Knowledge of First Nations communities and health and social service issues.
- Some travel is a required - applicants must possess a valid driver's licence and have access to a reliable vehicle.

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

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

**Deadline: November 1, 2021 @ 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.**

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**HOUSING SERVICES MANAGER**  
**Full-Time Indeterminate**

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Reporting to the Director of Operations, the Housing Services Manager will work to develop effective housing policies, seek funding for repairs/renovations and new housing construction projects. The ideal candidate will have a post-secondary education in residential construction or related field as well as a current driver's licence. A combination of experience and education will be considered.

If you think you are this person, we offer the opportunity to use your talents and experience to support the continued growth of our strong community!

**Duties**

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- Plan and prepare work schedules and coordinate the activities of subcontractors;
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**Qualifications**

- Relevant post-secondary education in building science field/construction technology;
- FNHM Certificate or Project Management course would be an asset;
- Minimum of 3-5 years of direct work experience in managing carpentry/housing construction projects;
- Experience in budgeting/financial management;
- Experience in analyzing information and providing solutions on a wide range of housing issues and sound understanding of on-reserve housing issues;
- Excellent oral, written and interpersonal communication with strong writing and editorial abilities;
- Highly effective skills in project management, prioritization, multi-tasking, and time management;
- Must be self-motivated with effective communication skills;
- Computer literacy, including effective computer skills and knowledge of residential building software; and
- Knowledge of Anishnawbemowin and Anishnabe culture and committed to continual learning and development.

**Closing Date: October 26, 2021 2:00 pm**  
**Posted: October 7, 2021**

Please submit a covering letter, resume, 3 work-related references and copies of your qualifications to:

Confidential: Housing Department Manager  
Box 112, 19A Complex Drive  
Wikwemkoong Unceded Indian Reserve  
Wikwemkoong, ON POP 2J0  
erc@wikwemkoong.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 or incomplete submissions will not be considered.*





### Employment Opportunity ADMINISTRATION - RESEARCH

**Summary**

Under the direction of the Health Services Director and Dr. Nancy Young, the Administration - Research will be responsible for assisting the community researcher with research and research coordination relating to Aboriginal Child Health Well-Being Measure and Tobacco projects.

**Responsibilities**

1. Provide research support to the Associate Director.
2. Review research proposals and develop detailed implementation plans for each project. Review these plans with the partner organizations in the community and revise, as necessary, through collaborative consultations.
3. Building and sustaining relationships with Anishinaabe community members, partners, and organizations.
4. Supporting the recruitment of participants for health-related studies including the creation of posters and materials and participating in community outreach and presentations.
5. Preparing for and assisting with key informant interviews and focus groups (e.g. scheduling, printing interview guides, organizing completed interview notes, etc.).
6. Supporting the collection of community level data (e.g. community demographics, health status, available health services and programs for older adults).
7. Assisting with data analysis and the sharing of results through reports, presentations and other activities.
8. Ensure secure storage of research data and supporting documentation.
9. Planning meetings including preparing agendas, booking rooms, arranging catering services, inviting and confirming participants, preparing travel expense forms, printing agendas and documenting meeting proceedings (e.g. taking photographs and meeting minutes, distributing documents to participants).

**Qualifications**

- Successful completion of post-secondary diploma in a health-related discipline.
- Minimum two years' experience working with Indigenous people or in research.
- Experience with outreach activities with communities, organizations and partners.
- Experience with knowledge translation and exchange with Indigenous communities.
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, value and beliefs.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a collaborative team.
- Ability to travel.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contract information of two work-related references. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

**Deadline: Until Filled**

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CASE MANAGEMENT WORKER

**Summary**

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

**Responsibilities**

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

**Qualifications**

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

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

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

**Deadline: Until Filled**

### GWEKWAADZIWIN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Traditional Knowledge Keeper External Posting

**Position Description:**

The Traditional Knowledge keeper position is a key component to the delivery of the wholistic programming within Gwekwaadziwin. This position will support Land-Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare, and Community Aftercare; by offering Anishinabek teachings and guidance to staff and participants. This position will have a flexible schedule in order to meet program and participant needs.

**Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Reporting to the Director of Operations and Clinical Director
- Responsible for providing guidance and teachings to participants and staff of the range of Seven Grandfathers and Gwekwaadziwin programming
- Assist in development of client-centred wholistic treatment plans
- Assist in staff development
- Be active in Land-based programming
- Assist in development and implementation of research projects
- Delivery of group and individual sessions to staff and participants

**Qualifications:**

- Mature individual who is able to work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a lifelong journey in traditional knowledge
- Preference given to an Individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, and ceremonies
- Proven experience with management, program development, research, and outcome measurement
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field with proficiency in outdoor experiential learning, education, aftercare, and client centred models of care
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Ability to utilize electronic devices such as cell phone, laptop, electronic medical records
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming

**Requirements:**

- Possess a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain an 'F' class Driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Preference for a designation with a regulatory college

**Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications**  
**Closing Date: October 27, 2021 @ noon**

**To Apply:** Please submit a letter of application and resume with three written employment references, one from current/most recent employer and current Criminal Reference Check, Drivers Abstract, Copy of relevant Diplomas/Degrees/Certificates. Incomplete or late packages will not be accepted. Please forward in an email to mattm@gwek.ca.

**Subject line - Gwekwaadziwin – Seven Grandfathers - Traditional Knowledge Keeper**  
**To: mattm@gwek.ca**

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



### Employment Opportunity COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE FULL-TIME PERMANENT

**Summary**

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

**Responsibilities**

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

**Qualifications**

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

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

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

**Deadline: Until Filled**

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

**We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.**



# KENJGEWIN TEG

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING A HIGHLY ORGANIZED INDIVIDUAL TO JOIN OUR LIFELONG LEARNING TEAM COMMITTED TO PROVIDING UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND TRADES SECTORS!**

### LIFELONG LEARNING TEAM ASSISTANT FULL-TIME POSITION

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

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

Consider joining our Lifelong Learning team dedicated to making a difference and inspiring learners of all ages. Lifelong learning together ... Anishinabek learning excellence for all!

**Lifelong Learning Team Assistant:**  
**Classification: O4 – Administrative Services/Salary Grade Band D**  
**Qualified Level Salary Range: \$37,592 – 41,769 – 45,946**

#### Position Objective:

The Lifelong Learning Team Assistant participates as an integral team member to assist the Dean of Pathways, Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training, and the Dean of Student Enrolment and Wellness with administrative and technical support that contributes to the overall operations of the Lifelong Learning programs, training, and service delivery for Kenjgewin Teg.

The Lifelong Learning Team Assistant reports to the Vice-President of Lifelong Learning.

#### Responsibilities:

- Provide administrative support to Lifelong Learning Team; coordinate Lifelong Learning team training, meetings, workshops, conferences and travel including completing travel claims and reports, when requested for Deans
- Coordinate and communicate regularly with Deans ensuring team members are kept abreast with strategic directions and updates
- Assist in the research and development of material for training, meetings and proposals and creating agendas, coordinate regular team meetings and planning session(s)
- Attend and record minutes of internal and external meetings as required
- Assist in the monitoring of initiatives and projects within Kenjgewin Teg programs and services, when requested
- Edit and review external correspondence for the Lifelong Learning team, respond to internal and external requests for information regarding Kenjgewin Teg programs and services, both verbally and through written correspondence on behalf of the Lifelong Learning team, in a professional manner, as required
- Responsible for file management of information within the Lifelong Learning team including sensitive information that is developed or compiled for easy access (physical and/or electronic)
- Take a lead role in preparing quarterly and annual report submissions on Lifelong Learning activities, in collaboration with the Deans of Lifelong Learning
- Ensure organizational systems and processes are consistently implemented for and with Lifelong Learning team, monitor and maximize for optimal Lifelong Learning efficiencies: human, financial and capital assets
- Represent the organization when requested to support networking and development of partnerships
- Provide support to other Kenjgewin Teg programs to ensure effective service delivery to the member First Nation communities, when requested
- Provide support in the development of work plans and documents that are required when Kenjgewin Teg enters a contractual agreement with various partners and/or service providers for programs and training delivery
- Other related duties that ultimately contribute to meeting the goals and objectives of the Lifelong Learning team
- Participate and contribute to other organizational events, activities and teams as part of organizational and community engagement and learning

