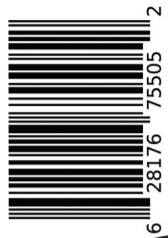




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Members of the Island's police forces and Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) administrators are all smiles (honest) at the MHC's Little Current site to sign a Memorandum of Agreement. Gathered at the boardroom table at, seated, from left, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Sgt. Mike Baker, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services Acting Police Chief Sgt. Greg Mishibinjima, United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishnaabe Police Chief James Killeen, MHC CEO Paul Fields, Manitoulin OPP Detachment Commander Inspector Rob Walsh, UCCM Police Staff Sgt. Brad Mack and, back row, MHC Nursing Manager Sheri Hore, MHC Vice President of Clinical Services/Chief Nursing Officer Paula Ferguson and MHC Director of Strategy and Integration Melanie Stephens.

photo by Michael Erskine

UCCM Police gets \$300,000 'proceeds of crime' funds for youth programming

MANITOULIN—Vic Fedeli, MPP for Nipissing announced last week that the Ontario government is fighting back against crime on Manitoulin Island by investing \$300,000 in crime prevention initiatives. The funds forfeited to the province as proceeds of crime following criminal prosecutions will be used to support the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service's (UCCM APS) 'Looking to the Future' project.

"Our government is using every tool, including cash and proceeds seized from criminals to prevent crime and protect our community," said MPP Vic Fedeli. "These funds are being invested back into communities to help support victims, educate youth and increase awareness about crimes such as gang violence and hate."

Taylor Sayers, director of corporate services for UCCM APS explained, "The UCCM APS will

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Island police services, hospital agree on protocols for mental health calls

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Representatives of the three Island police services and key administrators of the Manitoulin Health Centre gathered in the hospital's Little Current board room Thursday, January 18 to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) ensuring key communication takes place between responding offi-

cers and health providers when an individual presents to the hospital while experiencing a mental health crisis.

Police services taking part in the signing were the Manitoulin OPP detachment, UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, while on the Manitoulin Health Centre side CEO Paula

Fields, VP Clinical Services and Chief Nursing Officer Paula Ferguson and Director of Strategy and Integration Melanie Stephens.

"I am very appreciative to the OPP for bringing this initiative forward and including all police services in the Manitoulin district," said MHC CEO Paula Fields. "The processes within the

MOA will improve communication and safety for our hospital employees and police services, as well as the patient experience and transitions of our patients suffering with mental health and/or addictions. I look forward to future collaborations and initiatives with local police services that support our employees in the work they do and improving the services we provide to our patients. It is very evident that we are all striving to provide the best care possible to those we serve."

"This transition protocol is an important step forward in ensuring the best possible service to those experiencing a mental health crisis," said Manitoulin OPP Detachment Commander Inspector Robert Walsh.

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Community Living Manitoulin pleads for more funding

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—Community Living Ontario (CLO) and similar organizations around the province are calling on the provincial government to provide a five percent boost in core funding as well as a corresponding five percent increase in program funding to rectify the dire financial situation many are currently facing.

"Right now, things are status quo for us, but if anything broke down, for instance leaks from the

roof on two of our residents' homes, we would be in a dire financial situation," stated Adrienne Farquhar, executive director of Community Living Manitoulin (CLM). "I would say we are similar to the state that Sudbury's Community Living (SCL) organization is in."

As reported by Sudbury.com January 13, SCL is running out of money. A news release from the organization, which supports people with intellec-

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Search for Gabe Jacko ends in sadness

by Tom Sasvari

WIJKWEMKOONG—A Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT) resident who had been reported as missing has been located deceased, the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) reported on Friday, January 19.

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) announced on January 19, "33-year-old Adrian Gabriel Jacko

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Northern men's curling playdowns features two Island family rinks



Brothers Jordan and Kyle Chandler, who are both originally from Manitoulin Island, make up one of the rinks participating in the Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) championship men's division this week in NEMI. From left is Jordan Chandler, Connor Lawes, Charlie Robert and Kyle Chandler.

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—For two of the rinks competing in the Northern Ontario Curling Association men's championships in Little Current this week, it will truly be a family affair and a time to enjoy coming back and curling on the Island. The father and son duo of Chris and Matthew Gordon will be playing on the Assad rink based out of Copper Cliff, while Jordan Chandler will skip a rink that includes his brother Kyle. Both the men's and women's Northern Ontario

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Chris Gordon, who is originally from Little Current, and his son Matthew are members of the Mike Assad rink representing the Copper Cliff Curling Club in the Northern Ontario Curling Association championship men's division taking place in NEMI this week. From left are Matthew Gordon and Chris Gordon and their teammates Mike Assad and Jason Strelezki.



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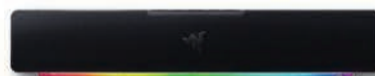
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THE FINISHING TOUCHES—Those involved with the Northern Ontario Curling Association men's and women's championships were putting the finishing touches on the ice, which has been transformed at the Little Current arena over the course of a week. The tournament play got underway on Tuesday of this week.

photo by Tom Sasvari

Motion declares intimate partner violence and gender-based violence a public health epidemic

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, LJI reporter

SUDBURY—A motion to declare intimate partner violence (IPV) and gender-based violence (GBV) as a public health epidemic has been initiated by the Public Health Sudbury and Districts Board of Health following a tragic incident in Alberta. The motion, emphasizing the severity of the issue, recommends declaring local statistics on GBV and IPV to prompt a state of emergency. The landmark motion follows Billings' and Northeast Towns' declarations of the same matter back in December.

The incident that spurred this motion unfolded when a man allegedly killed his wife at a school in Alberta. This grim occurrence underscores the pressing need to address the escalating cases of domestic violence across the country.

The motion, put forth to draw attention to the gravity of the situation, highlights the concerning rise in family violence. There have been 3,027 reported incidents resulting in 867 charges in Sudbury and Districts alone. Emergency rooms have seen 283 visits related to these incidents, leading health authorities to declare an epidemic and emphasize the urgent

need for multi-sector action.

On January 18, the motion received unanimous support, resolving to endorse the declaration of intimate partner violence as an epidemic. The motion stresses the importance of lending a collective voice to this critical issue, acknowledging the pressing need for intervention.

During discussions, concerns were raised regarding the trajectory of these incidents. A key question posed was whether the steady increase in intimate partner violence is linked to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. While it was noted that the impact of the pandemic might be a contributing factor across Canada, the alarming rise in cases persists despite this, indicating a more profound and more pervasive issue.

The vote on the motion witnessed unanimous support, with none opposed. The carried motion underscores the collective commitment to addressing and combatting intimate partner violence and gender-based violence as a public health crisis, calling for immediate and comprehensive action to protect vulnerable individuals and families.

Island Waste Management Committee full steam ahead

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Not only is the Island Waste Management Committee starting to garner ideas to keep materials out of the landfill or transfer stations, including working with a group from Thunder Bay that will take all of Manitoulin's textiles, fabric and clothes, the group is getting off-Island interest to participate in the overall waste management concept.

"The committee is doing well," said Billings councillor Vince Grogan, who is spearheading the

committee. "We have a presentation in place, and we are presently making requests to talk to all Island municipalities and First Nations on our initiatives. In addition, the committee has come up with all kinds of solutions to get rid of waste and to be more environmentally conscious locally."

"One of the ideas is working with a First Nation textile recycling company in Thunder Bay to bring storage boxes that we could have located all over the Island. These boxes could be filled with

towels, bedding, shoes, clothing, basically all textiles, fabrics and clothes (that local residents are getting rid of)," continued Councillor Grogan. "This would keep these materials out of our Island transfer stations and dumps."

"The company we are talking to makes reusable, recyclable materials, and what can't be recycled or reused would be turned into insulation," said Mr. Grogan.

"At some stage in the near future we will have a person representing the company make a presentation to the committee, municipal and First Nation representatives," said Mr. Grogan.

"At this point we don't know the exact date when we could receive the boxes," he said, pointing out "we are hoping to have a strategic approach involving all communities on the island who are interested to decide where the boxes will be located and accessible in areas around the Island."

"We are also trying to get each municipality and First Nation to get more involved and act on recycling of batteries. The Home Hardware store in Gore Bay, for example, has a battery recycling box on hand," said Mr. Grogan. Mr. Grogan said, "all the initiatives we have brought forward so far have been zero cost to the Island community. Our idea of the

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Gore Bay, Gordon reach agreement to create equal water rates for those 35 residents on the municipal system

by Tom Sasvari

WESTERN MANITOULIN—Both Gore Bay and Gordon/Barrie Island municipal representatives say that a mutual agreement has been reached between the two to streamline water/sewer rates, restoring equal rates for about 35 water users in Gordon/Barrie Island, compared to similar customers in Gore Bay.

"We have reached an agreement," confirmed Harry Schlange, town manager for Gore Bay. He explained under the agreement, "as of 2024 there will be no surcharge to Gordon/Barrie Island water users and equal rates will be restored compared to similar customers in Gore Bay."

In an announcement of the agreement January 18 a town release notes, "This collaborative effort reflects a commitment to fair and consistent water/sewer pricing benefiting both municipalities."

"Effective January 1, 2024, the 20 percent surcharge has been eliminated on all Gordon/Barrie Island water/sewer users," continued the release. "Customers in Gordon/Barrie Island will receive a personalized letter detailing the impact on their individual accounts."

Lee Hayden, Gordon/Barrie Island reeve stated, "I believe this is a fair deal for both parties. It's a fair agreement and in the best interest of both parties."

"At the end of the day it is a good agreement for both councils," said Reeve Hayden. He said the mutual agreement, "will be reviewed by newly elected councils for both the town and municip-

pality in future years."

The agreement is "good news for Gordon/Barrie Island township residents who access the Gore Bay water system," said Reeve Hayden. "And it also satisfied a slight increase in the town contribution for having the (water treatment plant) building located in Gordon/Barrie Island township. Our council is in favour of the agreement and our ratepayers are going to be happy."

Reeve Hayden pointed out Gordon/Barrie Island had sent a letter to Gore Bay council dated January 11. "At the January 10 council meeting the letter from the town manager was received and reviewed. This item has been ongoing since the fall of 2021 when the council of Gordon/Barrie Island felt a review was necessary to increase the municipal levy paid by the Town of Gore Bay for the water plant from 20 percent to 50 percent."

"After a great deal of time trying to work out the proper collection of levies within the parameters of legislation and regulations, the council of the Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island directs the CAO to collect the 50 percent of the municipal levy as per the original proposal and which the Town of Gore Bay has agreed to," the letter continues.

It was further explained in the letter, "of the 2023 total levy paid, 50 percent of the municipal levy \$4,790.57 and the full amount of the education levy \$9,354.40 for a total of \$14,144.97 will be returned

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2023 lottery ticket worth over \$80K has been claimed on Manitoulin

SAULT STE. MARIE—A claim is being made by someone who purchased the winning ticket in the Manitoulin District on a winning LOTTO MAX ticket worth over \$80,000.

"It appears there is a prize claim being made on the \$80,754 LOTTO MAX ticket," said Tony Bitonti of Ontario Lottery and Gaming (OLG) on January 16. "A claim was submitted through our web portal, so at this point the prize claim process is just beginning and there are a few more steps to determine if the claimant is the rightful owner of the ticket."

"This is a good indication that this prize will not go unclaimed," said Mr. Bitonti.

As was reported earlier this month, the LOTTO MAX prize ticket worth \$80,754.80 had been purchased in the Tuesday, January 17, 2023 LOTTO MAX draw. The winning selection for this prize was sold in the Manitoulin district.

"Once the prize is officially paid out, I will provide you with the winner details and a picture," added Mr. Bitonti.

Two candidates vying for vacant Billings Township council seat

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Two candidates have stepped forward and put their name forward as a candidate for a vacant seat on Billings township council.

As has been announced on the Billings township website, Ian Anderson, a former mayor of Billings, has put his name forward along with newcomer to the local election circuit, Deborah Flaxman.

"It is really nice to see people want to serve on the council to serve and benefit the community," stated Councillor Dave Hillyard at a council meeting last week. "We have had two applicants put their names forward for council. This is very positive to see."

As has been reported previously, former Billings councillor Jim Cahill resigned from his position on council in December. Subsequently, on December 19 council declared one councillor seat vacant and approved the option of appointing an eligible elector to fill the vacant position.

Those wishing to put their name forward for the vacant council position have until January 31 to do so. Council will be selecting a candidate from among those who put their names forward to fill the council position at its February 6 meeting.

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Lack of affordable options creates a housing bottleneck

Home ownership is a dream fast disappearing from many young families' horizons. The entire province is struggling with an unprecedented housing crisis that has been a generation in the making and every level of government is playing hot potato as to whose responsibility it is to solve it.

As a quasi capitalist system, the invisible hand of the market should have resolved the matter long before now. Unfortunately, there is much better return to be made in building houses for the upper quintile of the population or in trading apartment buildings and other rental properties than in building "affordable" accommodation.

Governments of all stripes and flavours at the provincial level have consistently failed to invest in social housing—a clear provincial ball-park. The recent builds and acquisitions of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Service boards in Little Current represent the first such in a quarter century. But those builds are still far from being truly "affordable" for many people.

This shortfall in policy by the provincial government has led to cascading consequences across the province. In fact, provincial legislation has accelerated the crisis in homelessness as tenants in currently affordable units are being evicted under many guises so that the rents can be moved to an ever-escalating "market rent."

Those now displaced find themselves caught in the spiral, unable to find a roof they can afford, they join the ranks of the homeless.

With a lack of affordable housing for seniors, many who would like to move out of multiple bedroom houses find themselves trapped. The costs of maintaining homes much larger than their needs and straining their ever-shrinking resources is a concern but they have nowhere else to turn. For most Canadians, their homes are their major asset and repository of most of their savings.

The issue is far larger than anything municipalities can shoulder, but thanks to provincial downloading, it is they who are left facing the heavy lifting.