#### Job Requirements:

- Ability to write and format moderately complex correspondence, including memos, letters, proposals, reports and meeting minutes
- Strong knowledge of general office and administrative procedures involving procurement, meeting and/or event coordination, planning, budgeting, and report writing
- Strong knowledge of, with preferred experience in, the education sector and the various learning paths/opportunities for students (i.e., K-12, pathways to post-secondary, post-secondary, micro-credentials, skills development/training)
- Strong time management skills, multi-tasking skills, and the ability to prioritize tasks with minimal supervision
- Strong customer/student service orientation
- Must be proficient in Microsoft Office/Office 365
- Ability to maintain filing systems
- Ability to, or willingness to learn, maneuver learning and/or student management systems, ability to adapt and be flexible in a challenging environment
- Maintain a high level of security, privacy, and confidentiality

#### Qualifications:

- Diploma in Business Administration and a minimum of three (3) years' direct work experience in an administrative capacity
- High level of proficiency with Microsoft Office/Office 365 environment
- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishinabek traditional knowledge: Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin

**Application Deadline: Friday, October 22, 2021 at 12 noon**

For a complete job description or to learn more about this employment opportunity, please email [humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca](mailto:humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca).

#### Interested individuals can send a complete application package that consists of:

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

Applications can be received marked confidential through email to [humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca](mailto:humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca) or by mail or in-person by the application deadline date to:

Kenjgewin Teg  
"Lifelong Learning Team Assistant"  
c/o Director of Human Resources  
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0  
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

**Please note:** Kenjgewin Teg has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive and partnership with the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

**Please note:** Kenjgewin Teg's Fitness for Duty Program is implemented which is designed to promote the development and maintenance of the highest possible levels of worker health and safety in an efficient and productive workplace.

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# KENJGEWIN TEG

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**DO YOU ENJOY COOKING AND EXPLORING NEW RECIPES?  
WELL, KENJGEWIN TEG HAS THE JOB FOR YOU!**  
The organization is seeking a motivated team member who will be committed to providing a service with a smile!

### STUDENT NUTRITION PROVIDER FULL-TIME POSITION TWO (2) YEAR TERM: NOVEMBER 2021 – AUGUST 2023

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

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If you are a committed, creative and respectful individual who is a self-starter with strong organizational and time management skills to work effectively in a fast-paced environment, then consider joining our team!

#### Student Nutrition Provider:

**Classification: Organizational Support & Services/O2 Administrative Support/Salary Grade Band B**  
**Qualified Level Salary Range (\$30,543 – 33,936 – 37,330)**

**Position Objective:** The Student Nutrition Provider will be responsible for the planning and provision of the complimentary breakfast and lunch programs offered to students at Kenjgewin Teg. The Student Nutrition Provider will plan healthy, well-balanced meals for students as well as preparation of food to be served daily and ensure the kitchen facilities are maintained in a clean, safe, and hygienic environment. The Student Nutrition Provider will be occasionally required to cater for internal meetings/events as they occur.

The Student Nutrition Provider reports to the Dean of Student Enrolment and Wellness.

#### Responsibilities:

- Prepare, cook and serve lunch on-site at Kenjgewin Teg daily from Monday to Friday; regular service takes place in the e-Spirit kitchen, and occasional service may take place at other campus sites (i.e. Anishinabek Skills Innovation and Research Centre (ASIRC) kitchen, outdoor cookhouse)
- Prepare and serve continental breakfast items daily for Kenjgewin Teg to ensure availability to students in the morning daily by 8:40 a.m.
- Maintain inventory of kitchen and food supplies required for provision of breakfast and lunch
- Draft a monthly budget to discuss with immediate supervisor and purchase food items once approved and which aligns with the annual budget for food service - following Kenjgewin Teg purchasing policies
- Purchase and/or order all food and serving supplies
- Continental breakfast and lunch will be prepared and served complimentary to students
- Plan and prepare for additional lunch and/or snack items to be offered at a minimal cost
- Plan and prepare lunch and snacks for internal events/meetings when requested
- Maintain kitchen area in the e-Spirit café, ASIRC kitchen and outdoor cookhouse
- Participate and contribute to other organizational events, activities and teams as part of organizational and community engagement and learning

#### Job Requirements:

- Excellent customer service skills
- Excellent time management to execute service provision within service timeframe
- Experience in menu planning with consideration to balanced nutrition
- Experience in creating and maintaining a monthly budget in relation to food and serving supplies
- Experience in planning food service for groups of 25-50 people is considered an asset
- Experience working in a fast-paced environment with lots of interaction with students, staff and guests
- Basic computer skills is a definite asset (create menus, email communication, etc.)

#### Qualifications:

- Minimum OSSD or equivalent
- Must have a minimum of 1 year experience in the food service industry
- Must possess and be willing to provide a copy of valid Safe Food Handler's Certification
- Possess Valid driver's licence and access to a vehicle
- Participate in the organization's Anishnaabe Aadziwin – Passport to Learning program and essentials of M'nidoo Mnising Anishinabek cultural competency as per Maamwi Naadamadaa's Mino Goondawin employer resource
- Appreciation and knowledge of the Anishnabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and supportive of Anishnabek Practices, language revitalization and protocols

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Kenjgewin Teg  
"Student Nutrition Provider"  
c/o Director of Human Resources  
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0  
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

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### HELP WANTED

Codmothers in Gore Bay is looking for an experienced cook.  
Good rate of pay.

Send resume to  
codmotherscatering@gmail.com

### SAWMILL WORKER NEEDED

Cooper Wood Products is hiring motivated individuals to join our team.

\$18/hour - with bonus available!  
Full time position - Monday - Friday.  
50+ lbs

Mill is located at 20 Mill Rd., Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0. Please send a resume to rcooper@cooperenterprises.ca to apply.

### MANITOULIN MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

is looking for 3 positions to be filled.

**Game Scheduler – paid position**

- Work with MMHA to create a season long schedule for each division, following guidelines as indicated by Hockey Canada

**Central Referee Assignor - volunteer**

- Work with MMHA to assign all officials for each regular season and playoff game of MMHA teams

**Treasurer - volunteer**

- Work with MMHA executive and look after the financials and attend monthly meetings.

To request a job description or submit a resume, email manitoulinminorhockey@gmail.com

### MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

**Part-Time - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
By-Law Enforcement Officer**

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of a part-time (20 hours per week) by-law enforcement officer.

Resumes will be received until  
**Friday, October 29, 2021 at NOON**  
at the office below.

Please contact the undersigned for a description of duties and further information.

Ruth Frawley, CAO/Clerk  
Municipality of Central Manitoulin  
6020 Highway 542  
P.O. Box 187  
Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0

centralm@amtelecom.net  
Phone: (705) 377-5726 Fax: (705) 377-5585

### TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

#### POSITION FOR CANTEEN

The Township of Assinack is looking for a **part-time cashier** to work at the Assinack arena in the canteen from November 2021 - March 2022.

Skills required include handling customers, using POS/Debit, knowledge of handling cash transactions. Evening and weekend work.

Submit resume to Alton Hobbs,  
ahobbs@assinack.ca or  
Box 238, Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0.

Deadline is October 29, 2021.

### TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK

#### BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Corporation of the Township of Assinack invites interested parties to submit proposals for the following position:

**Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer:** to perform duties and responsibilities as indicated on the RFP guideline document.

- Sealed RFP's will be received until 4:00 pm November 12, 2021,
- Lowest or any submission not necessarily accepted, and
- RFP Guidelines are available at the Municipal Office & online at [www.assinack.ca/rfp-tenders/](http://www.assinack.ca/rfp-tenders/)

For further details please contact:

**Alton Hobbs**  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Township of Assinack  
P.O. Box 238  
Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0  
705-859-3780

### AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BAND ADMINISTRATOR

The Band Administrator is responsible for the overall efficient and effective administrative and financial management of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Band government, its infrastructure, program areas and services, and for keeping Chief and Council informed on all matters relating to the business of the First Nation.

**JOB DUTIES:**

- Provide leadership, supervision, and direction to all Program Coordinators for the effective and efficient administration of the programs and services of the First Nation, to ensure achievement of annual goals and objectives and compliance with program budgets.
- Maintain direct verbal and written contact with Chief and Council. Provide monthly written reports and financial statements to Chief and Council on Band operations, programs and services.
- Communicate effectively with Chief and Council, Program Coordinators, Council Committees and community members to identify, plan and provide for the current and future needs of the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation.
- Ensure that adequate financial controls, policies and procedures are in place and followed to enable reliable and accurate financial reporting and effective and secure management of Band funds and resources.
- Oversee and direct the infrastructure resources and systems of the First Nation. Ensure the annual preparation of a five-year capital plan and budget for review and approval by Chief and Council.
- Be informed and able to communicate regarding the First Nation's programs and services, government policies and regulations.
- Implement Council decisions and policy; ensure Council motions, directions and resolutions are carried out in a timely, efficient, and professional manner. Provide follow up reports to Council.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- University degree or college diploma in public administration, business administration or a related field.
- Minimum of five (5) year's work experience in administration at a senior management level, with leadership experience.
- Experience working for a First Nation government or organization.

**APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:**

1. Cover letter with contact information.
2. Resume listing education and work experience.
3. At least two (2) work-related letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
c/o Chief Patsy Corbiere  
13 Hill Street  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Complete job description is available at the Band Office reception desk. Deadline for applications is **October 28, 2021 @ 12:00 NOON**. The successful candidate must provide an acceptable Police Record Check (C.P.I.C.).

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

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

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

### Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Advisor

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

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a Indigenous Education and Reconciliation Advisor.

For more information about this employment opportunity, please visit [www.rainbowschools.ca/about/employment](http://www.rainbowschools.ca/about/employment).

Interested candidates should apply by **3 pm Wednesday October 27, 2021** and submit a covering letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

**Doreen Dewar**  
Board Chair

**Bruce Bourget**  
Director of Education

[rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca)



The leaves are starting to fall rapidly, and the rooms and halls of MSS are decorated for Halloween! A Halloween joke for you:

What smiles on the outside, but is hollow on the inside?

A jack-o-lantern

The senior girls basketball team has been off to a great start this year. They played their first game of the year at MSS on Tuesday, October 12th, and they won 37-20. They played again on Thursday, October 14th against the Espanola Spartans and also won! The girls are back in action on Tuesday, October 26th. Go, girls!

On Friday, October 15th, the MSS cross country team was away competing in pre-NSSSA. The Mustangs did very well, ending the day with first place runners in the novice and junior divisions.

Yesterday, Tuesday, October 19th, there was a Cambrian College presentation in Ms. Becks' SES4U Earth and Space Science class. Students were able to ask questions related to college and see what Cambrian College offers.

Today, Wednesday, October 20th is the last day of the 'Zinc Saves Lives' battery drive put on by SHARE/Go Green. Over the last week, the members of the committee have been standing in the front foyer as students get off the buses in the mornings collecting household batteries. The drive has been very successful thus far, so thank you to all students, staff, and families that have donated!

Parent teacher interviews are being held virtually tomorrow night, Thursday, October 21st from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. It is not too late to sign up for an appointment slot with

your child's teacher(s). Please email each teacher individually to set up a time.

Monday, October 25th is a professional development day (PD Day!). That calls for some celebration from students by sleeping in.

Next week is the week before Halloween, so students and staff can expect some spooky fun coming their way. A Halloween joke for you:

Did you hear about how the zombie died? It choked on a lifesaver.


The MSS Robotics team has been meeting after school weekly preparing for in-person competitions in North Bay and York in March of 2022. The team has been getting ready for the game reveal, working on skill development (java programming, coding, welding, etc.), and they are also working on building the business side of the team by working on their social media pages and planning initiatives to fit their green vision. Additionally, the team is looking for sponsors. They are also having a little fun on the side by making Tik Toks with the robot. Check out their Tik Tok account, mssrobotics6858 to see what the team and their robot have been up to lately.

Joke of the week: A family of fall leaves were trying to change a light bulb. A squirrel walked by and asked why the bulb had not been changed yet. The red leaf said, "because we keep falling."

Upcoming events include parent teacher interviews, a professional development day, sports games, and Halloween!

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





### Employment Opportunity

## EARLY LEARNING COORDINATOR

**Salary: \$43,176 - \$52,654**

**The Early Learning Coordinator** will provide quality care and supportive programming to families with young children ages 0 – 6 years of age. This will be accomplished by designing, developing, delivering and evaluating programs for children (0-6 yrs.) alongside their parents and/or caregivers. These programs will be culturally appropriate, land and language based, and will focus on resilience and positive coping techniques.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Plan, carry out and assess appropriate activities and experiences in harmony with the goals of this program and Anishinabek values and philosophy;
- Establish and carry out a schedule that incorporates child and family activities;
- Organize space, equipment and materials before activities;
- Assist children in expressing themselves by listening and responding with questions or comments that extend conversations;
- Use a variety of teaching techniques including modelling, observing, questioning, demonstrating and reinforcing;
- Plan and carry out experiences that foster an understanding of Anishinabek culture and value system;
- Plan and carry out activities that encourage problem-solving and managing disappointment;
- Participate in short and long term planning and evaluation including staff reviews;
- Learning and use the activities and skills provided to assist children in developing the necessary coping skills for addressing unique life issues;
- Report immediately all incidents or indicators of child abuse as required by law to the proper child welfare authorities;
- Ensure referrals will be completed for those children, youth and parents who require additional resources or services; and
- All other duties as assigned.


**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Diploma in Early Childhood Education or work experience in delivering programs to children aged 0 – 6 years;
- Knowledge of social programs and curriculum delivery;
- Knowledge of unique needs of WRFN children and families;
- Experience working with families and children;
- Excellent group facilitation, verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills;
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, communication styles and value systems;
- Must maintain a valid Standard First Aid Certificate and CPR;
- Proven computer skills in word processing and spreadsheet software;
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to a reliable vehicle;
- Ability to travel and to work flexible hours according to the needs of WRFN families and children; and
- Willingness to work flexible hours.

Applications will be accepted via email, fax, and mail or in person to the attention of:  
**CONFIDENTIAL:**  
**Tricia Podlatis, Human Resources Manager**  
Whitefish River First Nation; 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP 1A0  
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532  
Applications must be submitted by October 22, 2021 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:  
Cover letter, current resume, and 3 reference names (with contact information).

Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to employment.

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



### Employment Opportunity

## COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM WORKER - ENVIRONMENT

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Community Health Program Worker - Environment.

**Summary**  
Community Health Program Worker - Environment will be responsible for the support, education and advocacy of health and health care within the community with a focus on environmental issues.

**Responsibilities**

- Organize and lead community outreach activities.
- Coordinate agency health promotion activities with other organizations/groups, (i.e. health fairs, screening clinics).
- Provide health care and prevention education within the community including schools, community centres and patient homes.
- Adhere to reporting procedures for accidents and incidents.
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality in all interactions, at all times.
- Monitors the environment and investigates sources of pollution by performing laboratory and field tests (water testing).
- May involve fieldwork which involves taking soil samples or water samples from rivers, lakes and streams.
- Collection of water samples from households with holding tanks.
- Prepare and maintain necessary reports and records as required.
- Work closely with the Indigenous Services Canada Environmental Officer.
- Conduct bacteriological or other tests related to research in environmental or pollution control activity.
- Participate and contribute to Emergency Preparedness.