While the province has plainly dropped the hot potato on the hous-

ing front (no partisan favourites here—no party has adequately tackled the issue when the potato landed during their watch), the issue has grown bigger than all of us. When it comes to solving the housing crisis, it is time for all hands on deck. And there is plenty to do for everyone—but it is clear where it must start.

The solution must come by tackling the housing continuum at the bottom with a major increase in social housing. Taking pressure off the lower end of the market will help bring back some balance to the equation. The invisible hand of the market needs a little help on that end. The other end is not all that bad.

More senior accessible accommodation that is realistically "affordable" would free up the massive inventory of unused bedrooms in the province, both in major urban centres of southern Ontario and in rural communities here in the North by giving seniors a viable option.

The federal government can play a role, perhaps by moving health transfers closer to the original promise and thereby freeing up provincial resources, or through social housing transfers to the lower tiers.

Many municipalities and not-for-profit organizations have surplus land that can take a bite out of development costs for social housing...the recent land donation by the Northeast Town a case study on how successful that can be.

Fixing the housing crisis will also require the private sector, even if public-private collaborations offend some on the left. We need to remove our blinders on both sides of the ideological divide and start working together to find workable solutions.

The housing crisis hits our economy hard. If you can't find a place for your staff to live, you cannot recruit staff. That hurts productivity and that, in turn, fuels inflation.

We can solve the housing crisis, we just need to find the will to do so.

Federal investment of \$59.6 million boosts climate resilience for Canadian communities

by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, LJI reporter
OTTAWA—In a significant move to fortify Canadian communities against the evolving impacts of climate change, the Ministry of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Industry, the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) have jointly unveiled a federal investment of \$59.6 million over the next five years.

The funding aims to enhance and expedite research initiatives essential for equipping communities with the knowledge and guidance necessary to navigate the challenges posed by climate change. Chantal Guay, CEO of the Standards Council of Canada, emphasized the importance of designing communities to standards that address climate change, asserting that adherence to such standards enables decision-makers and professionals to plan better, construct and maintain climate-resilient, nature-positive and sustainable cities.

"One thing they are going to be doing with this new funding is researching building codes, which is significant," said Al Douglas, president of Climate Risk Institute. "The money from the feds will invest in research science to make sure the codes and standards will

keep up with the change in extreme weather events."

"In the past the building codes have been around assumptions that climate is static," he continued. "The building codes reflect that, the basis for snow loading, electrical engineering are all currently built around this concept of a static climate."

"The extent to which it changes, and long-term changes and recognition of extreme weather require higher tolerances to create updates," Mr. Douglas added. "There is an awful lot that has to go into it, and you have to have a solid basis and it is long and arduous."

"Imagine, we know there is a push on the amount of housing we have across the country, it's really important that things be designed for 50-70 years," Mr. Douglas said. "The climate that far down the road from now will be very, very different. And underpinning that is the necessity to reflect that climate. It would be bad investment to build infrastructure that isn't resilient to future extreme weather events, it will not reflect its value over its lifespan."

He said that applies to all classes of assets, roads and bridges, building, transportation infrastructure, runways, public buildings, even telecommunications has to be built recognizing the future of climate and accounting

for that is very important. "If you continue to make investments without taking more action, then we are leaving it for next generations, which is unfair because we have significant scientific knowledge right now."

The federal investment builds upon the ongoing efforts supported by Infrastructure Canada, explicitly contributing to the NRC-led Climate Resilient Built Environment (CRBE) initiative and the SCC-led Standards to Support Resilience in Infrastructure Program (SSRIP).

The CRBE initiative focuses on adapting public infrastructure, influencing potential changes to building and infrastructure codes and standards, and creating guides, tools and technical solutions to bolster resilience against climate change. It will continue supporting resilience across the construction sector, spanning design, decision-making, construction, operation, maintenance and retrofit processes.

Simultaneously, the SSRIP initiative delivers standards and related guidance addressing priority areas such as heat, flooding, nature-based solutions and transportation system resilience. Collaborating with communities and beneficiaries, the program aims to ensure that projects adopt a consistent approach to climate change adaptation, thereby enhancing resilience and facilitating informed decision-making for infrastructure and buildings nationwide.

The announcement underscores the long-term benefits of investing in adaptation measures. Citing research from the Canadian Climate Institute, for every dollar spent on adaptation today, an estimated \$13-\$15 will be returned in the future through direct and indirect benefits.

Steven Guilbeault, minister of environment and climate change, emphasized the importance of being better prepared to address and reduce the impacts of climate change. He highlighted the announcement as a step towards strengthening communities against climate risks, aligning with Canada's National Adaptation Strategy, a comprehensive blueprint for coordinated and ambitious action to prepare for and mitigate the risks of climate change across society. The collective efforts aim to build climate resilience in communities and the economy, marking significant progress in the nation's commitment to tackling climate challenges.

Ontario Northland bus now stops at Town of Espanola recreation complex

by Tom Sasvari
ESPANOLA—While it is good news that Ontario Northland bus service has been returned to Espanola, this location will be the closest location for Manitoulin Island residents to catch the Highway 17 bus.

The Ontario Northland bus has returned to Espanola and will have pick-up and drop-offs at the Espanola recreation complex (175 Avery Drive).

"This is fantastic news," stated Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha. "It took a lot of work on the part of the Mayor Douglas Gervais town council and my staff."

MPP Mantha explained, "the Town of Espanola stepped up and provided a location in town where bus users will be able to use to get warm, is well lit and accommodating." MPP Mantha explained the bus service had

originally gone to Tim Horton's in Espanola but after Ontario Northland pulled the service out of Espanola, pick-up and drop-offs had been at the McKerrow Esso station, which has had no seating, accommodation or much light.

A spokesperson for Ontario Northland told The Expositor on Wednesday of last week, "the (Espanola) service runs every day of the week except for Saturdays." He explained the Ontario Northland bus from Sault Ste. Marie arrives in Espanola at 1:50 pm, while the bus service from Sudbury arrives at 7 pm in Espanola.

"There has been a change of location for Espanola, with the pick-up and drop off service now being at the recreation complex," said the Ontario Northland spokesperson. "For our service, the closest to Manitoulin Island is Espanola."

Steady hand on the UCCMM tiller sails into the sunset

Hazel Recollet reflects on over half-century of service to Indigenous communities

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—Hazel Recollet recalls her climb of the stairs into the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing (UCCMM) (back then it was called United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin) to take up her new job as CEO after leaving Indian Affairs.

"I looked down at the creaking steps (at the organization's original location) and thought to myself 'what have I gotten myself into?'" she laughed. Coming from the relatively cash-flush world of a federal ministry into the world of underfunded Indigenous governance at the time was more than a bit of culture shock.

After 21 years of her navigation, the entrance into the UCCMM offices provide solid footing.

"The first thing I was told when I started was 'we have no money in the bank,'" recalled Ms. Recollet. "I thought, 'that can't be right.'" A quick check of the UCCMM finances soon set her straight—there really was no money in the bank.

Ms. Recollet rolled up her sleeves and set to work, but it wasn't always pleasant at the start.

"We changed some things around and one of the departments wasn't very happy with me," she said. "But a year later we had money in the bank."

If there is one thing that Ms. Recollet is most proud of, however, it wouldn't be about the money or the huge list of accomplishments she has piloted into fruition during her tenure. It is the staff and the working atmosphere she helped foster during her time at the head of the organization.

"I have always given credit to the staff," she said, "and they were always there to help me. Any time I asked them to help me with something the answer was always 'Sure, anytime.'"

Ms. Recollet was adamant that anything that was accomplished during her tenure, it was because of the team she had backing her up.

"It has been a wonderful, sometimes chaotic, sometimes downright horrible, sometimes challenging, but a memorable 20 years that I spent working with the UCCMM," she said during her retirement speech. "I don't really want to say working, because I had a really enjoyable time with UCCMM."

Ms. Recollet recalled response to a question from then-UCCMM Tribal Chair Pat Madahbee at her job interview for the position. "He asked me what I considered to be the most important thing that I had done. I don't think Pat was really expecting what I said."

Her reply? "The greatest accomplishment that I have done was to have raised my two daughters as a single parent and that Tiffany and Charlene turned out to be exemplary young ladies."

In that answer, Mr. Madahbee knew they had found their new CEO.

"I had the opportunity to work with Hazel for the past 20 years," said UCCMM Tribal Chair and Chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning Patsy Corbiere. "Hazel led with a strong integrity for the betterment of the UCCMM First Nations. She was instrumental in building and enhancing the UCCMM programs and services and worked tirelessly on the Northland Power/Mnídoo Mnísing windmill project. Hazel will be sorely missed by the UCCMM Tribal Council Chiefs and Council and most importantly, program managers and staff. She will be missed for her strong leadership



Outgoing United Chiefs and Councils of Mnídoo Mnísing CEO Hazel Recollet relaxes in her M'Chigeeng home with a cup of coffee while chatting with The Expositor. The cup is courtesy of her nephew, but expresses the feelings of several Island communities.

photo by Michael Erskine

style, her kind-hearted spirit and her dedication to serving the Anishinabek UCCMM First Nations. We wish her all the best in her retirement and most importantly, good health for many years to come."

"I worked with Hazel many years ago at the Union of Ontario Indians and I knew her work ethic," recalled former UCCMM Tribal Chair Patrick Madahbee. "When we were looking for a new executive director for the tribal council I knew she was retiring from the federal government so I approached her to see if she would consider coming to work for us. She accepted and did a good job all those years. We have been fortunate on Manitoulin to have the longevity and stability of people like Hazel. I wish her all the best in retirement, I can tell you from personal experience it is great."

Ms. Recollet started working at Indian Affairs at the tender age of 18. She recalled that it was M'Chigeeng Educator Melvina Corbiere baa who had stopped her on the road one day and asked if Ms. Recollet would be willing to go work with Indian Affairs. She found herself in an entry level clerical position on the Island but soon proved that she was no pushover.

Her boss at Indian Affairs, the late Vern Robinson, asked her to do something she was not comfortable with. "Being a bold little Indian I said 'no,'" she recalled. "Vern said 'that's insubordination!' I said 'Oh, that's alright.' It all went quiet; nobody said a word."

As soon as she could, Ms. Recollet retreated to her desk and pulled out a dictionary and looked up insubordination. "I almost fell to the floor after I read what it meant," she recalled. It is telling that there were no repercussions to her show of backbone. It was only a short while later that Ms. Recollet found herself working in the Ottawa office and then the Toronto office. She would go on to work for Indian Affairs for the next 26 years.

The move to Toronto proved to

be momentous. She wound up working as executive secretary for the Anishinabek Nation (then referred to as the Union of Ontario Indians) as well, and life settled into a regular routine.

Working for Indian Affairs had some interesting moments, recalled Ms. Recollet. Given the opportunity for a promotion, she demonstrated one of the qualities that would serve her in good stead through life—loyalty.

Marriage, the birth of her first daughter (Tiffany) led to a move to Sudbury, the last stop on her Indian Affairs career. It was during that time that she rolled up her sleeves and dug into everything she could about the relationship between Indian Affairs and First Nations. "I made it my mission to excel in all areas of their programming, education, capital, operations and maintenance, social assistance and economic development etc."

Promotions came through hard work, even though her then-boss told her "I wasn't going to amount to anything because I was an Indian."

It was in May 2002 that Ms. Recollet bid adieu to Indian Affairs and took up the helm at UCCMM.

She would continue in that role for the next 21 years without a break in service. "I believe I am the longest-standing UCCMM CEO, this has been one of my proudest moments," she said. "The total amount of time that I have dedicated to Indigenous people, First Nations and bands is 52 years." Over a half-century of service.

Ms. Recollet was adamant that nothing that has been accomplished at UCCMM during her tenure happened without her team of program managers and board of directors.

One of the first of those things was getting rid of those creaking stairs and moving into a new building. "Moving out of the M'Chigeeng museum," she laughed.

The list goes on. The creation of a social navigator (now part of the UCCMM Anishnaabe Police Services), the Gwekwaadziwin alcohol and drug treatment program, the child services mandating of Kina Gbezhgomi Protection Services, a comprehensive community plan, uncounted capital planning studies, the creation of Mnídoo Mnísing Power, UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services funding agree-

ments, management services for the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, helping guide land claims and the associated Manitoulin Project, expanding community justice programming as well as affiliates such as Noojmowin Teg.

"But if I didn't have a supportive, knowledgeable and caring staff I wouldn't have accomplished as much as I have," she said.

Much of the success of a leader can be found in their level of empathy, she said. "You must put yourself in their shoes and understand their feelings, thoughts and experiences," said Ms. Recollet. The open-door concept has to be more than a trendy phrase.

Ms. Recollet was effusive in her gratitude to the UCCMM board of directors, especially current tribal chair Aundeck Omni Kaning Chief Patsy Corbiere, "for providing me with guidance, knowledge, support, understanding and friendship throughout the good times and the bad."

As for the future, Ms. Recollet said that she sees capacity building as one of the main challenges facing the UCCMM organization as it moves into the future under a new hand.

Prov/Spring Bay Lions Club plans more fundraising efforts for MSS Robotics team

by Tom Sasvari

PROVIDENCE BAY/SPRING BAY—The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club is again stepping up to support the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Manitoulin Metal #6865 Robotics team with a fundraiser. The MSS team qualified last year for the FIRST Robotics World Championship again this year in Houston.

"We figure we might as well keep the ball rolling," stated Lions Club President Chris Bryan, referring to a very successful fundraising golf tournament the Lions Club held last fall at Brookwood Brae Golf Course in Mindemoya for the MSS team. Over \$8,500 was raised for the MSS team.

"The idea for this fundraiser was from our vice-president Brian Mitchell who, along with MSS Robotics team coach/mentor Yana Bauer, organized and put this together," said Mr. Bryan.

"We are holding a fundraising 50/50 draw," said Mr. Bryan. "We will be holding a round of draws at

the end of January and over the next three months." He said the draws will take place January 28, February 25 and March 30.

The Lions 50/50 draw tickets are \$5 each, said Mr. Bryan. "We have a total of 1,500 tickets (in total) and if we sell them out for the three draws it will mean \$3,750 for the MSS team. Given the great response we had at the golf tournament, we are not worrying about this fundraiser being a success. When it comes to the MSS Robotics team, local residents step up to the plate and open their wallets to support."