**Qualifications**

- Diploma and/or certificate in community health, health education, environment health or related field.
- Three - five years' experience related to community health education.
- Knowledge of the priorities affecting Indigenous health.
- Ability to present information in group settings.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.


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

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

**Deadline: Until Filled**

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

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## (2) REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS

**Department:**  
**Education, BINOOJINH GAMGOONHS (Childcare Centre)**  
**Classification Level: ECE Salary Grid**  
**Employment Status: Regular Full-Time (With extended health and benefits and pension)**

**Reporting Relationship**  
The Educators report directly to the Day Care Supervisor or designate.

**Position Summary**  
The Educator is responsible for children in all aspects related to the development of their academic learning skills, hygiene, health, well-being, and safety. The Educator oversees the planning and the implementing of age-appropriate programming for children from 12 months of age to school age.

**Essential Functions:**

- Maintains and follows internal routines and procedures for child's health and safety
- Plans, organizes, and leads daily activities designed to stimulate physical, social, cognitive, and emotional growth of children and encourages cooperation and participation
- Works with children in group setting while retaining sensitivity to each child's individual needs
- Encourages open communication with parents with regards to the needs, progress, and concerns of their child(ren)
- Keep abreast of current trends as an RECE educator

**Qualifications & Requirements**  
**Preferred:**

- Early Childhood Education Diploma: Registered and good standing with the College of ECE, specialized training to support young children of diverse needs, varying abilities and their families or equivalent credentials in resource teacher programming and five (5) years' work-related experience
- Strong oral and written communication skills, is a team player and has good rapport with young people
- Knowledge and experience with the culture, history, and customs of the Anishinaabe
- Fluency in Ojibwe is an asset
- Mandatory Medical and TB testing
- Up-to-Date immunizations and fully vaccinated for COVID-19
- First Aid Certificate and CPR would be an asset

**Minimum**

- Early Childhood Education Diploma and/or previous related work-experience

**Application Deadline: Open Until Filled**

**It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current (30 day) VSS; offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of successful VSS record.**

**Interested applicants must submit their cover letter, resume, three (3) current written references (2 work related, 1 character/co-worker) & education certifications to:**

**Confidential – Human Resources**  
**REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS**  
**M'Chigeeng First Nation**  
**P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0**  
**andream@mchigeeng.ca**

**Miigwetch for your interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For complete job description, please contact Andrea McGregor at andream@mchigeeng.ca**

# Northeast Town council begins work on draft 2022 budget, public meeting to follow

by Expositor Staff

**NORTHEAST TOWN**—Members of council for Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands got their first look at the draft budget for 2022 during the Tuesday, October 12 council meeting. The proposed budget would see a 2.23 percent increase in the municipal levy.

Due to the manner in which costs are distributed among the Northeast Town's ward system, the actual tax increases (or decreases) for each ward are not yet included in the draft document.

The proposed capital expenses for the upcoming year include nearly \$8,000 for new council chamber chairs (to be taken from reserves), \$88,000 for asset management software (\$56,250 of which is covered by a grant) and \$12,000 (net to town) for improvements to the washrooms at the Tourist Info Centre.

Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson informed council that the Information Centre (located near the Little Current swing bridge) saw 7,000 visitors come into the centre proper. "You can figure that at least double that number came into the building to use the washrooms but did not come in to see someone at the counter," said Mr. Williamson.

Other capital projects include the digout of Green Bay Road, which Mr. Williamson noted had been assessed to ensure the money was being well spent. The \$50,000 price tag for the digout would come from the provincial gas tax transfer. Surface treatments will be applied to 3.2 kilometres of the Green Bush Road (\$140,000 with \$122,000 coming from the gas tax and the rest from gas tax reserves) and half a kilometre of surface treatment for Sydenham Street/Bay Village Road in Sheguiandah (\$25,000 for each coming from the gas tax reserve).

The Meredith Street Drain in Little Current will see \$125,000 allocated from the gas tax reserve.

No sidewalks are slated in the 2022 budget. The 2022 capital budget includes \$350,000 for a sand dome in Sheguiandah, something the town has recognized is needed, but unless a grant can be secured for the project it will remain on the wish list. The draft budget also includes \$300,000 for a tandem snowplow, with \$181,050 coming from working capital reserves and \$118,950 net to town.

The town's recreation centre will see a \$425,400 investment, including the removal of the old chiller (a necessity due to the type of refrigerant used in the old system), with

a new condenser to tie the two systems (hockey and curling club) together, boiler and hot water upgrades, desuperheater and replacement of the ice resurfer and ice edger (\$406,137 will come from a grant, while the ice resurfer replacement reserve will pick up the remaining \$19,263).


Low Island is set for a revitalization, with \$167,000 allocated, \$157,744 coming from grants, and \$9,256 coming from the recreation department.

New yard lights will be installed at Spider Bay Marina, with the \$25,000 price tag coming from the Spider Bay Marina accounts (which operate as a business and usually produce net revenue to the town), while the \$360,000 revitalization of Spider Bay Marina's pier 6 (unless grant monies can be accessed for this project, it also will remain on the wish list).

Mr. Williamson pointed out that this year's capital budget is lower than usual, pointing council to the unusually large number of capital projects completed in the past year having drawn down reserves significantly.

Council will review the budget and come back with their recommendations before the budget is presented to the public for comment and finalized.





## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILDCARE RESOURCE TEACHER

**Classification Level: ECE Salary Grid 7 (A)**  
**Department: Education, BINOOJINH GAMGOONHS (Childcare Centre)**  
**Employment Status: Full-Time Term**

**Position Summary**  
The Resource Teacher will report to the Childcare Supervisor and Director of Education.

**Position Summary**  
The main objectives of this position are to provide a wide range of individual support for the Childcare children requiring special needs/more intensive assistance and to enhance professional development of Childcare Staff and Caregivers for the overall improvement of programs and services at the Centre.

**Essential Functions:**

- Review students' files and all relevant material and information about students to assist in the development of Individual Program Plan (IPP) for students and periodically review and update IPPs
- Provide direct support to children requiring more intensive assistance that promote their physical and mental wellness, social development, and school readiness
- Provide support on learning strategies, literacy, and numeracy for all students within the classroom setting
- Liaise regularly and effectively with classroom teachers, consulting psychologist or psycho-ed, principal and/or delegate, students, and their parents
- Identify children's learning styles and needs including a cultural component of teachings and storytelling
- Implement behaviour modification, personal development, and other therapeutic programs under supervision of professionals such as special education instructors, psychologists, or speech-language pathologists
- Identify special learning styles and needs; and material, supplies and equipment needed to develop lessons and activities, such as audio and visual technique, field trips and other learning resources
- Complete progress reports on students
- Prepare required monthly reports with findings and recommendations
- Assist in budgeting proposal submissions pertaining to enhancing program development
- Provide evaluations on the progress of students and discuss results with students, parents, and school officials

**Qualifications & Requirements**  
**Minimum**

- Diploma in Early Childhood Education from an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology or an equivalent academic qualification approved by an Education Director and three (3) years' work-related experience
- Graduate of Post Secondary program of studies approved by an Education Director that is both theoretical and practical and that relates to the needs of children with special needs
- Experience working/volunteering in a First Nation Day Care

**Preferred**

- University Degree from a recognized educational institution in Child Sociology or relevant field of study and five (5) years' work-related experience
- Experience working with children with special needs
- Willing to enrol to complete Resource Teacher Certification Course

**Other**

- Have knowledge and understanding of the culture, traditions, and history of the Anishinabek
- Experience with Microsoft Office
- Excellent communication skills and always maintains a high level of confidentiality
- Fluency and/or understanding of Anishinaabemowin is an asset and/or must be willing to learn
- Must be certified in First Aid and CPR
- Must submit a copy of COVID-19 vaccinations and immunizations


**DEADLINE: UNTIL FILLED**

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

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

**Confidential: Human Resource  
Childcare Resource Teacher  
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
Email: andream@mchigeeng.ca  
Tel: 705-377-5362 Fax: 705-377-4980**

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES OFFICE ASSISTANT

**Department: Health Services – Family Resources**  
**Employment Status: Regular Full-time**  
**Classification Level: CA-4 (\$42,633 – 47,647)**

*The MFN Family Resource Team is looking for a competent Office Assistant to assist with the organization and running of the daily administrative operations. The ideal candidate will be a hard-working professional able to undertake a variety of office support tasks and work diligently under pressure. This person should have experience working with a high degree of attention to detail and discretion as well as incorporating new and effective ways to achieve better results for their team.*

**Position Summary**  
This position is supervised by the Family Resource Supervisor and is assigned to serve a broad range of administrative and financial support services. According to M'Chigeeng First Nation policies and procedures, the incumbent is expected to be effective and efficient in the organization of workflow.