Ms. Bauer and members of the MSS team, along with parents of team members, will be at the Foodland grocery store in Mindemoya every weekend. They will have a table set up every weekend from Friday through Sunday. They will be on hand from 5-7 pm on Fridays and from 2-4 pm every Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are also available from all members of the Lions Club, or any of the parents/members of the MSS Robotics team.

Trial for First Nations unregulated cannabis stores could have larger impacts

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
LJI reporter

SUDBURY—Next week, the Ontario Superior Court will hear a precedent-setting case involving 10 First Nations defendants facing cannabis-related charges dating back to the early days of the legalization of recreational cannabis. Ontario made the substance legal on October 17, 2018. The caveat on the legalization was that permits from the Ontario provincial government must be filed for and granted to business owners. The constitutional challenge initiated nearly four years ago has faced delays in reaching trial, with the pandemic and a general backlog contributing to the prolonged process.

All 10 defendants logged into a virtual trial of the Superior Court of Justice on Monday, January 15. Nine of the 10 who stand accused owned or worked at a cannabis dispensary on a First Nation without the required license or approval from the Chief and council. Though the 10 defendants belong to different communities, their cases have been parcelled as they demand that the charges violate their traditional rights to trade cannabis as a means of economic development. The communities they belong to are Wahnapiatae, Henvey Inlet and Garden River First Nations, and their lawyer, Michael Swinwood, represents them.

Advocates argue that the Wahnapiatae First Nation stores should be permitted to operate,



What could be a precedent-setting trial is taking place in a Sudbury court room this week over the “illegal” sale of cannabis as it pertains to Indigenous sovereignty.

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asserting that the police and the Ontario government should not exercise jurisdiction on their land. Ted Roque, a band councillor from Wahnapiatae First Nation, expressed dissatisfaction with the situation, stating, “This should not have happened. We have our own laws within our community, and we’ve been collaborating with local dispensaries, drafting our own bylaws and regulations and seeking

respect for them. Unfortunately, we observe that this respect is lacking. We assert our own jurisdiction over this matter, and the province should not be involved.”

Mr. Swinwood is legal counsel for the Nation of Amikwa Nipissing Allies (NANA) and a member of NANA Leadership Counsel. NANA filed a Statement of Claim in the Ontario Superior Court in November of 2023 for recognition as an Indigenous Nation under Section 35.1 of the Constitution. Mr. Swinwood will argue that all ten defendants in the cannabis case can trace their genealogy back to the Indigenous Nation that was first recorded by Samuel De Champlain in the late 1600s and the Codex Canadensis in 1700. The Amikwa Algonquins were last

recorded in colonial documents in 1701. However, those who claim lineal descent say that when the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1774, the nation who had fought alongside the French in the seven years of war was excluded from receiving reservation lands and that they dispersed among the First Nations of Manitoulin Island and the North Shore of Lake Huron.

The case could be made that the Robinson-Huron and Robinson-Superior treaties aren’t truly legal, as the First Peoples who signed had migrated into the territory due to the US Indian Removal Act of 1830, as was written in correspondence by D.B. Papineau, who was the joint premier of the province of Canada and Commissioner of Crown lands just before the signing of

the Treaties.

Currently, the Statement of Claim has been put on hold. “Due to uncertainties in the continuation of the land claim by the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO), discussions among counsel have led to an agreement to pause the movement of the lawsuit until such time as those uncertainties can be cleared up,” says Mr. Swinwood, on the Amikwa Nipissing Allies Nation website. The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan started the land claim in 1983, which covers an area of 36,000 kilometers and includes Canada’s Parliament Hill.

Amikwa lacks recognition from the federal government and neighbouring First Nations. However, Chief Stacy Amikwabi is actively working on community rebuilding through historical research and advocacy. Since the Amikwa never entered a treaty or relinquished their territory, Mr. Swinwood contends that cannabis laws don’t apply to its members. They assert their traditional right to engage in the use and trade of cannabis and hemp.

A constitutional challenge brought by the Amikwa Nipissing Allies Nation regarding hunting and fishing rights in the territory was overturned in 2021 to avoid setting a precedent. In her paper, ‘Connecting People to Place,’ Darlene Johnson references the Amikwa people and places them in Lake Nipissing, the French River and the Ottawa River basin to St. Lawrence. Darlene Johnson presented this alongside other evidence in the Ipperwash Inquiry in 2003.

A crucial recommendation arising from the inquiry was for the Ontario provincial government to transfer control of Ipperwash Provincial Park to the Kettle and Stony Point First Nations. In December 2007, the government consented to this proposal and repatriated the land in 2020.

Next week, Laurentian University Professor William James Newbigging and expert Konstantia Koutouki, a law professor at the University of Montreal, are scheduled to provide testimony regarding the Amikwa’s existence and the historical use of hemp among indigenous peoples before contact. The anticipated conclusion of the three-week trial is in early February.

CAMSafe program launches in Espanola and Manitoulin area

ESPANOLA—The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has implemented the CAMSafe program. CAMSafe is a program aimed at creating a database of residential and commercial security cameras within a community that may act as a resource for police when investigating offences/crime.

“When a police officer uses the CAMSafe database they will see a map of the local area,” an OPP release explains. “Officers can click on registered addresses to view further details, such as property owner contact information. Officers cannot access your security cameras or cloud-based accounts. If police would like to examine camera footage, they can make a request to the property owner using contact information from the database.”

Interested community members are only required to provide basic contact information and camera location, but can include more details if desired, such as the direction the camera faces, footage retention details or screenshots of the camera view. Registrants can only view their own information and can delete their account or change their information at any time.

To learn more about the CAMSafe program and to register security cameras please visit <https://camsafe.ca/>.

M’Chigeeng adopts a cautious approach to proposed subdivision

by Micheal Erskine

M’CHIGEENG—M’Chigeeng First Nation Chief Morgan Hare said that he and his council are studying the proposed 39-lot Tracey Road subdivision on Lake Mindemoya in depth before voicing their opinion on the matter.

“We have just learned about this,” said Chief Hare, noting there is a lot to unpack from the documentation being supplied by the developer and the residents opposing the plan. The band does intend to respond to the Manitoulin Planning Board on the development.

“It is early in the process,” noted Chief Hare.

Friends and Neighbours

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Even after all this time, we still marvel at this beautiful area. We love wandering through town and seeing our friends and neighbours out and about. Though we were walking through the village last night and we passed a hot fudge sundae, a lemon cheesecake and a slice of apple pie. It was unusual to see the area so strangely deserted.

Did you know that before moving to Manitoulin, one half of Team Fergmeijer lived on a houseboat? She fell in love with the boy next door, but it didn’t last. They just drifted apart.

The community rink is officially open for business! We are so grateful to all the volunteers that put so much time and effort into making and maintaining the ice surface. Please take care to store any equipment off the ice when you are done and make sure the lights are turned off before you leave if using it after dark.

The deadline for expressing interest in the vacant council seat is swiftly approaching. The public is invited to apply for the position by the 31st of this month. Full application details can be found on the township website, but

the basic requirements include being at least 18 years old, a Canadian citizen, a resident of Billings Township (or owner/tenant of land in the township). If you are looking to get involved and make a difference, contact the town office, 705-282-2611, for more information. There is also an unofficial list of applicants that you can view on the town website.

Happy birthday to Kagawongian Jenna C who is celebrating her 29th year. We also send warm birthday wishes to former Kagawongian Susie D who is once again celebrating her birthday in Calgary. Also celebrating his birthday is Kagawong-adjacent Roy R. We aren’t sure how birthdays work in his neck of the woods but will just assume he’s turning 29. To all of you, some advice as you get another year older, remember your worth is not tied to your ability to fold a fitted sheet. Just roll it up, stuff it in the closet and get on with your big day!

On Saturday, January 27 put yourself together and come out to the library for its annual puzzle swap! Stop by anytime between 10 am and 1 pm, bring your gently used jigsaw puzzles to trade out for something new. The swap is a perfect fit for everyone, even if you don’t have puzzles to bring, this is a perfect time to piece together some inspiration and stock up.

Baha’i children’s classes are each Sunday from 1 to 3 pm at the Park Centre. Youth ages 8 to 10 are welcome to participate in prayer and meditation, art and music activities. Organizers also provide a healthy snack! Contact Ina

Swain, 705-282-3498, for more information.

We found a great place online where you can order sausage. Drop us a line and we will send you a link. Have a great week!

Silver Water Karen Noble

Friday, January 12, euchre was cancelled in Mel-drum Bay due to the incoming snowstorm.

Monday, January 15, euchre was cancelled in Burpee and Mills due to a snowstorm. Line dancing at the Silver Water Community Hall was cancelled.

Tuesday, chair yoga was held at the hall at 1 pm.

Tuesday afternoon I went to town. The roads were in very good condition considering all the snow we had and I met a lot of other vehicles on my way.

Thursday there were 18 euchre players at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Albert Meijer and many others spent the week moving snow. There were a number of pieces of equipment that needed repairs before completing the projects.

Get well wishes to Ryan Smith.

Condolences to the family of Dale Harper.

Assiginack to put BMO/Canada Post building up for sale

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOWANING—The building that houses both the Canada Post Corporation and the Bank of Montreal offices at 115 Arthur Street in Manitowaning has now been declared surplus by Assiginack council and is being put up for sale by tender.

“For the post office/bank building we have had two engineers’ reports done on the building and we have looked at the cost of rebuilding the building to code, or a new building,” said Assiginack Mayor Brenda Reid at a council meeting last week. “The costs are astronomical for either option.”

“The costs are too high for either option,” agreed Councillor Jennifer Hooper. “I think it would be prudent on the part of any buyer to see the benefits of keeping the current tenants in the building. But I can’t see us as the township spending millions of dollars on the building.”

Mayor Reid explained that if the township fixed the building and remained as the landlord, the township would not make enough revenue to make it worthwhile. She also noted that the costs would be borne by the taxpayers and it would also mean subsidizing two very large corporations.

“I think we have done our due diligence and it is time to look at selling the building,” said Mayor Reid.

“Taxpayers can’t keep subsidizing the building,” said Councillor Janice Bowerman. “I have to agree,” said Councillor Dwayne Elliott. “Either option would mean significant costs to the municipality

going forward and I think this (declaring the building surplus and advertising it for sale) is a step in the right direction.”

At a council meeting in August, discussion regarding the feasibility report by EXP for 115 Arthur Street took place. The mayor advised members of the council of the two options contained within the plan and their costs. As per the report, to complete the renovations would cost \$1,322,100 while a new build would cost \$1,724,380. Mayor Reid also presented a third option, which is to put the building up for sale by tender.

At that August meeting council discussed different options including those proposed within the report; using underutilized municipal spaces to house the two tenants; maintaining the services and not displacing anyone; and putting the building up for sale by tender.

At that meeting staff also asked for council’s permission to advertise the building for sale as an option to explore, with council understanding that they do not have to take any offers the township receives. Council requested an appraisal first. Alton Hobbs, chief administrative officer, told The Expositor last week the property was appraised at \$175,000.

In 2021 the township had an engineers’ report carried out on the building indicating at that time the cosmetic and structural work needed would cost \$703,000.

The Expositor reached out to representatives of both Canada Post and the Bank of Montreal but did not hear back as of press time Monday.

...Community Living Manitoulin pleads for more funding

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tual disabilities, said SCL is “facing serious financial pressures.”

Sherry Salo, the executive director for the Sudbury organization told Sudbury.com one of the key issues is that there is no budget for any capital spending, which is usually for higher priced expenses. “Right now, I have no budget for capital costs,” she said. The funding issues have also led to the inability to recruit support workers, putting a huge strain on the system and on families who are struggling to cope, said the SCL release.

“The cost of living has increased as has payroll and rent for all non-profit agencies,” said Ms. Farquhar. “In certain areas funding has not increased.”

She explained, “for two of our main resident buildings, they both need a new roof. And in one of our resident homes, it needs a sprinkler system installed to meet the fire code.” She explained CLM had funding for this from the province, then COVID-19 hit. “Then after COVID we reapplied for the funding again and were denied. Fortunately, we are able to apply for funding again in this fiscal year.”

The issues with funding are province-wide accord-



Adrienne Farquhar, executive director, centre holding cake, and clients of Community Living Manitoulin gather for a photo during a June 2023 event.

Expositor file photo

ing to a news release from CLO and the 117 member agencies. CLO said it is “facing a critical funding shortfall leading to a reduction of services for people with intellectual disabilities, closure of day supports and severe staffing issues because they can’t pay workers as much as other educational and health workers.”

CLO has launched a special campaign urging the Ontario government to step up with a five percent boost in core funding as well as a corresponding five percent increase in passport program funding and special services at home (SSAH), said the Ontario group. The Ontario call to action includes having citizens write letters and meeting with their local MPPs alert-

ing them to the dire situation facing Ontarians with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

CLO CEO Chris Beesley told Sudbury.com it has been decades since the group received an adequate funding increase. “We have not benefitted from a significant cost of living increase in thirty years,” he said noting with soaring inflation, the system is no longer sustainable.

“One thing we have done is created a fundraising committee,” said Ms. Farquhar. “We will be holding several fundraisers over the year, including one large event we are planning for September. We will have to rely on the community for support of our agency.”

“Yes, our organization is also calling on the province

they are able to make a pivotal decision when making positive lifestyle choices as they grow and mature. If we can fulfill the void that has little to no present opportunities for our youth to take part in, then we have done our job to engage and mentor them into future success through sport and positive engagement.”

“I truly believe that the long-term goals are the goals we need to focus on,” Brad Mack, staff sergeant-director of operations with UCCM APS told The Expositor. “Working with our youth and police together will strengthen positive relationships. By taking a risk-driven approach, we will work proactively with our youth and assist in building solid life skills, it will reduce social problems that we deal with as a police service.”