**Essential Functions:**

- Must be friendly, to receive visitors to ascertain nature of business and directs to appropriate personnel
- Performs a variety of general office support duties such as drafting, typing, and proofreading a broad range of confidential documents, including but not limited to, court documents, general correspondence, etc.
- Create a standardize file management procedures and maintain central filing systems
- Develop file management procedures manual for efficiency and effectiveness for the retrieval of stored documents
- Handle sensitive information in a completely confidential manner with poise, tact, and diplomacy
- Research, create and edit presentations, make travel reservations, and complete registrations for seminars, and maintain a network data base

**Qualifications & Requirements**  
**Preferred:**

- Post Secondary Diploma (three (3) years' Business Administration) or equivalent/combination of OSSD and relevant training/certificate in business/office administration and minimum of five (5) years' progressive administrative experience
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the language, culture, history, and customs of the Anishinabek

**Minimum**

- OSSD with a minimum of five years' related work experience and training
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the language, culture, history, and customs of the Anishinabek
- Customer Service training or experience
- Must have working knowledge office procedures, file management and policy development
- Must have good working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook
- Ability to maintain a high degree of confidentiality
- Excellent communication skills, written, verbal and public relations

**Other:**

- Minute Taking Procedures Training; Experience taking formal meeting minutes.
- Excellent time management and organizational skills.
- Must be flexible to work long hours in peak periods, and evenings as required.
- Must have or be willing to obtain Standard First Aid and CPR Certification.
- Must have strong working knowledge of meeting preparation and procedures.
- Ability to plan, coordinate and implement public and community events.
- Ability to work independently, organize workload and set priorities, and flexible to changing priorities and deadlines.
- Proven ability to work in a fast and multi-tasking environment.
- Strives and is committed to working collaboratively in team environments.
- Ability to exercise good judgment, initiative, and be proactive.

**Deadline: Until filled**

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

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**Confidential – Human Resources  
Office Assistant  
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0  
(Fax 705-377-4980) andream@mchigeeng.ca**

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For a detailed job description, please contact Andrea McGregor at 705-377-5362 ext. 226.**



### Employment Opportunity NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

#### Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Manager/Clinician, the Clinician provides professional clinical assessment, counselling, education and referral services to individuals, groups and families; and health promotion services in the form of educational and primary prevention activities to the community of Wikwemikong.

#### Responsibilities

- To ensure that culturally appropriate and effective clinical services are provided to the community of Wikwemikong.
- To facilitate culturally appropriate and efficient mental health services to the community of Wikwemikong.
- To ensure culturally appropriate quality of service by working under close supervision of the Mental Health Manager.
- To keep abreast of current trends, developments and issues in appropriate fields of interest and communicates information to the Mental Health staff.
- To assist with the facilitation of professional development of other staff.
- To maintain culturally appropriate professional competency on an ongoing basis.
- To promote culturally appropriate mental health services in the community of Wikwemikong.
- To participate in the "Critical Incident Response Plan" for Wikwemikong.

#### Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in psychology or social work or one of the helping disciplines; or successful completion of a college diploma program in the social services field.
- Membership or membership qualification in a recognized provincial regulatory body is an asset.
- Minimum 3 years of social work experience in a health care setting or social service agency.
- Excellent assessment, interviewing, and counselling skills.
- Expertise in mental health and substance abuse areas preferred.
- Knowledge of therapeutic interventions.
- Must possess the ability to make independent decisions when circumstances require and must know when to refer a patient for further medical assessment.
- Able to effectively communicate both verbally and in writing.
- Able to work efficiently as part of a team as well as independently.
- Good organizational, time management and prioritizing skills.
- Strong morals and ethics, along with a commitment to staff privacy.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contract information of two work-related references. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

#### Clinician

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

**Deadline: Until Filled**

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

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### Employment Opportunity: SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE TEACHER Salary: Based on Shawanosowe School Teacher Salary Grid

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of a Special Education Teacher to commence immediately. Shawanosowe School is an Indigenous school governed locally under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinooaadziwin Education Body. Our community-centred school aims to nurture each child's unique gifts as we foster academic and all-around excellence. We also provide students with a strong foundation in culture and identity. WRFN is seeking an individual who will contribute to Shawanosowe School and to the broader community through exemplary teaching practice and leadership.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Develop, deliver, monitor and evaluate individualized educational services, learning programs, and instruction for special needs students in both self-contained and integrated settings.
- Collaborate with classroom teachers in planning for specific student learning outcomes based on assessed needs of individual students.
- Ensure students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe School.
- Promote academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and communicating effectively with parents.
- Follow the policies and procedures of Shawanosowe School and Whitefish River First Nation.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or equivalent;
- Ontario Teaching Certification with membership in good/active standing;
- Certification in Primary/Junior Division;
- Special Education Parts I and II, or a plan to complete Part II within the school year;
- At least 1-2 years' teaching experience in a Special Education setting;
- Excellent planning and organizational skills;
- Excellent communication skills;
- Up-to-date First Aid and CPR;
- Experience working with Indigenous communities; knowledge of First Nations culture, traditions, and language would be considered an asset.

Applications will be accepted via email, fax, and mail to the attention:

#### Send applications to:

#### Confidential: Human Resources

Whitefish River First Nation, 17A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, Ontario POP 1A0  
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705) 285 4532

Applications must be submitted by **October 22, 2021 at 4:30 PM** and must include the following:  
Cover letter, current resume, and 3 reference letters.

\*\*Successful candidates must submit an original/current copy of their Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check prior to commencement of employment.  
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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT 1 YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE

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

#### Summary

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

#### Responsibilities

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

#### Qualifications

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

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

#### Occupational Therapy Assistant

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

**Deadline: Until Filled**



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

#### Summary

The School Health Support Services (SHSS) Program works as an integral part of the school based multidisciplinary team. Services are delivered in four First Nation communities where the team will be providing services to schools and early learning centres. The Administrative Support shall act as the focal point of communication for the SHSS team, with confidentiality being the key issue at all times. The Administrative Support will be responsible for providing a consistently high standard of secretarial and administrative support to the staff, interact with other departments, clients, and health care professionals. Other responsibilities will include aiding in the organization of the overall workload and ensure the effective use of manpower and resources to assist in the smooth running of the department. In undertaking the role of Administrative Support, the post holder will be required to initiate their own tasks and prioritize work.

#### Responsibilities

- Assist with clerical/administrative support to clients, families, staff and health care professionals.
- Schedule and maintain appointment calendars and book meeting rooms in collaboration with staff, service providers, schools and early learning centres.
- Support staff in analyzing data and relevant information to: compose reports, compile statistics, and prepare letters, memos and agendas.
- Independently respond to both verbal and written inquiries.
- Initiate and maintain confidential medical files and records.
- Ordering supplies, etc.
- Prepare information requests, follow ups, reminders, and file reviews, and other general correspondence as appropriate or as directed by Health Centre staff and health care professionals.
- Complete data entry and ensure filing is up to date.
- Present a positive and professional image of the program to all visitors, suppliers, inquiries, and other interactions.