Since 2018, Ontario has invested more than \$16 million in crime prevention initiatives across the province through the Proceeds of Crime Front-Line Policing (POC-FLP) grant program. To date, the POC-FLP grant program has funded 281 community safety projects across the province.

...‘proceeds of crime’ funds for youth programming

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be introducing ‘Looking to the Future’ to the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM) communities. Looking to the Future will work to build positive relationships with the youth in the local First Nations through school-based safety programs. The relationships created with the youth and the information provided will ensure a foundation is there so that youth understand the dangers of drugs and the gang culture/lifestyle.”

“The long-term goal is to reduce the number of drug related crimes and activities that are occurring within the First Nations and create a safe environment for all youth in school,” said Ms. Sayers. “Early intervention by having a positive police presence in the school through positive interactions will help youth understand that police are advocates for the youth’s safety and well-being.”

James Killeen, chief of police for UCCM APS said, “our youth are our future—they are the achievers of the next generation. We hope to inspire, build confidence, and develop values within our youth so that

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Island brewers in full support of fair taxing of craft breweries

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Island's two craft breweries are in favour of the position of the Ontario Craft Brewers Association (OCBA) 'Keep Craft Beer Local' campaign that stresses that taxes the craft brewers pay is not fair in comparison to the larger brewers like Molson's or Labatts, or even with other provinces in the country. They say that without a fairer alcohol tax system it could eventually mean some breweries closing. "Absolutely, we are in favour of the OCBA campaign," stated Blair Hag-

man of Manitoulin Brewing Company based out of Little Current. "Beer taxes are not fair for local craft brewers compared to the bigger companies."

Andrea Smith of Split Rail Brewing in Gore Bay said, "Split Rail supports the OCBA Keep Craft Beer Local campaign and the call for a fairer tax system in the craft beer industry."

"The comments the OCBA is emphasizing is essentially that Ontario beer taxes are much higher than the rest of the country. The campaign is bringing about an awareness of



the inequities of the tax system for beer," said Ms. Smith.

Scott Simmons, president of OCBA has been quoted in numerous publications as saying that if the current tax structure remains in place for too much longer, there will be fewer local breweries to



take advantage of the new marketplace.

On the OCBA website it outlines the campaign for supporters of craft breweries to send a letter to their area provincial MPP, asking for their help to keep craft beer local. It

states in part, "We need to make sure they can continue to be successful because they are a huge part of my community. Right now, Ontario craft brewers pay higher taxes than craft brewers in any other province. That's almost \$7 more in taxes and almost eight times higher than Alberta breweries per case. That needs to change. Manitoba just lowered taxes for craft breweries and Ontario should do the same."

"Please support (the campaign) by making beer taxes fair. We need to make sure they can keep brewing outstanding beer, creating good local jobs and supporting my community." The letter, which can be signed by anyone who is in support of craft beer local on the OCBA website, will be sent to the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy. The access to the campaign and its letter can be found at www.keepcraftbeerlocal.ca/action.

...Gore Bay, Gordon reach agreement

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to the Town of Gore Bay."

"As of January 1, 2024 Gordon/Barrie Island residents will have equal billing to the Town of Gore Bay residents for water and sewer services and the Town of Gore Bay is the responsible municipality for the infrastructure maintenance." It is further explained, "the municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island will work with the Town of Gore Bay to collect delinquent accounts for water levies."

"It is agreed that this agreement will be effective now for the current council term; and will be reviewed next council term.

Thank you for your interest in working towards a resolution. It is agreed that this will be effective immediately."

Mr. Schlange said the new agreement is positive for both municipalities. "This has been a long dispute and we are working together for the common goal of both municipalities."

Michael Lalonde, Gore Bay treasurer pointed out that any Gordon/Barrie Island water user who was billed for 2024 will have these funds refunded to their account.

...Island Waste Management Committee

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committee includes education and informing people of decisions they can make that will provide for better environmental behaviours."

The committee currently has 14 active members, but right now we include information and communicate with about 40 representatives around the Island, said Mr. Grogan. "This may also include the Town

of Espanola as they have voiced their interest in our Island-wide waste initiative. I am waiting to hear from the Mayor of Espanola."

The committee has a mission statement and terms of reference in place, Mr. Grogan told The Expositor. "We are working on Island-wide philosophies and solutions to waste management with the whole Island working together."



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...Search for Gabe Jacko, who went missing in Wiikwemkoong, ends in sadness

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was located deceased in the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT). Police are continuing their investigation with the coroner's office. Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends. We ask that you respect their privacy during this very difficult and emotional time."



Thirty-three-year-old Gabe Jacko was declared missing on January 16. He was found, deceased, on January 19 in Wiikwemkoong.

On Tuesday, January 16, shortly after 2 pm, the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) had put out a request for the public's assistance with locating a missing person.

Investigation revealed that Adrian Gabriel Jacko had been last seen leaving his residence on Linda Street shortly before being called in as missing.

In a community update on the WUT Facebook page on Thursday, January 18 at 1 pm it was reported that

day there was an OPP helicopter in the community to aid in the search for Mr. Jacko. As well the OPP efforts included their K9 unit, police drones, and additional personnel and resources from WTPS and OPP.

WUT administration, under the guidance of Ogi-maa Rachel Manitowabi on behalf of council, provided

meaningful supports to WTPS, OPP and the family. These included the use of WUT surveillance drones, creating and distributing a missing person flyer. Additionally, the Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team provided support to the family. Community volunteers had also helped in the search for Mr. Jacko.

In a subsequent WUT community update on January 19 Shelley Trudeau, director of operations wrote, "on behalf of WUT administration, we would like to provide an update to the community and to our neighbouring communities about the search for Adrian Gabriel Jacko. With our deepest sympathies, we regret to inform the people of Wiikwemkoong, friends and neighbours that Gabe was located deceased in the early afternoon of January 19, 2024."

"Firstly, I want to acknowledge and thank our community members who

have been volunteering in the search for Gabe over the past three days," wrote Ms. Trudeau. "We had community members assist in multiple capacities including at the community search and rescue headquarters, door-to-door canvassing, on foot and snowmobile/ATV searches in residential areas as well as the trails, shorelines and the wooded remote areas. We also had community members donate winter gear, food, monetary donations, and their time cooking and preparing food for the family and volunteers. The collective outpouring of support, cooperation and dedication from the community is truly remarkable. The family and the community of Wiikwemkoong genuinely and wholeheartedly appreciate the efforts and prayers of all."

"Secondly, I want to acknowledge and thank Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services and the Ontario Provincial Police for their extensive efforts to locate Gabe Jacko. These efforts included additional personnel including the OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), the use of the K9 unit, door-to-door canvassing, deployment of the helicopter and drone, and continued guidance throughout the search," continued Ms. Trudeau.

"Thirdly, I want to acknowledge and thank our Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team, WUT administration and employees, including the

communications department and the surveillance team for the support and additional resources provided to the family in a swift and diligent manner," wrote Ms. Trudeau. "We extend our most heartfelt condolences, prayers, and

respect to Gabe Jacko's family during this difficult time."

Mnidoo Mnising Crisis Response Team will continue to be available 24/7 for anyone at this time. 705-348-1937.

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This year DSB presented 18 certificates. Five years of service certificates were presented to: Justin Berthiaume, paramedic; Matthew McLean, paramedic; James Nagel, paramedic; Amber Zone, case manager; Megan Brazeau, HIS quality assurance coordinator; and Michael Fullerton, patient transfer attendant.

The 10 years of service certificates were presented to: Jessica Begin, paramedic; Chris Bentley, paramedic; Shawna Goudreau, paramedic; Jennifer Hamilton, paramedic; Craig Hood, paramedic; and Pim Johnston, custodian.

The 15 years of service certificates were presented to: Grant Bensley, paramedic; Caitlin Bronicheski, paramedic; Mike Cooper, paramedic; Clayton Courtney, paramedic; and Peter Finlay, paramedic.

For 20 years of service a certificate was presented to Amy Winnington-Ingram, integrated human services manager.

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...Island police services, hospital agree on protocols for mental health calls

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“Through the clarification of roles and establishment of clear parameters around the transfer of care, police and hospital can expedite the transition process while ensuring the safety of both public and staff.”

“UCCM Anishnaabe Police recognizes and looks forward to working in collaboration with our local police partners, the OPP and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service and our partner agency, MHC,” said UCCM Police Chief James Killeen. “This collaborative effort will collectively solve problems and improve the quality of care for patients that come in joint contact with police



and health care personnel at the same time. This MOA will increase safety for health care workers, police personnel and our most important stakeholders, the citizens we serve.”

“Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service appreciates the efforts and co-operation of all parties who created this important Memo-

randum of Agreement,” said WTPS Police Chief Staff Sergeant Gregory Mishibinijima.

“The police, health and government signatories to the MOA are all committed to improving the health and safety of persons involved in mental health care on Manitoulin. We are especially encouraged by the

commitment to training of WTPS officers and their policing partners. We look forward to an improvement of services to patients in our communities.”

“This is an initiative that was spearheaded by the OPP and is being implemented across the province,” said Ms. Fields. “We are fortunate that the WTPS and UCCM police collaborate well with the OPP and recognized the importance of this initiative.”

Ms. Fields noted the team actually started work on the MOA in 2018, but due to changes in leadership and the pandemic the work was delayed.

“Chantal Dupuis, provincial mental health lead/program analyst with the Ministry of the Solicitor General from the OPP led the project and worked with the group,” said Ms. Fields.

The protocol is designed to enhance collaboration between hospitals and the police services with the purpose of improving outcomes for

individuals that have been apprehended by police officers under the Mental Health Act and subsequently accompanied to the nearest hospital emergency department for medical clearance, mental health assessment and care.

The intent of the protocol is to 1) improve outcomes for individuals apprehended by police under the Mental Health Act, while respecting individuals rights, including the right to privacy; 2) improve transitions between police officers and hospital workers; and 3) improve coordination and collaboration among partners involved in the transition.

The protocol provides for the possibility of extension to include partnerships with other key stakeholders in the community, such as paramedic services, community-based mental health and addiction agencies, peer and family support agencies, child and youth mental health and addictions agencies as appropriate.

The protocol was developed in collaboration with key stakeholders who are the first responders to individuals experiencing a mental health and/or addictions-related crisis. The document therefore “reflects the strong commitment of all participants to provide an effective and integrated response to such crisis situations in the District of Manitoulin.”

The stated objectives are to: “improve outcomes for people experiencing a mental health or addictions-related crisis that are accompanied to an emergency department by a police officer, while respecting the individual rights, including the right to privacy; to decrease police officer wait times to transfer custody of apprehended individual to hospital emergency department; to protect health care worker safety and security through system improvements; to provide a common approach to communication between police and Manitoulin Health Centre staff to ensure safe, effective decision making related to known risk during the transition from police to hospital; and to promote public safety.”

Following the official announcement and signing of the MOA, the signatories and other key staff met in private to discuss in detail how the protocols would be enacted in practice.

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Welcome to the 2024 Men and Women's Northern Ontario Curling Association Provincial Curling Championships.
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Council and Committee Meeting Dates
January Meeting Dates:
 January 23, 2024 – Cancelled
 January 25, 2024 – Council and Committee

NEMI Council meetings are regularly scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month and Committee meetings 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Notice of Meetings
 The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is offering hybrid meetings. Come and join us in the Council Chambers located at 14 Water Street, or join us via Zoom by using the following: **Meeting ID # 489 313 1974** or **call 1-587-328-1099**. For a full copy of the agenda, please visit our website at www.townofnemi.on.ca

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 10:00-11:00am (everyone)
 Tuesdays 3:00-5:00pm (everyone)

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Workshop 3
Saturday February 10, 2024
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Saturday February 24, 2024
 2p.m - 4 p.m EST
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...Northern men's curling playdowns features two Island family rinks

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Curling Association Championships will be played in the NEMI arena from January 23-28.

"Oh yeah, this is a pretty fun opportunity to play in Little Current with family on hand and remembering all the time I grew up and spent time on the Island," said Matthew Gordon. "I wasn't born on the Island, but my grandparents are Helen and Bruce Gordon of Little Current, and as a kid we used to visit my grandparents a lot and camp at Maple Point. I spent a lot of my time growing up on the Island, and I'm very familiar with the Island."

Chris Gordon's mother, Helen, coached young curlers in the Little Rock program at the Little Current Curling Club for many years.

"We're really looking forward to be playing together on the same team, and in my hometown," said Chris Gordon. "I lived on the island until the end of high school."

"I have been curling since I was about 10 years old. My parents got me into curling," said Chris Gordon, who was on a rink that went to the men's curling national championship about 10 years ago. "And last year the rink I was on went to the provincial final in the men's senior championship, where

Al Hackner and his rink beat us out."

"Just last weekend I played in the provincial masters division," said Chris Gordon last week. "Matthew started curling when he was young and has made it to the provincials a number of times. My daughter Chloe is also a curler, so we are a real family of curlers. Matthew and I played in one other provincial championship together, and Matthew played in the NOCA provincials in Little Current in 2018."

"It's going to be great playing in my hometown, and Matthew considers it his hometown as well," said Chris Gordon. "Mike Assad is the skip of our rink and Jason Strelzki is vice."

Chris noted his parents have given the Gordon rink the use of their house for the NOCA provincials. "Yes, they've given us their house for the week. They are moving across the street (in NEMI Little Current) to my sister, Bonnie Cook's, place. I can't wait, it's going to be a great event to take part in."

"My dad and I have played in a couple of different events, and we played in the mixed event with my sister Chloe," said Matthew Gordon. "Dad coached me when I was young, he taught me everything I know in curling."



The Assad rink is from the Copper Cliff Curling Club.

"I played in Little Current the first time the provincials were played here," said Matthew Gordon. "It is my favourite provincial championship I've taken part in. It was a great event and it was definitely my favourite provincial to take part in (he has also taken part in the men's provincials in Thunder Bay and Kenora previously)."

"Yes, absolutely, we are looking forward to playing at home in front of family, friends and fans," said Jordan

Chandler, skip of the second family team, the Chandler rink. "Especially at home on Manitoulin." Two years ago, Mr. Chandler played for the Brad Jacobs rink out of Sault Ste. Marie that won the NOCA men's provincial championship and a berth in the Brier. "I went to the Brier with Brad Jacobs rink, as second on the rink."

Brother Kyle Chandler, just earlier this month, "won the Northern Ontario Police Curling Provincials in North Bay. Charlie Robert, Steve Mue-

nier and Nick Servant were on the rink. The rink will be going to the national championship in April. Jordan has been to the provincials between 10-15 times. He and Tracy Fleury won the mixed provincial championship in 2010. And while at Manitoulin Secondary School he went to the provincial championships.

The Chandlers and the rest of the rink competing this week took part in a World Curling Touring Event this past weekend in Phoenix, Arizona. "Yes, this is the first time all the

members of our rink will be playing together at the provincials. It is a good group." The rink includes skip Jordan Chandler, vice Connor Lawes, second Charlie Robert and lead Kyle Chandler.

"We played in one event in October and went 4-1. The team we lost to had played five events this year, so it is a good sign for our team," said Jordan. He had only started his curling season about two weeks ago after suffering a back injury.

"Oh, for sure I'm looking forward to the provincials (in Little Current)," stated Kyle Chandler. "It's going to be good being on Manitoulin where we grew up and curled," he said, pointing out as young players the Chandler brothers curling base was at the Providence Bay Curling Club.

"Jordan and I played together at the provincials last year and several times before that," said Kyle. "We're looking forward to (this) week."

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Manitoulin vs. Manhattan

From the bright stars and easy life of Manitoulin to bright lights and hectic life of Manhattan

by Joe Shorthouse

MANHATTAN—Residents of Manitoulin Island have been entertained for years by New Yorker Bonnie Kogos who, with her newspaper columns and books, eloquently compares life on Manhattan, one of the boroughs of New York City, with that on Manitoulin.

Although Ms. Kogos paints an attractive picture of Manhattan Island, visitors from Northern Ontario used to the tranquility of places like Manitoulin can be overwhelmed by the gridlock of people and traffic – especially in the Christmas season.

My wife Marilyn and I toured Manhattan with friends in early December and saw most of the famous sites. As a member of the Steering Committee for the Great Lakes Islands Alliance, I am interested in the differences and similarities of life on islands elsewhere, but I had not considered Manhattan an island.

However, Manhattan is an island and it is one thing to compare life on Manitoulin with that on other islands in the Great Lakes, comparing Manitoulin Island with Manhattan Island is a fascinating exercise.

Even though Manitoulin is much larger and has a different shape and orientation than Manhattan, density of the human population on Manhattan makes it unique among islands in



Joe Shorthouse and his grandson Thomas Shorthouse from Gatineau, Quebec, enjoying the view from the Cup and Saucer.



A view of Manhattan from the Empire State Building.

the world.

Walk along any street in midtown Manhattan at any time of the day and you are immediately aware that it is strikingly different from any community on Manitoulin. Manhattan is a huge concrete and steel jungle, but one of the most vibrant cities in the world.

The bustling streets,

honking cars, crowded subway and ongoing construction projects make for an exciting experience for visitors. However, it is difficult to get used to the constant noise and relentless bombardment of stimuli. Manhattan is an inspiring melting pot of business, culture, entertainment, and more. It has a deserved reputation

as ‘The city that never sleeps.’

About 60 million tourists visit New York City annually with most remaining on Manhattan Island. Tourists quickly discover that the fast-paced, high-energy lifestyle of Manhattan is both captivating and exhausting. You sense that the residents of Manhattan thrive on ambition, pushing themselves to strive for success and productivity.

Manhattan is positioned vertically south to north whereas Manitoulin is positioned horizontally west to east. Manitoulin is triangular in shape 160 km in length varying in width from about 60 km in the east tapering to about 10 km in the west. Manitoulin has a surface area of 2,766 km².

Manitoulin boasts as being the largest freshwater island in the world, large enough that it has 108 freshwater lakes, some of which have their own islands. Manhattan is long and narrow 21.6 km in length and 3.7 km in width with a surface area of only 59 km². No natural lakes remain on Manhattan, only a few man-made ones are found in Central Park.

Walking at an average pace of about 4.8 km/hour, it takes about six minutes to walk across Manhattan and eight hours to walk its length (depending on congestion). It is common for people to ride bicycles

along the width and length of Manitoulin (in the summer), but few choose to walk its length.

Both Manitoulin and Manhattan are surrounded by fresh water. The North Channel separates Manitoulin from the mainland and open waters of Lake Huron to the east, west and south. Manhattan is bounded by the Hudson River to the west, the Harlem River to the north, the East River to the east, and New York Harbour to the south.

Twice a day, the waters outside lower Manhattan reverse their flow with tides carrying salt water up the Hudson and Harlem Rivers. The water beneath the swing bridge at Little Current can also reverse its flow, but changes in direction are caused by distant winds rather than tides.

The highest hills on Manitoulin are about 350 metres above sea level and 170 metres above the waters of Lake Huron. The highest elevation of Manhattan is 81 metres, but most of Lower Manhattan is less than 15 metres above sea level and part of it will be subject to flooding if climate change causes the sea level to rise.

Manitoulin and Manhattan are similar in that both have a topography shaped by continental glaciers. Both became ice free about 12,000 years ago. Large erratic boulders carried by the glaciers were once

found on the surface of Manhattan, but have since been removed. Glacial erratics are still found over the surface of Manitoulin providing silent testimony to the enormous power of flowing ice.

Retreating glaciers carved out the waterways around Manhattan as they did the watershed of Lake Huron. Granite bedrock beneath Manhattan (called schist) provides a firm foundation for large buildings.

Manitoulin is underlain by softer dolomite and limestone filled with fossilized remains of extinct sea animals. It is not an ideal foundation for skyscrapers. Soil and surface debris on much of Manitoulin was scraped away by glacial erosion leaving open areas or alvars (globally recognized areas with rare plants growing in thin soil lying over flat limestone or dolostone).

Bridges join both Manitoulin and Manhattan with the mainland. Manitoulin has one bridge connecting it to the mainland throughout the winter, but for only 45 minutes each hour in the summer.

Manhattan is connected to the mainland by 21 bridges and 15 tunnels. Manhattan bridges range in complexity from the simple Harlem River swing bridges in the north to the grandeur of the Brooklyn ...continued on page 13



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...From the bright stars and easy life of Manitoulin to bright lights and hectic life of Manhattan

...continued from page 12 Bridge to the east.

Manitoulin has the Chi-Cheemaun ferry that in the summer connects it to the Bruce Peninsula. Ferry service to Manhattan connect Staten Island to the southwest and carries 70,000 passengers daily.

The human history of the two islands is vastly different. Present-day Manhattan was originally part of Lenape First Nation territory.

Massive migration from Europe, Asia, and Latin-America made New York by 1835 the largest city in the United States. By 1948, it was the largest city in the world.

When English explore Henry Hudson (Hudson Bay in Canada's north and the river adjoining Manhattan are named after him) first saw Manhattan in 1609, he would have seen forests of pine and tulip trees.

In contrast, the early indigenous people and voyageurs who explored Manitoulin would have seen vast forests of conifers such as spruce, pine and tamarack and deciduous trees such as sugar maples, beech, and oak around meadows and alvars.

still found on Manitoulin, although the larger trees have been cut for lumber.

When white farmers began settling the Island, an 1862 treaty ceded most of the land to the government and reserves for First Nations people were established. Today about 40 percent of the population of Manitoulin Island is First Nations with most living on six First Nations.

Manhattan has a population of about 1,690,000 people and 28,907 residents/km2 making it one of the most densely populated regions in the world.

Manhattan is one of five boroughs of New York City which is a collection of many neighbourhoods including Staten islands to the south and the western section of Long Island.

Manhattan has solved its density problem by building its houses and offices upwards. Manhattan has the largest collection of skyscrapers in the world and has the most expensive



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Shopping at Macy's in Manhattan, the world's largest store.

real estate. There are 24 buildings of 100 stories or more. A 100-storey building, depending on its design and purpose, averages 350 m in height.

The tallest apartment building in Manhattan is the Central Park Tower. It has 96 floors with 104 condominium apartments making it the tallest residential building in the world.

bathrooms and cost \$175 million! The tallest building on Manitoulin Island is the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current at four stories and about 12 metres in height.

The ecological footprint of Manhattan is huge requiring vast amounts of produce from farmland throughout eastern United States to feed the borough.

Lakes islands issues, such as domestic water supply, sewage systems, housing for the hospitality industry, water levels in the Great Lakes, garbage disposal, invasive plants, fear of forest fires, etc., it is hard to imagine how Manhattan addresses these issues.

How water is pumped to the condos on the 96th floor of the Central Park Tower and the gray and black water removed is truly daunting. Imagine living on the lowest floor knowing that massive amounts of water and sewage are continuously passing through pipes in your walls.

Or imagine fire trucks, ambulances and police vehicles weaving through the gridlock of Manhattan compared to similar vehicles driving through Little Current, Mindemoya or down Highways 6 or 540.

No food is grown on Manhattan, nor are there factories making industrial goods. Instead, Manhattan is a global centre for finance, commerce, entertainment, fashion, shopping, and higher education.

Famous sites and activities on the to-do list of tourists are Madison Square Gardens, Central Park, Empire State Building, 9/11 Memorial, Statue of Liberty, plays on Broadway, the American Museum of Natural History, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and Times Square. The

One World Trade Centre at a height of 104 stories, is the tallest building in New York.

Most visitors to Manhattan from Manitoulin are not prepared for the crowded and noisy streets, minimal personal spaces, and the stress of a fast-paced lifestyle. Imagine, for example, our experience one evening when caught in a mass of tightly pressed humanity that moved us along a street closed to traffic in front of Saks Department Store with its music and light display.

Manhattan is an exciting, exhilarating place for a vacation. Residents of Manitoulin who love to travel should visit Manhattan at least once in their lifetime. The lively action of Manhattan is a must to experience, but it will leave you with a new-found appreciation for the tranquil pace of life on Manitoulin Island.

Dr. Joe Shorthouse is a retired professor of entomology who is a summer resident of Manitoulin Island. He is frequent contributor to the Expositor.

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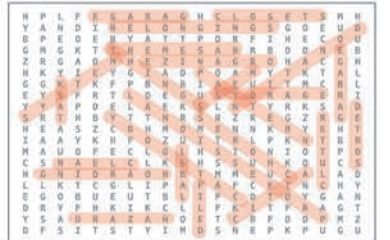
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Cost of Billings Old Mill waterline project will be spread across all system users

by Tom Sasvari
KAGAWONG—At the January 16 Billings township council meeting, CAO/Clerk Emily Dance provided clarification on the water system financial plan 2021-2027 and its

impact on the Old Mill Waterline Project. Ms. Dance reported that within the water system financial plan that was passed in 2020 the plan made note of \$369,406 being funded by the water users.

She confirmed “water users” are those who will benefit property owners on Old Mill Road only. The CAO/Clerk also explained that in the water system financial plan any surplus would be trans-

ferred to the water capital bank account at the end of the year and a deficit would be offset by a transfer from the same account only if sufficient funds were available. Ms. Dance informed the council that records show that on average, the surplus is \$50,000 to no more than \$100,000 and goes into the account every year.

The CAO/Clerk provided an example to council of an emergency repair that was not budgeted nor taken into account from 2022 where the water bank account was used for repairs to the water treatment plant. The basement ceiling was decaying under the first-floor chemical overflow area and required repair; the low lift station required maintenance on the main door; and the wet well and screens needed to be cleaned for zebra mussel control which required divers. In total, the unbudgeted costs were approximately \$20,000.

As well, in 2018 there were significant capital upgrades made to the interior and exterior of the water tower including a new membrane and industrial painting. The expenditure approved by resolution of council was \$310,185. Council was informed the water reserve account was used for these costs.

CAO/Clerk Dance went on to explain that based

on up-to-date information from the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), over the next five years there will be an approximate investment in capital for the water tower and lift station of approximately \$400,000, the large expenditures included in 2027 of \$152,000 for a membrane replacement, pump board replacement, SCADA (computer) programming improvements, clearwell inspection cleaning, water quality analysis and a probe replacement. In 2028, there will be a \$100,000 low lift pump replacement and two separate pump board replacements.

Ms. Dance said these expenditures rely on the funds in the water bank account to cover the costs. Should the account be depleted, significant increase in the water levy will be required to cover these expenditures in a short time.

“Unfortunately, there has been some misinformation and speculation regarding the water system financial plan and the amounts and the balances of the water bank account,” said Mayor Bryan Barker. “Most of the figures outlined in the plan are projections and estimates, which are always unknowns. As mentioned in the water system financial plan, there was always the intention of the benefiting water users to pay for the shortfall in the Old Mill

waterline replacement project cost recovery \$369,406. The estimated cost at that time was \$1,385,000. I’ll emphasize estimate because the exact costs were not known at that time. Upon completion of the project, those costs were reconciled (\$1.6 million) and the water users’ portion after funding was over \$20,000 per water user.”

“Council recognized that that amount would be a hardship for many of the affected ratepayers and reduced that amount to \$10,000 per water user by removing the costs that were not directly related to the actual water delivery,” continued Mayor Barker. “This amount still posed a hardship to some, and following a public meeting, council directed staff to explore further options for cost recovery. One of the options presented to council was that the unfunded costs be spread among all water system ratepayers and this amount was further reduced to \$888.88 per benefiting property, with four equal payments spread out over 2024-2025. None of the cost recovery directly associated to the Old Mill waterline project was paid for by non-user taxpayers.”

“Our CAO has given us examples of past operational repairs and operating costs as well as projected future costs,” said Mayor Barker. “These costs are significant amounts, and these costs have to be paid. If that bank account were to be depleted, all emergency cost recovery would have to be paid by the water users. Having the water bank account is proactive and would reduce the burden on all water users.”

Council unanimously passed a motion to approve the cost recovery bylaw that will see 234 properties on the Kagawong water system that currently derive or could derive a benefit later pay \$888.88 spread over four payments at zero percent interest.