#### Qualifications

- College diploma (Administrative - Medical Support program or business college equivalent); OSSD diploma.
- 2 years' experience in an administrative role.
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records Software.
- Ability to communicate and work effectively on a multidisciplinary team.
- Excellent computer skills: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Calendar.
- Strong knowledge of general office procedures.
- Strong working knowledge of software packages.

Salary 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:

#### Administrative Support

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: October 29, 2021 @ 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.

# Seven Manitoulin municipalities to see e-bikes and charging stations in 2022

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

**MINDEMOYA**—E-bikes and e-bike charging stations are coming to the Island in 2022. Locations for the charging stations are being finalized now, said Maja Mielonen, president of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA). Stations will be located on municipal properties and will connect to existing municipal hydro service.

MICA visited Island municipalities to get a feel for public opinion on the e-bike project and received agreements in principle from all the municipalities involved. The organization will place a charging station on municipal property that will use existing municipal hydro. MICA is responsible for all material costs, installation and insurance for the charging stations and has asked for municipal assistance with site preparation and provision of limestone rocks for the protection of the bikes from damage by vehicular traffic at the sites.

“We worked closely with the municipalities to find visible and attractive spots where the people are,” said Ms. Mielonen. “We’re very excited. It took some thinking to figure out the best spots for serving the public. Each location needs to be accessible to families, guests, boaters and other cyclists.”

The Little Current e-bike docking station will be located across from Breakaway Sports, in the park adjacent to the municipal building. This location is accessible for locals, boaters and other tourists, Ms. Mielonen explained. Little Current will have one docking station with four e-bikes available for rental. South Baymouth will have two docking stations with a total of six e-bikes available to rent. Manitowaning, Mindemoya, Providence Bay, Kagawong and Gore Bay will each have one station and two rental e-bikes. Each docking station accepts six bikes, so anyone with an e-bike will be able to recharge. The rental system will be app driven and user friendly, she said.

“After almost two years of deliberation and research, we’re really excited to be working with PD International (PDI) out of Markham, Ontario,” Ms. Mielonen said. The focus was on e-bikes and micro-mobility at the 2020 Toronto bike show and almost every distributor hosted a display on e-bikes. MICA spoke with several different shops and manufacturers. Ms. Mielonen and Guy Nielsen test rode over 40 available makes and models at the show. They met with PDI at the show in February 2020 and corresponded back and forth, “working together to meet our needs,” she said.

MICA first began looking for a bike share provider in 2017. “We quickly realized we were a very small fish,” Ms. Mielonen said. “The big companies don’t want to deal with anybody that doesn’t want to buy at least 100 bikes. They all dealt with bike shares in bigger towns and don’t want to play with us small fish.”

There is growth potential if the interest is there. The fleet of 20 e-bikes could potentially provide Island-wide access, a form of micromobility, and could also be an economic development driver. A boater can rent an e-bike in Little Current and ride out to Ten Mile Point or a boater in Gore Bay can ride to the Perivale Gallery. “These places would generally be inaccessible to a boater so this e-bike project can expand the reach of tourism,” Ms. Mielonen said. MICA will be looking at developing additional partnerships with Island businesses for cross-promotion.

E-bike riders have the ability to travel greater distances with ease on the hills and against the wind with this charging system in place, Mr. Nielsen said. “They will be able to recharge the bikes on the road while taking in many museums, galleries, events without the need return to their accommodations to recharge. We know that

our visitors from abroad will be especially happy to see cycle rentals available as it is difficult to travel internationally with a bike. It’s not impossible but it is a little more cumbersome.”

MICA anticipates an increase in international interest and will expand its advertising campaigns for all-inclusive cycling tours on Manitoulin. “European markets are 60 to 80 percent e-bikes, so there is a general expectation to rent e-bikes when renting bikes or doing cycling tourism,” explained Ms. Mielonen. To remain relevant and to satisfy European clients as well as the rising number of local and provincial visitors, MICA needed to plan ahead. MICA’s all-inclusive cycle adventure tours are already attracting e-bike users. Last year there were two and last month there were three participants. They are fielding

a number of inquiries for cycle rentals every month and with the e-bike project, will finally be able to say yes to these inquiries.

Overall, MICA has seen more cyclists of all kinds riding on Manitoulin. MICA successfully lobbied for paved shoulders on three out of four Island highways and has installed eight wayfinding trail-heads to date. There are more than 60 cycle road signs found on municipal roads and 12 cycle racks found in different locations on the Island. MICA’s cycle map, now in its fifth edition, showcases more than 850 km of cycle routes on Manitoulin. “Adding e-bike rentals and charging stations is one more way MICA is working hard to make it a safe and comfortable place for people to ride,” Ms. Mielonen said.

MICA is a not-for-profit

organization run by volunteers for more than 10 years and is contributing 20 percent of the \$157,000 project cost. Other funders include FedNor, NOHFC and Destination Northern Ontario.

## thank you

**We will be forever grateful** for the support and kindness shown to us during Marilyn Moggy’s illness and following her loss. A special thanks to the health care professionals, especially to Dr. Bedard, NP Joanne Mellan, Dr. Cano, the Island Palliative Care team, who cared for Marilyn and allowed her to make decisions on her terms. We are also appreciative of the outpouring of support shown to our family through cards, donations, food, flowers, phone calls and visits. Marilyn loved her family, friends and community and that love has been more than reciprocated. Hugh, Dianne and David, and Jane and Delbert

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## thank you

The **Gore Bay Rotary Club** would like to thank everyone that helped contribute to the success of the Fall Produce Auction held on Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend. Rotary works hard to help as many local and international projects as possible. Your donations for this event gives this small group of committed volunteers inspiration that they can make life a little bit better.



## thank you

## in memoriam

**FINCH**—In memory of Maurice “Roy” Finch, June 30, 1944 to October 23, 2020. Even though you could be a pain at times, I do miss you my brother. Love, Nelda

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## Death Notices

### KENNETH JOHN TRUDEAU



**K**enneth John Trudeau of Sagamok passed away in his home on Monday, October 11, 2021 at the age of 60. Dear son of the late Peter and Florence (nee Gadabushie) Trudeau. Beloved father of D’Arcy (Aimee) of Sagamok. Loving grandfather of Sasha, Natalie, D’Arcy, Christopher and one great-grandchild Kamea. Dear brother of Mabel Caron (Zeff) of Kamloops, Jeannette McQuabbie (late Peter) of Sudbury, Paul of Sagamok and the late Peter Jr., Cecile, Adam and Karen. Will also be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Visitation started on Thursday, October 14, 2021 in the Multi Cultural Centre, Sagamok at 5:30 pm. Funeral Service was on Saturday, October 16, 2021 in the Multi Cultural Centre at 1 pm. Cremation followed with interment of ashes at a later date. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

### PATRICIA ANN SCHLIEDERER

(nee Mucha)



**P**atricia Ann Schliederer (nee Mucha) of St. Thomas, passed away at the London Health Sciences Centre, Victoria Hospital on Thursday, October 7, 2021 at the age of 56. Patricia is survived by her loving husband Stephen Schliederer; her beloved children Sarah Schliederer (Madison) and Andrew Schliederer of St. Thomas; her mother Loretta Mucha (Greenway) of Manitoulin Island; and her brother Jim (Wendy) Mucha of Harrow. Predeceased her father Jack Mucha. Patty worked as a Flight Service Specialist with Nav Canada, she had a passion for photography and truly enjoyed spending time on Manitoulin Island. Patty was also a dedicated mental health advocate and counsellor. Cremation has taken place and a private interment of ashes will be held on Manitoulin Island on a later date. Donations in her name can be made to the Tehkummah First Responders or the South Baymouth Community Development Association. Arrangements entrusted to the Shawn Jackson Funeral Home, 31 Elgin Street, St. Thomas (519-631-0570). Personal condolences to the family can be made at [www.sjfh.ca](http://www.sjfh.ca).