At its meeting last week, council also approved the creation of a sub-committee to assist in the creation of a municipal-owned water system policy.



NOTICE OF TWO (2) PUBLIC MEETINGS

CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT OF MANITOULIN

AND

CONCERNING A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL ZONING BY-LAW NO.: 2022-24 FOR THE TOWN OF GORE BAY

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Gore Bay will hold a public meeting at the Town Office, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay, Ontario P0P 1H0

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

THE PURPOSE of the Public Meetings will be to consider an amendment to the Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13 and to the Municipal Zoning By-law No. 2022-24 for the Town of Gore Bay pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of this proposal, if approved, will be to:

1. Amend the Official Plan (OP) to redesignate from Future Development Area to Residential Area; and
2. Amend Zoning By-law No. 2022-24 for the Town of Gore Bay to rezone from Future Development Zone to Institutional Zone to permit a nursing home/long term care facility within lands described as being Part of Lot 19, East Range, Surveyed as Part 2, Plan 31R-217, Township of Gordon, within the Town of Gore Bay, District of Manitoulin.

Note: The Official Plan for the District of Manitoulin is available on the Manitoulin Planning Board website www.manitoulinplanning.ca. The Municipal Zoning By-law is available on the municipal website: www.gorebay.ca, www.centralmanitoulin.ca

The subject +/- 10.3 Hec. parcel of land was created by Consent to Sever, File No. B31-00 in 2000.

ANY PERSON may attend the public meetings and/or make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed two amendment applications.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment or the passing of the Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Gore Bay, 15 Water Street, Gore Bay ON P0P 1H0 or to the Manitoulin Planning Board Office, P.O. Box 240, Gore Bay, Ontario, P0P 1H0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Town of Gore Bay and/or the Manitoulin Planning Board before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted or the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Town of Gore Bay to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT).

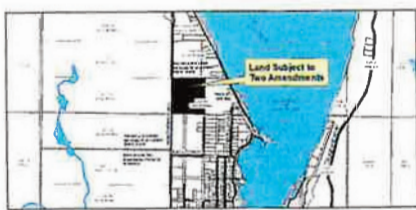
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed two amendment applications are available for inspection at the Municipal Office in Gore Bay, Ontario and/or the Manitoulin Planning Board Office, in Gore Bay, Ontario between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

[Ref. File No.: 2022-24OPA-24-001 and File No.: 2022-24ZBL-24-001]

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Knox United Church Rumage Sale in Manitowaning has reopened Wednesdays to Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Clothing, household, books and miscellaneous. **36p**

All Saints Anglican Church, 38 Meredith St., Gore Bay will hold a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 13 from 5 to 7 pm. \$12 for adults, \$6 children. Everyone is invited and welcome. For additional information please contact Joyce Foster, 705-282-7066. Thank you for your ongoing support to our church and Island communities. **36-38p**

Due to COVID-19 and the recommended social distancing practices, the Board of Directors of Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding a virtual Board meeting on Thursday, January 25, beginning at 5:30 pm. Regular meetings of the Board are open to the public to attend and observe, with the exception of in-camera issues. Regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. For connectivity details, please send an email request to Lori Mastelko at lmastelko@mhc.on.ca. **36c**

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Donate your old car or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289. **17tfn**

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services

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One 1994 GMC Topkick single axle truck with water tank.

SURPLUS 2024-03: 2011 Dodge 1500 Half-Ton Pickup Truck
One 2011 Dodge 1500 half-ton pickup truck.

SURPLUS 2024-04: Olympia Millenium 2000 Ice Resurfacers
One 1998 Olympia 2000 used ice resurfacer.

SURPLUS 2024-05: 1979 International Pumper Truck
One 1979 used International Pumper Truck.

For more information, please contact the Municipal Office at **705-377-5726**.
For bid documents for each item and/or instructions on how to submit a bid, go to:
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Are you a cancer survivor and need someone to talk to on Manitoulin? Meetings are held monthly on a rotating basis around the Island. Sunday January 21 at the Gore Bay Legion 2 to 4 pm; Wednesday, February 21 at the Mindemoya Town Chambers 2 to 4 pm; Sunday March 24 at the Manitowaning Family Health Team 2: to 4 pm and Wednesday, April 24 at the Mindemoya Council Chambers 2 to 4 pm, but support can be given over the phone. Please feel free to reach out to anyone listed for support. Cancer support group contacts: Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Terry MacKenzie, RN (oncology nurse), 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com or Ann Cranstoun, 705-272-7531, bnann@gmail.com. Ask us your questions, tell us your concerns. **Tfn**

services

Is alcohol a problem? AA may be able to help. Meetings 7 days a week - visit www.area84aa.org or call 705-210-2135 for more info. **Tfn**

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

Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595. For more information call 1-888-4Al-Anon (1-888-425-2666, M-F, 8 am - 6 pm ET) <http://www.al-anon.org>. For meetings including electronic in Northern Ontario go to OntarioNorthAl-Anon.com. Please note the only Alateen meetings available in Northern Ontario are on a mobile app. Look for the app under Al-Anon Family Groups. **Tfn**

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MUNICIPALITY OF ASSIGNACK

CEMETERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Township of Assignack is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from community members from Assignack, Central Manitoulin and Tehkummah, who are willing to volunteer to serve on the Assignack Cemeteries Advisory Committee.

The committee's mandate is to provide advice and recommendations to Council regarding the development of the municipal cemeteries within the Township of Assignack.

For further details on the committee's roles and responsibilities, please visit our website at:
<https://www.assignack.ca/rfp-tenders/>

Interested individuals may submit their name, address and contact information in writing by **Friday, February 2, 2024, by 12:00 p.m. (Noon)** to:

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Death Notices

ROGER WALKER

November 24, 1936 - January 6, 2024



It is with profound sadness that the family announces the passing of our father, grandpa and great-grandpa, Rod, at the age of 87. Roger (Rod) Walker passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Health Sciences North, Sudbury. Beloved husband of Jean (predeceased) and long-time partner of Yvonne Pattison. Loving dad of Steven (Emily), Cathy (Kevin) and Christine (Richard). Grandpa of Craig (Alex), Kevin (Sam), Samantha, Jenna, Chris (Katharine), Curtis (Steph), Matthew (Jillian), Cayley (Jake). Great grandpa to Oliver, Charlie, Luca, Jack and Eddie. Loving stepfather to Donny (predeceased) (Pauline), Darcy (Mary Ann), Kevin (Lisa), Brian (Rachel) and special step grandpa to Shannon, Olivia, Rose, Thea, Layne, Tanner and step-great-grandpa to Kade, Rhett and Charlie. He will be greatly missed by his sister Lynda. Predeceased by his siblings Helen, Floyd, Herb, Bill and Joan. Rod had a zest for life and a carefree, easy-going attitude. He could light up any room with his goofy smile and energetic vibe. A few words to describe him would be resilient, strong and a true "kid at heart." He had a will to live like no other, beating the odds over and over again with grace and a smile on his face, always. Rod was born and raised in Gore Bay and in his young years, worked on the ships sailing the Great Lakes. He later moved to Sudbury to begin his career as a welder at Inco/Vale. He had an interest in flying and got his pilot licence to fly his own plane. He was a proud family man, providing great memories of fun, especially in the backyard pool where many shenanigans were had. In quiet time, Rod enjoyed many hours working in his garage, building and fixing anything without fail. He was a fun-loving friend and neighbour to many. Rod enjoyed a full and happy life, finding new happiness and companionship with Yvonne following the passing of his wife Jean. They enjoyed travelling to Florida in the winters, playing their luck at the casino, playing cards with friends and spending time with family. Up until just a few years ago, Rod could be found playing golf every day with his buds at the old Chemmy course. Most recently he found new pleasure and purpose enjoying summers at their trailer on Manitoulin Island. Rod was sure to be found in his golf cart driving around the campground meeting fellow campers, tinkering at odd jobs and no doubt playfully teasing someone. As per Rod's wishes, there will be no service. A Celebration of Life will take place in the summer on Manitoulin Island. The family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support during this difficult time. A special thanks to Dr. Ravi for his continued support and for keeping dad going year after year. Arrangements have been entrusted with Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at www.RangersSudbury.com.

KEITH SIZE

1938 - 2024



Our hearts are broken as our patriarch, Keith Size, 85 years of age, passed away on his beloved Manitoulin Island on January 5, 2024. Survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Kathy Size and his children who adored him, Kari Murphy (Don), Kelly Size (Gus), Kris, Joe, Jerry, Marlana and Angel. He was a foster parent to 181 foster children, adopting three and permanent foster parent to Mary Beth (predeceased) and Angel. He was an adored grandfather to Kathryn, Noah, Patrick, Ashley, Tiffany, Dylan, Carly, Keitha, Raven, Scott, Kaylin, Shawn, Zoe, Shelby, Tomas, Claire, Mirea, Jayden, Maveryck, Leila and Copeland; five great grandchildren Emilia, Adelaide, Maeve, Elsa and Kai. He was predeceased by his parents Walter and Hazel (Luscombe) Size. He will be forever loved and missed by his sister Marlene Howard in Arizona and predeceased by siblings Kerry (Anne), Randy (Jann) and sister Dawn as well as his sister and brother-in-laws, many cousins and nieces and nephews. He was a well respected OPP officer serving in Mindemoya and Sudbury for 30 years retiring in 1997. He supported his community over the years as Lions Club president, volunteering at the food bank, hockey trainer for the Manitoulin Panthers and a brother of the Masonic Lodge. He spent the last six-and-a-half months at the Mindemoya Hospital living with dementia but he still could beat you at cribbage up to the end. He was a fighter after a bad fall landed him in the Sudbury hospital in 2017 for 100 days but he persevered. There were very few men who could take the pain he dealt with and never complained. He was truly a superhero for his whole family. He loved the Island, live music, hunting, fishing, woodworking, playing guitar, writing songs, travelling and visiting friends. He was a man with many stories, even if he would sometimes take forever to get to the ending. He loved to sit around a fire and play guitar and sing songs. He loved to make everyone around him laugh. He had a tender side that many were able to get to know but a tough exterior if need be. He made many friends over the years and loved to share stories of their adventures together. It is with great sorrow to see him go but we will never forget him. Their favourite song, 'Could I Have This Dance' by Anne Murray, came on the computer just moments before he took his final breath and we knew that he was saying "goodbye til we can dance again" to his one true love, Kathy. The family would like to thank the staff at the Mindemoya Hospital for their compassion, professionalism, understanding and care they gave to him during his stay. Dr. Sebastien, Dr. Harelnikava, Dr. Reid, Dr. Mitchell and to the nurses and locums, we thank you all. There will be a Celebration of Life in the summer and cremation has already taken place. He is off on another adventure, with his best friend Bill Sears, likely travelling down Route 66 into the sunset... Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at www.RangersSudbury.com.

MARJORIE ANNE PANAMICK

July 29, 1958 - January 6, 2024



In loving memory of Marjorie Anne Panamick, who passed away January 6, 2024. She is survived by her siblings Roy (wife Leona), Patsy, Lydia (friend Joey) and Bill (friend Bee). Beloved partner of 22 years of Gerald Graf. Predeceased by parents Onesime Panamick-Madahbee and Theresa Panamick (nee Fineday) as well as her siblings Martin, Alice, Stanley, Justin, Clement and Peter. Godmother of Martin Panamick. Dearest auntie of Mark, Angela (predeceased), Taylor, Allison (predeceased), Janet, Thunder, Martin, Wassenode, Olivia, Peter, Carson and Shayne. Marjorie was known for her artistic and creative abilities. She loved to laugh and joke around and always had a great sense of humour. Her hobbies were painting, Bingo, doing the crossword puzzle, going on outings and seeing the pow wows and knitting. She loved to bake and paint her nails different colours. She loved country music and was a big fan of George Jones. Family and friends gathered at the M'Chigeeng Complex for visitation on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 from 4 pm. Funeral service was on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 10 am. Burial followed in the M'Chigeeng First Nation Cemetery.

JEFFREY CROWELL

June 27, 1964 - December 21, 2023



It is with profound sorrow that Jeff's family announce his passing at the age of 59. He is survived by his father Avery (Wanda), his mother Viviane (Bob), his sister Wanda (Eric) and his sister Carol. He is also survived by nieces Kate, Kelsey and Jackie; nephew Conor; great-niece Hailey; and great-nephew Grayson. Our family was not expecting for Jeff's life to end so short and so soon. We are all devastated by this immense loss and he will be forever missed. He was born with a naturally sweet and kind soul, a heart of gold, a big smile for everyone he met and was always a joy to be around. Jeff moved to the Island in the early 1990s finding his home in Little Current. He quickly embraced the Island lifestyle and was warmly welcomed by the community. He was an exceptional athlete being a lifelong participant in the Little League baseball as a youth and as a player and coach in Little Current. He was also a member of the Little Current Curling Club. Jeff had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. He was often spending his spare time researching topics of interest or reading books. He was an avid outdoorsman and an accomplished musician. The family requests spending some quality time in the great outdoors with your loved ones to honour his memory. A Celebration of Life will occur with details to be determined.

**In gratitude,
following the passing of
Barb Erskine**

Sincere thanks to all those who helped with the memorial service for Barb, sent condolences and flowers, attended the service in person or online, shared memories, came to visit, and provided support.

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Susan Snelling



thank you

The family of Martin Corbiere baa would like to take this time and show our love and appreciation for our family and friends during our difficult time. Bonnie and Isadora Bebamash, a chi miigwetch for all that you do during our difficult times. You two are amazing. To our dear cousin, Father Daryold Winkler, for gracing us with your presence and thoughtful service. To Debbie Ense for her kind words and insightful, peaceful service. To Evelyn Roy for sharing her lovely voice. To Lillian Debassige, for her generosity and hard work. To the pallbearers, George Debassige, Brian Fowler, RJ MacLean Corbiere, Blaine Corbiere, Wayne and Joel Trudeau. Thank you Destiny Debassige and Alicia MacLean Corbiere for being so helpful. And finally to MFN Family Resources and M'Chigeeng First Nation for their donations and service. Chi miigwetch everyone.

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in memoriam

LEU—In loving memory of Jason Leu who passed away seven years ago, January 21, 2017. A smile for all, A heart of gold. Forever loved and remembered, Dad, Chris and family

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WAINRIGHT—In memory of my wife and our mother, Karen Anne Wainright, who passed away two years ago, 2022. So many things we miss about you. The phone not ringing, being able to see you at home in your favourite spot talking to someone. The way you always thought of others before yourself. Your extensive knowledge of our family history and your impressive worldly knowledge. Your family and friends gathering and cooking large meals is greatly missed and talked about often; we have such great memories of those occasions. We know you would love to be present and we believe you are. We share many laughs and enjoy old memories and making new ones. The pain of you not being here will never go away. Thinking of you always and love you forever. Terry, Cindy (Rod) and Carolyn (Pete)

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church services

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services

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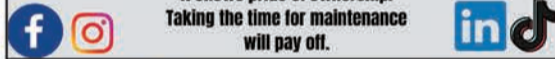


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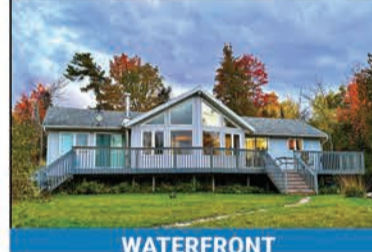
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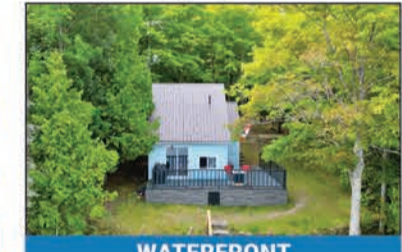
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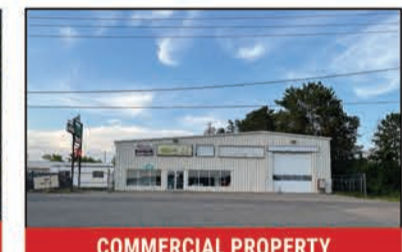
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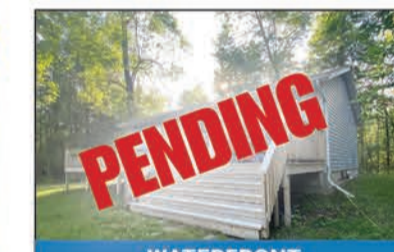
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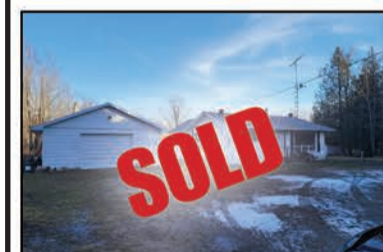
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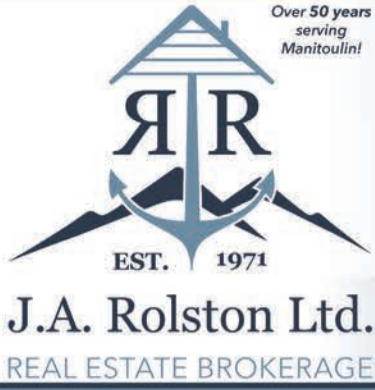
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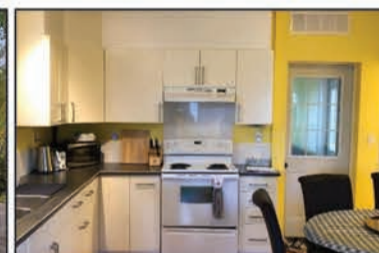
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BJ Corbiere Memorial organizers Kim Aelick, left, and Debbie Debassige take a rare moment from their busy schedule to pose for a photo.

photos by Margery Frisch

BJ Corbiere Memorial Tournament raises big funds for M'Chigeeng Little NHLers

by Margery Frisch

M'CHIGEENG—Twenty-two years ago, the first BJ Corbiere Memorial Tournament was held but it has become so much more in the years that have followed. This tournament, this year, is also in memory of James Debassige and Norman Debassige, who are co-founding fathers of the Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) tournament.

This year, the LNHL celebrates 50 years in existence and though the BJ Corbiere Memorial tournament has been around for decades, raising funds for various needs in the community, the proceeds of this tournament will go to help those kids from M'Chigeeng who will attend the LNHL tournament in Markham during March break.

Kim Aelick, a M'Chigeeng council member was instructed by Debbie Debassige, the main organizer of the event, to conduct a tour and an interview regarding the particular significance of this year's annual memorial tournament. In addition to the ongoing hockey games, there was a euchre tournament going on. "Monica, one of our community members, organizes this euchre tournament every year. And there are players from about six different neighbouring communities here as well as some of our council members - Charles Beaudin and Robert Beaudin," Ms. Aelick said, as she opened the door to reveal a quiet spot and a room full of serious card players. The Texas Hold'em Poker players were also off by themselves.

Walking past a long table filled with gifts, Ms. Aelick explained, "All of these prizes have been donated, as well as the ones in the arena. Mats Sundin autographed this hockey shirt for the prize table. And this toddler's hockey shirt was autographed by Stan Johnson."

Next stop on the tour was the kitchen, where an army of volunteers worked to provide food for the hungry athletes and fans. "M'Chigeeng First Nation Little NHL

Athletes in Motion is what we call ourselves," said Candi Kaiser. She and Shana Sweeney organized the canteen "and we're fundraising for the 50th Little NHL anniversary tournament and the proceeds are going to the parents who are volunteering and donating for the weekend. We're putting unity back in community, as Debbie Debassige keeps saying over and over. We have parents from all teams, and not just parents but community members showing up to help and donate stuff. Some of them, their kids aren't going to the NHL, and some don't even have kids. So, it's great the help we're getting here this weekend."

The memorial board lists numerous people for whom the games and the tournament are named. Each game is sponsored by a family or a business in memory of a loved one. "The family of James Debassige, Debassige Build and Paul's Corner store donated in memory of James Debassige," Debbie Debassige explained, "and Season's Restaurant and Finn's Gas Bar donated in memory of Norman Debassige. Those are major tournament sponsors, then we have individual ice sponsors, which helps with the overall expenses," she explained. "Indigenous Sport and Wellness Ontario is also a significant contributor for this event.

"Typically, it's the family of BJ Corbiere who run the tournament, and we donate to the hospital and the mental health centre, but this year, I asked the family if we could donate the tournament in the names of James and Norman Debassige and the family agreed," Debbie Debassige said, standing in the crowded viewing stands with the noise and the excitement of the spectators all around. "Then I brought it to the Little NHL Athletes in Motion Working Group and said 'Can we do this?' and they agreed. And it all came together in a short amount of time."

"It was a huge effort to pull it together,"

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Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Off their Rock, hockey!

Billy Biedermann continues to impress for his Texan, Corpus Christi IceRays, scoring a goal and adding two assists over the weekend to garner a North American Hockey League (NAHL) 'Honorable Mention' in the same week as his goaltender, Bryant Marks, earned 'Star of the Week' notice.

Billy had a solid weekend scoring his seventh goal of the season in the first period Saturday to give the IceRays a 2-1 lead. He later dished off his 12th assist of the year on (Sudbury teammate) Pierson Sobush's goal which gave Corpus Christi a 3-1 lead after two periods. Biedermann had also assisted on Anthony Cafarelli's 12th goal of the season in the first period Friday to get the IceRays on the board 1-0.

Billy has seven goals and 12 assists for 19 points and fourth in team scoring. The IceRays are in the tough in the South division of the 32-team NAHL.

Meanwhile, slightly closer to home, Samuel Assinewai (14 G, 24 A - 38 Pts) has made the most of his opportunities this season and is now third in Sudbury Cubs scoring with 38 points through 23 games played. The forward is only two goals shy of his NOJHL career high of 16.

Samuel was on a three-game point streak that brings up his points per game average to 1.65 as he has only been able to play in 23 of 37 games.

Panther Points

This past weekend saw the Manitoulin Lady Panthers make the trip to Collingwood for the 1st Annual Thundersnow Classic. There were 50 teams present to participate in this fantastic weekend, including all age groups. The venues were great as well as the host organization. Coach Scot Hughson says he has to take his hat off to the Collingwood Girls' Hockey Association for hosting such a great tournament. He will definitely be keeping this in mind for next year.

Their first game was Friday at 11 am against the Markham Stouffville Stars. The U18 Panthers played very well but lost in a nail biter 3-2. Our game MVP as selected by our amazing fans went out to #21 Zaagaasge "Zee" Toulouse. "As always, Zee was dominant from her point position in their own end as well as jumping in on the rush to provide them with Paul Coffey like offense throughout the game." How about Cale Makar or Erin Ambrose, Mr. Hughson?! Their first goal scored by #7 Ava Corbiere was assisted by #13 Shaye Ominika and #16 Zahara Dube on the power-play. Their second tally was scored by the MVP, #21 Zaagaasge Toulouse, unassisted.

Their opponents for game two were the South Huron Sabres. The Sabres jumped out to an early 1-0 lead and the score stayed that way until they finally broke through with an empty Panther net and 1.2 seconds left on the clock to tie it at 1. What a finish! This game saw #7 Ava Corbiere earning MVP honours as she continued with her great play at both ends of the rink. Their



goal was scored by Zee Toulouse, unassisted.

Their third game saw them playing against the host team, Collingwood Lightning. The Lightning came out really fast and continued to play hard throughout the entire game out shooting us 28-8. A great game by #68 Izzy Hughson between the pipes and earned game MVP. The final score was 2-1 for the Lightning with our lone goal scored by #13 Shaye Ominika assisted by #57 Abbie Heins.

For game four, the semi-final game, their opponents again were the South Huron Sabres. A great game was played by both teams. The referees noted at the end of the game that it was the best game they had been part of over the entire weekend. The final ended at 1-0 for the Sabres. No. 50 Ciera Sokoloski made some timely saves to keep us in the game right until the very end. As voted on by our fans, game

MVP went to #44 Kara Peltier for her stellar defensive play, not just in this game but all weekend long.

The girls all played their hearts out leaving everything on the ice. It was a very exciting weekend of hockey and the future is bright for our squad. The grit and determination to never give up until the final buzzer is very admirable. Our entire staff and parents are very proud of this team. Great job girls!

This week sees the ladies with a bit of a lull in the action due to the curling taking place at the NEMI Rec Centre. They will be travelling to Sudbury to watch the Wolves take on the Battalion this Friday. Should prove to be a great team building event before we return to the ice to prepare for the play-downs coming up in February and playoffs in early March.

Fishing for Love!

The upcoming nuptials provide a chance for their friends and family to participate in a unique stag and doe type activity—ice-fishing for course. The "Stapleton Wedding" has Carly and Brian amassing quite a prize collection, now worth over \$6,000! The format will be a live, video release for entered fish as well as draw prizes for the land-lubbers. Check out their post on Facebook for more details.

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Kohyn Eshkawkogan wows crowds at Top Prospects Game



Fifteen-year-old Kohyn Eshkawkogan, a member of the M'Chigeeng First Nation, is seen in uniform for Team Red at the Greater Toronto Hockey League 2024 Top Prospects Game.

by Tom Sasvari

TORONTO—Fifteen-year-old Kohyn Eshkawkogan, a member of the M'Chigeeng First Nation had a lot of fan support as he suited up for Team Red at the Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL) 2024 Top Prospects Game.

“Yes, I had a lot of family and friends at the game, there were at least 20 there,” Kohyn told The Expositor. “Most of them are from the (Manitoulin) Island and some were from my mom’s side in Moose Factory.”

“I thought I played pretty well. It was a cool opportunity and experience,” Kohyn said, noting that the game brought together 40 under 16 AAA players from the GTHL, all selected to take part in the game (held January 17).

“I would have had six of my teammates (from his GTHL North York Rangers U16 AAA team), but one of them had broken his ankle (previously) so there were five other guys from my team there,” Kohyn continued.

His North York Rangers team is in third place in the league standings, with the two

teams ahead of the Rangers having games in hand.

In 51 games in the regular season this year Kohyn has garnered 35 points. It should be noted he is a defenceman and he is also the youngest player on his team.

“I would say my skating ability that allows me to move up into the play,” Kohyn told The Expositor on what he feels is his greatest strength.


Hockey is certainly not the only thing Kohyn excels at—his schoolwork is just as impressive. He is a Grade 10 student at Hill Academy in Caledon and his goal is to be on the academic team (average of 90 percent in his classes).

One of his goals is to play in the Ontario Hockey League (with 2024 being his draft eligibility year). And yes, if all goes well, “I’d like to play in the NHL later.”

Kohyn’s parents (Kevin and Melissa) were in attendance at the Top Prospects Game. “It went well. Kohyn played really well, although his team lost 4-3,” said Kevin.

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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Position: Experienced Police Officer Full-Time – Permanent
Location: Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from a police officer who has served or is currently serving with a Canadian police agency.

Summary: The Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting within and around the Wikwemikong Unceded Territory.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace.
- Prevent crimes, other offences, aiding assistance and encouragement to other persons in their prevention.
- Assist victims of crime.
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders and others who may lawfully be taken into custody.
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions.
- Execute warrants and perform related duties.
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns.
- Respond to calls for service.
- Successfully complete prescribed training.
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

Basic Requirements:


- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal Justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario driver’s licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights Code.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS office or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates and three work-related references to:

Attn: Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager
richard.flamand@wtps.ca
Deadline to Apply: Ongoing until filled.

Please note: Applications will be screened. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPB) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.



WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

Position: Special Constable – Court Officer - Permanent
Location: Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for Special Constable – Court Officer. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary as a condition of employment. All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link www.oacpcertificate.ca.