### RAYMOND GEORGE CHATWELL September 17, 1924 - October 16, 2021



**I**n loving memory of Raymond George Chatwell, Raymond died peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at the age of 97. Born to Mabel (nee Coultis) and Henry Chatwell on Manitoulin Island on Wednesday, September 17, 1924. Predeceased by his wife Faye on Sunday, June 28, 2015. Loved father of Shirley (Dave) Nelder, Sharon (Chester) Spry, Ronda McDonald (Don Banfield), Perry (Barb) Chatwell and Shelley (Michael) Brown. Predeceased by daughters Patricia and Mary Ann and son-in-law Michael McDonald. Raymond was the proud grandfather of 14, great-grandfather of 30 and great-great-grandfather of two. Dear brother of Hazel (Bill) McMullen (both predeceased), Lyman (Bertha) (both predeceased) and Dell (Gladys) (both predeceased). Dad is now resting after a long life of hard work. Moving buildings, building roads, digging and excavating with his loader and gravel trucks, hauling pulpwood, building septic beds and farming on the farm that he was raised on. At the end of the day he always had time for people dropping in for a visit, a game of euchre, or a delicious meal that mom (Faye) had cooked. He had so many funny and interesting stories that he liked to share with his kids and grand kids. We will miss him deeply and always cherish the time we spent with him. God bless you Dad XXOO. Family and friends will gather for a graveside service at Hilly Grove Cemetery on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 3 pm with Dawn Dawson officiating and Weston Leeson helping. Donations may be made in Raymon’s honour to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary or the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [Islandfuneralhome.ca](http://Islandfuneralhome.ca).

### SUSAN HARRISON



**S**usan Harrison passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, in her 53rd year. Beloved wife of Louis Couillard and cherished mother of Zoé. Susie will be dearly missed by her mother Joan Harrison, brother Dave (Sophie), sister Laurie (Dennis), brother-in-law Francois and sister-in-law Annie. At Susie’s request, cremation has taken place. She will always be remembered as an active, strong, beautiful women pursuing her passion. There is few words to describe the impact she had on everyone. She founded Bare Naked Beauty products and later Spa. She believed in helping people through her skills and passion for natural, fresh, non-toxic everyday beauty products in 2015. It is the family’s intention to continue with Bare Naked Beauty and Susie’s dream. Please join us in Celebrating her Life on Saturday afternoon October 30, 2021, between 5 pm to 6:30 pm at the Bare Naked Beauty Spa, 22 Younge Street, Kagawong. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a community cause that she cherished: Manitoulin Pet Rescue (cheques may be mailed to Box 119, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0).

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

## Death Notices

### ROBERT ARCHIBALD CADDEN

'Archie'

May 29, 1926 - September 29, 2021



Robert Archibald 'Archie' Cadden of Meldrum Bay and King City, Ontario, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at St. Joseph's, Sudbury. Born May 29, 1926 in King City to John Robert 'Bert' Cadden and Lenna Archibald. He will be missed by sisters Alma (Beverly) Feindell and Mary (Frank) Howe, nieces Susan Feindell, Sandra Feindell (Charles Minnie) and Sheila Feindell, nephews Terry, David and Eric Howe, great-nephews Andrew Acchione, Christopher Ludlow (Jess Mocha) and Jonathan Ludlow. Predeceased by brothers George Cadden and Carl Cadden, brother-in-law Beverly Feindell and Charles Minnie. Growing up on a farm in the 1920s Archie learned the rewards of hard work and developed a good work ethic. He and his brothers ran a very successful construction business until they retired in 1988. Already owning property in Meldrum Bay they could now spend more time assisting with the activities in the town. The ultimate volunteer and handyman, Archie with his brothers could always be counted on to lend a helping hand usually being the first ones there! At any given time he served on the Roads Board, the Services Board, the D.C.I.A. and Manitoulin Snowdusters. He will be missed by his many friends and acquaintances. He had a wealth of knowledge, many interests and all the tools to do them. Thank you to everyone who cared! A short service and interment will take place in Meldrum Bay Cemetery on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19, masks must be worn and social distancing must be adhered to. Let's pray for a sunny October day! As expressions of sympathy, please make a donation to a charity of your choice.

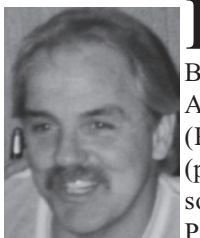
### ALINE MAROIS



Aline Marois of Gore Bay, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at Mindemoya Hospital on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, in her 83rd year. Beloved mother of Moe (Sherri), Dan and Louise (Brian) Dittmar. Cherished Nana of Trevor Dittmar (Anna Gauthier). Predeceased by her husband Maurice, parents Joseph and Lizette Paquette, brothers Leo and Ernest, sisters Cecile and Simone and her longtime partner Grant Strain. Aline worked at Noble's Grocery and Stedman's for quite a long time, retiring to enjoy the company of her grandson Trevor. While at the Millsite apartments, she co-ordinated activities including decorating for yearly holiday traditions, and contributing news to the Recorder. She thoroughly enjoyed doing puzzles and playing euchre/cribbage every chance she could get, even travelling around the Island anywhere there was a game. Later in life, she became a diehard Toronto Blue Jays fan. A graveside service was held at Gordon Cemetery on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 11 am. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Gore Bay Rotary Club (Gore Bay Medical Centre), and may be made through [SimpsonFuneralHome.ca](http://SimpsonFuneralHome.ca).

### EDWARD JOSEPH SUGAR

June 25, 1939 - October 03, 2021



In loving memory of Edward Joseph Sugar, of Seattle, Washington. Beloved husband of Karen Sugar (nee Anderson). Dear father of Joseph (Pamela), Robert (Carmen), Daniel (predeceased) and Marshall (Analyn) - sons of Elizabeth Shaw (nee Pitawanakwat); Chad and Candice - son and daughter of Margaret; and Nadine. Grandfather of Amber, Siera, Cassandra, Clarissa, Emily and Daniel, great-grandfather of Atticus. Son of Joseph Peter Schuchert and Ruth Schuchert (nee Murdock). Brother of Judith Schrader (predeceased), and Janet George. Uncle of many nieces and nephews, former and recent brother-in-law to many inlaws. Edward will be lovingly remembered by many other family relations and friends. Edward was foremost an artist and sculptor, whose artistic works have been specially collected by persons of international and renowned stature. Edward was an itinerant naturalist, a genuinely happy man also known affectionately as "Ziisabaakwad," having respectfully and fluently shared the Anishnawbe language, and in this regard also having earned the respect of Indigenous people throughout Canada and the United States.

### MARY LYNDA JEAN LEWIS

February 10, 1956 - October 4, 2021

"Biidaasige Kwe"



Lynda began her journey peacefully at her home with family by her side at the age of 65. She will be missed immensely by her devoted husband William "Billy Joe" Lewis and their children Amanda (Sean), Justin and Carlee, all of Sault Ste. Marie. Cherished grandma of Fawn, Kiah, Montana, Semiah, Ella, Aleya, Neveah, Randee and Elayna. Cherished by Melissa and Randy. Predeceased by her parents Theresa Wakegijig and Pius Roy (special mom Evelyn Roy). Survived by loving aunt Rose Marie (Gerald Adams) (predeceased) of Aamjiwnaang. Daughter-in-law of Edmund and Josette Lewis (both predeceased). Loving sister of Wayne, Randy, Roger and Shawn (predeceased). Special sister-in-law of Linda, Marilyn and Fred. Godmother to Jason Abel and Levi Roy. Lynda will be missed by her fur baby Zhiingis and will be reunited with her dog Dixie. She will be missed by many extended family and friends. After 30-plus years, Lynda retired from the Provincial Government. Sewing became her favourite pastime after retirement. She loved making regalia for her grandchildren along with clothing for her friends. She was known best for her star quilts. She was a devoted hockey mom, and in later years enjoyed watching her grandchildren, where you could hear her hooting, hollering, and cheering away. She thoroughly enjoyed her bingo and casino games. She loved socializing with family, friends, and her colleagues. As an only child, Lynda became everyone's special sister. She will be dearly missed by her cousins. Lynda's family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to her companions Shauna and Tayou for assisting Lynda through her peaceful transition. Her infectious laughter will remain with us forever. Family and friends gathered at South Bay Centre on Friday, October 8, 2021, beginning at 6 pm until Sunday, October 10, 2021; 11 am prayer service. Followed by a Celebration of Life Feast. Cremation to follow.. Lynda's ashes will be placed with her mom and grandparents, Jim and Jean Wakegijig at a later date. Baamaapii Aga Waabmigo

### RUBY IRENE HOOPER

(nee Barrett)



Ruby Irene Hooper (nee Barrett) of Orillia, Ontario, passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the age of 73. Irene's easy smile and unique sense of humour brought joy to all who knew her. She will be sadly missed by her daughter Jacqueline, daughter Jennifer and her partner Jerome, her son Garrison and his wife Maria, as well as her grandchildren Jack, Ethan, Rowan, Ryan, and Tanner. Predeceased by her father Jack Barrett, mother Jessie Barrett (nee Hammond), and her brothers Elgin and Douglas. Her extended family and many friends, including sisters Ilda, Ruth, Pat, Grace, and their respective spouses and children, will fondly remember her smile and warmth. Irene loved music and singing and spent many years expressing this love as a member of a local Orillia women's barbershop group. Her family would like to thank everyone for the care she received over the years from everyone, and especially the kindness of the healthcare heroes at Solider's Memorial Hospital, Royal Victoria Hospital, and Victoria Village Manor, who helped make her last days more comfortable. There will be no service at this time. Any expressions of sympathy can be made in her name to the MS Society, whose support along the way has been invaluable. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Dignified Funeral Alternatives, Barrie, Ontario, 888-322-7222.

*'If I can stop one heart from breaking,*

*I shall not live in vain;*

*If I can ease one life the aching,*

*Or cool one pain,*

*Or help one fainting robin*

*Unto his nest again,*

*I shall not live in vain.'*

*~Emily Dickinson~*

### HOWARD LAUBER



In loving memory of Howard Lauber, 87 years, who passed peacefully on Monday, October 11, 2021 at the Mindemoya Hospital. Beloved husband of Patricia "Pat" (Cameron) Lauber (predeceased 2016). Loving father of Tim Lauber and Donna Rinaldi (Steve). Cherished grandfather of Scott Lauber (Candice), Laura, Kate, Matthew and Thomas Rinaldi and great-grandchildren Brantley, Easton and Abigail. Dear brother of Carol Morris (Greg) and Karen King (Mike). Sadly missed by loving nieces and nephews. Howard will be remembered as a caring person who was quick to help others. The priority of his life was his family. He took great interest in their activities and accomplishments. The light of his life will be cherished by all who knew and loved him. The family expresses their appreciation to the staff and volunteers at the Manitoulin Lodge for their excellent care and support. There was a private Family Funeral Service at the R.J. Barnard Chapel at the Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home, 233 Larch Street, Sudbury on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Cremation with interment in the family plot at the Civic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer Society would be appreciated. No public funeral visitation. For donations or messages of condolence, [LougheedFuneralHomes.com](http://LougheedFuneralHomes.com).

### GEORGE IRWIN LONGHURST

(Buck)

March 24, 1946 - October 12, 2021



We are saddened to announce the passing of Buck Longhurst in his 76th year. Buck passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, October 12, 2021 in the cardiac care unit at Health Sciences North Hospital surrounded by family. Buck is survived by his wife of 34 years, Eldene (Porter (Bailey)) of Gore Bay, step-children Anne Porter of Gore Bay, Jeff and Sandy (Knight) Porter of Aurora, and grandchildren Bailey Nerbus of Kelona, and Chris and Sarah Porter of Aurora. He is predeceased by his parents David and Iris of Sault Ste Marie. Buck was a lifelong Great Lakes shipping enthusiast, a self-described "boat nut." He worked as a Hoisting Engineer-Mobile crane operator with his crane, Dino the Dinosaur, at Algoma Steel, loading ships. He spent many hours chasing boats around the Great Lakes to get the perfect picture for his collection. One of his fondest memories was of a boating adventure where he helped his friend Jack Purvis bring the tugboat Avenger back to Sault Ste Marie from Gravesend, England. Buck authored several historical shipping books with a wide variety of marine topics. He was a longtime member of the Toronto Marine Historical Society and the Marine Historical Society of Detroit. After retiring to Gore Bay, he worked very hard to help establish the William Purvis Marine Museum, where much of his marine collection is now on display. The family would like to express their appreciation to the nurses of the fifth floor cardiac care unit at HSN for their compassion and care of Buck in his final days. They would also like to thank the dialysis nurses at the Little Current Hospital for their many years of exceptional care and treatment of Buck. Buck will be cremated. As per his request, there will be no service. Donations to the Kidney Foundation of Canada or the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Angel Bus would be greatly appreciated.

## Burial Notice

### JIM LANKTREE

The burial of Jim Lanktree will take place on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 11 am at Grimsthorpe Cemetery, Spring Bay, Ontario. A visitation will follow at 1 pm at Mill Site Apartments, Common Room, 14 Water Street, Gore Bay. All COVID protocol will be in effect.

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



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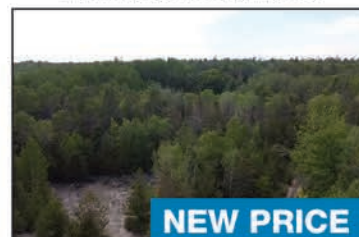
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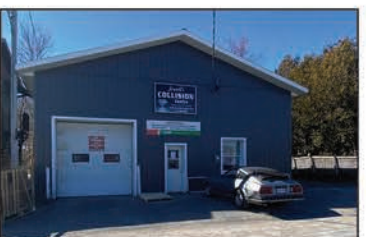
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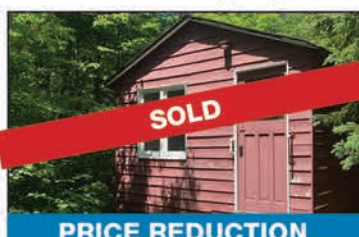
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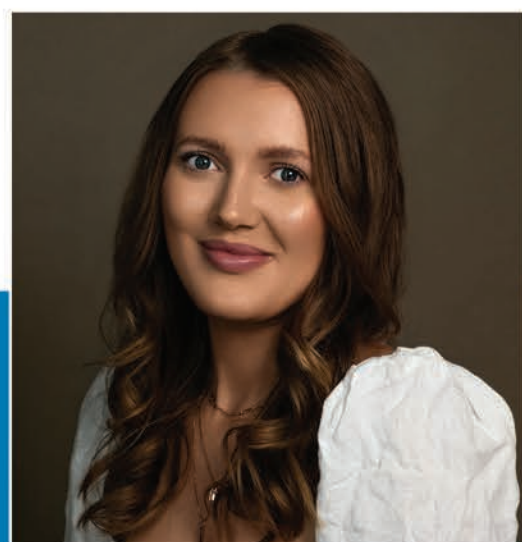
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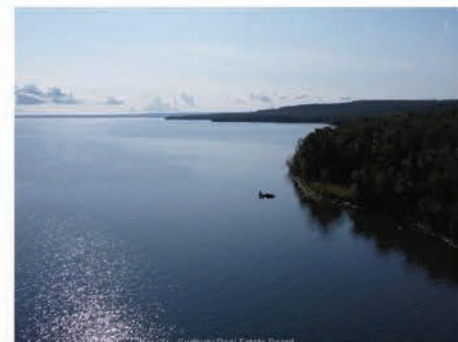
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