Summary: The Special Constable – Court Officer program is a great opportunity for members to learn on the job roles and responsibilities. The WTPS will be accepting applications who possess experience in the court system and will be responsible to the Chief of Police.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Knowledge of relevant sections of legislation such as the Criminal Code, Young Offenders Act, Youth Criminal Justice Act, Family Law Act, provincial offenses and municipal by-laws to coordinate court proceedings, prepare briefs and other court documents. Knowledge of court processes, procedures, operations and scheduling to coordinate and monitor court proceedings.
- Knowledge of processes and procedures for prisoner search to conduct searches of prisoners and persons taken into custody at court proceedings. Knowledge of basic prisoner care as prescribed by policy to attend to and escort persons in custody. Knowledge of relevant sections of WHMIS and workplace safety to take DNA samples and escort prisoners.
- Knowledge of application software programs to prepare, update and maintain court-related records and to register sex offenders. Organizational skills to coordinate and track all arrangements and documentation pertaining to detachment case files being processed in court.
- Problem solving skills to assess documentation and information requirements for Crown prosecutors et al, and follows up with paperwork that has not been included in Crown briefs or has not been prepared, in the process of managing case files.
- Act as a liaison with services with the court and monitor the progress of files through the court system.
- Provide court security services for the detachment, the court and to participate in the escort of offenders.
- Ensure the preparation and proper completion of all related information and documentation by uniform officers.
- Assist WTPS officers with community’s policing and safety concerns.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community.
- Perform shift work that include weekends and holidays.
- Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

Requirements:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada of at least 18 years of age.
- Post-Secondary Diploma in Law and Security or related program.
- Copy of OSSD and Post-Secondary Diploma/Certificates.
- Copy of OACP Certificate, include all accompanied documents such as hearing/vision assessment, two-week fitness log and OACP waivers.
- Copy of valid class G Ontario driver’s licence.
- Copy of current First Aid/CPR Level C Certification.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation cultures and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.
- Documentation detailing you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have a valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights Code.

Employment packages can be emailed to those interested. Please send in your request for an employment package to: **Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager** richard.flamand@wtps.ca.

Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume and three work-related reference letters to:

Attention: Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager
richard.flamand@wtps.ca

Deadline to apply: Ongoing until filled.

Please note: All applications received will be screened for content and only those selected will be extended a personal interview.

Manitoulin Cattlemen's and Soil and Crop Improvement Associations hold joint meeting

by Margery Frisch
 SPRING BAY—On Wednesday, January 17, the joint Annual General Meeting of the Manitoulin Cattlemen's Association and the Manitoulin Soil and Crop Improvement Association took place at the community hall in Spring Bay. Though the day was less than ideal travel-wise, the

number of attendees was impressive. The meeting got underway at 11 am with the usual business of a call to order by John McNaughton, chairman of the board. It was noted the board had made the decision to divide the finances of both the Cattlemen's and the Soil and Crop Associations to give a

better picture of the financial shape of each of the organizations. A motion to accept this change was made and seconded. The bulk of the meeting consisted of reports by the Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO), Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) and Ontario Soil and Crop

Improvement Association (OSCIA). Robert McKinlay, producer relations specialist and Jordan Miller, Northern director, gave a BFO presentation that was full of the business, activities and programs the BFO is involved in. They talked of grants available to farmers; they spoke of the BFO's work to be a presence at various events; they held an online fundraiser for orange shirt day, in which they sent the proceeds from their campaign to Water First – an organization that provides clean drinking water to Indigenous communities in Ontario;

they've connected with many affiliate organizations that support and promote Ontario beef. Before lunch, John McNaughton advised the group to be thinking about resolutions they would like to present at the BFO AGM in February. Julie Poirier-Mensinga gave an OMAFRA update, with an overview of agriculture on the Island between 2016 and 2021. There has been some growth on a farm cash receipt basis, \$17 million to \$20 million. When it comes to calf and cattle production, there's been an


increase from \$10 million to \$11 million. Hay and clover have increased from \$0.4 million to \$1.9 million. Possibly reflecting farmers retiring land being sold and used for haying. Cash receipts \$2 million for other crops, and dairy product generated \$1.3 million in 2021; potatoes generated \$800,000. "A broad picture, but clearly calf and cattle production is very significant on the Island," she said. Farmers who wish to be updated on OMAFRA activities on a weekly basis can get on Ms. Poirier-Mensinga's list.

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Jordan Miller, Northern Director at Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO), and Robert McKinlay, producer relations specialist with BFO gave a presentation at the AGM.

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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE
NEW RECRUIT OFFICER - FULL-TIME – PERMANENT
Position: New Recruit Police Constable
Location: Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications for a New Recruit Constable. Applicants will be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment. The new recruit must attend and successfully pass a 13-week basic recruit training course at the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, for the March 2024 intake. **All new hires are expected to have a valid and completed OACP certificate and medical forms as per attached OACP link www.oacpcertificate.ca.**

Summary: The New Recruit Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting within/around the Wiikwemkoong Territory.

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

- Preserve the peace, prevent crimes, other offences, provide assistance and encouragement to other persons in their prevention.
- Assist victims of crime.
- Apprehend criminals, other offenders and others who may lawfully be taken into custody.
- Lay charges and participate in prosecutions.
- Execute warrants and perform related duties.
- Perform the lawful duties that the Chief of Police assigns.
- Respond to calls for service.
- Successfully complete prescribed training.
- Commitment to Community-Based Policing principles and practices.
- Display cultural competence when interacting with members of the community; perform 12-hour shifts (days and nights) including weekends and holidays.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.

Basic Requirements:


- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Copy of OACP certificate, include all accompanied documents such as hearing/vision assessments, two-week fitness log and OACP waivers.
- Copy of valid class G Ontario driver's licence.
- Copy of current First Aid/CPR Level C Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically and mentally able to perform the duties of the position.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character and habits.
- Pass a detailed background check that includes security clearance checks, credit and reference checks.
- Documentation showing you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as approved by the Ministry of Health or have valid exemption pursuant to the Human Rights Code.
- Any relevant certificates related to the position being applied for.
- Candidates with a strong application may be asked to attend the fitness pin test, by invitation only.

Employment packages are available for pick up at the WTPS office or can be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates and three reference letters to:

Attention: Human Resources Manager, Richard Flamand
richard.flamand@wtps.ca
Deadline to Apply for March 2024 Intake: Ongoing until filled.

Please note: Applications will be screened and only those selected will be contacted for an interview.

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WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – 1 YEAR CONTRACT
Position: Civilian Crisis Responder
Location: Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory
Responsible to: Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

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

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

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

Knowledge and Skills:

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

Key Duties/Responsibilities:

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

Basic Requirements:

- College diploma in related field or other considered an asset.
- Minimum Grade 12 Ontario Secondary School Diploma or equivalent.
- 3 – 5 years of previous work experience in the social work field considered an asset.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario driver's licence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record and must pass a background check.
- Provide proof of COVID-19 double vaccination record from Ministry of Health.

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

CONFIDENTIAL – Crisis Responder
Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager
richard.flamand@wtps.ca

Posting Deadline: Open until the position is filled.

Employment application packages are available for pick-up at the WTPS detachment or can be emailed at the request of the applicant.

Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Only those applicants who pass the screening component will be invited for an interview. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider the successful applicant for hire.

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JOB POSTING
AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION
STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR (Part I)
 5 Month Part-Time Contract

Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation is seeking a Project Coordinator to deliver the Niigaan Gdizhaamii – Student Success – Part I series.

This contract is for 25 hours over a 5-month period, February 2024 - June 30, 2024, coordinating and delivering 20 workshops – 4 per month for youth ages 13 -23 years.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Grade 12 OSSGD diploma minimum or post-secondary graduate in education, social services or related field
- A valid driver's licence, first-aid and C.P.R. training (or willing to take training)
- Excellent communication skills, written and oral
- Excellent computer skills with Microsoft Office software to prepare promotional materials
- Excellent organizational skills
- Must be able to work independently
- MUST be able to work flexible hours, which includes evenings and/or weekends

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Meet the objectives set out in the established workplan
- Plan and prepare a minimum of 4 workshops per month from February - June 2024. One (1) educational/awareness workshop and one (1) cultural workshop/activity per month
- Maintain participation numbers for each activity
- Maintain a list of skills developed, building of relationships, connections with educators, students, parents/families and community/band members
- Develop a series of workshops/activities, develop themes of workshops, list resources required (i.e. wellness professionals, resource people/Elders, materials/supplies required)
- Complete a project report and make recommendations for Part II

Interested applicants who meet the qualifications as listed above must submit a SIGNED cover letter, current resume, photocopy of degree/diploma, credentials and three (3) current work references with phone numbers to:

ATTENTION: NIIGAAN GDIZHAAMII – STUDENT SUCCESS
13 HILL STREET
LITTLE CURRENT, ON
POP 1K0

Only qualified applicants will be contacted for an interview. The successful candidate will be asked to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

DEADLINE DATE: Friday, February 2nd @ 4:00pm.
Start Date: Immediately

There will be no return of submissions.



N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
Employment Opportunity

Indigenous Combined Courtworker

This position assists in the Gore Bay and Espanola - Ontario Court of Justice

JOB PURPOSE:

To support urban Indigenous people involved in the Canadian justice system to better understand their rights, options and responsibilities when appearing before the courts.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Possess education and/or extensive work-related experience in the following fields: Indigenous Community Justice, Alternative Justice, Law, Criminology, Law and Justice, Law Enforcement, Social Work, Psychology, Community Services.
- The candidate will have a minimum of three (3) years of demonstrated and related work experience with justice system.
- Strong knowledge and awareness of Indigenous culture and history with emphasis on family violence, child welfare, the impacts of trauma, Indigenous youth engagement and community outreach, as well as Indigenous justice.
- Knowledge of Indigenous community justice concepts and Alternative Justice Programs and concepts.
- Basic understanding of the Canadian laws and justice system, which includes familiarity of legislation, commissions, inquiries and cases relevant to Indigenous justice issues and programs.
- Satisfactory vulnerable sector check.

SKILL/QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of the structure and procedures of the Criminal Justice System
- Knowledge of the Criminal Code and Youth Criminal Justice Act and other relevant Acts
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality
- Must possess excellent interviewing and counselling skills
- Must possess excellent communication skills, written and oral
- Knowledge of Indigenous language and culture an asset
- Computer literate – experience in using Microsoft Office
- Collecting statistical information for reporting purposes
- Must be honest, empathetic and respectful as these attributes are fundamental to being an effective Courtworker
- Knowledge and experience working with Aboriginal people

A letter of application, resume and 3 work-related reference letters must be received no later than **February 2, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.** to the attention of:

Ms. Marie Meawasige, Executive Director
N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre
110 Elm Street
Sudbury, Ontario
P3C 1T5

Applications for this position will be accepted in person, by mail or email: apatisiwin@nfcsudbury.org. Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Employment Opportunity:
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

POSITION: Parks and Recreation Maintenance Worker

REPORTING RELATIONSHIP: Reports to Maintenance Supervisors and CAO

PURPOSE OF POSITION:

To maintain the buildings and recreational property assets of the municipality in operating condition.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Maintain the functionality and maintenance of buildings, parks, properties and playgrounds owned by the Municipality.
 - Service small engine equipment as required.
 - Oil changes, greasing bearings, checking fluids - changing lawn mower or ice resurfer cutting blades as needed.
 - General maintenance of equipment.
3. General Building Maintenance - Minor repairs only
 - Plumbing
 - Electrical
 - Drywall repairs
 - Carpentry
 - Painting
4. New construction – small projects...etc
5. Custodial work – Ensure building spaces are prepared for each booking.
 - Taking out trash, tidying furniture (including set up and tear down of tables and chairs)
 - Sweeping and mop floors and vacuum carpets and dusting surfaces
 - Wash and sanitize toilets, sinks and showers and restock disposables (e.g. soap, toiletries)
 - Wipe mirrors and windows and general custodial work
6. Parks and Property maintenance
 - Landscaping
 - Grass cutting and trimming.
 - Garbage collection
 - Dock maintenance
 - Spring and fall cleanups.
 - Brushing and trimming of trees
 - Shoveling and snow removal
7. Other duties as assigned by the Maintenance Supervisors

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Minimum 40 hour scheduled work week.
- Rotating day and evening schedule, not limited to but also including weekends and holidays.
- Schedule varies and changes rapidly to accommodate service levels.
- Overtime is compensation at a rate of time and a half after 44 hours in one week. Overtime can be provided as time in lieu. Such overtime should occur only when warranted and schedule by the Maintenance supervisors to adjust for service levels.
- Working alone – Securing buildings by checking equipment, locking doors and closing windows.
- Report damages and oversee repairs.
- Working as a team completing common tasks – dock installations, large projects, property, and grounds maintenance.
- Mandatory paperwork and documentation of all maintenance work completed daily.
- Exposure to the extremes of summer and winter elements is a regular part of the position.

WORKING RELATIONSHIPS:

- Receives guidance and direction from the Maintenance Supervisors
- With the Public - Must be tactful in dealing with the Public.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL:

- Must possess a valid driver's license (Class "G").
- Required drivers abstract and police vulnerable sector check.
- Problem solving and quick thinking.
- Time management skills.
- Good written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience as custodian, janitor or in a similar role an asset.
- Knowledge of use and maintenance of industrial cleaning equipment and appliances.
- Knowledge of safe disposal of chemical liquids and other hazardous components.
- Familiarity with basic landscaping and handyman practices.
- Attention to detail and conscientiousness.
- Suitable physical condition and strength.
- Willing to learn and be available for furthering skills training and education.

IMPACT OF ERROR:

- Poor repair/maintenance of buildings or equipment could result in increased long-term costs, personal injury and safety hazards.

CONTROL:

General supervision from Maintenance Supervisor and Deputy Maintenance Supervisor.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.centralmanitoulin.ca/our-government/careers/>

Phragmites project boasts a successful 2023

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—While a lot of work has been done to control phragmites on Manitoulin Island over the past eight years, there is still a lot more work to do, says Manitoulin Phragmites project Coordinator Judith Jones.

“We still have a very large area to cover,” said Ms. Jones. “We have left some of the biggest swaths of areas with phragmites for last. The Lake Wolsey area will be a multi-year project before it will be under control. And there are a lot of areas in Wiikwemkoong.” Along with the Lake Wolsey area, the Wiikwemkoong area includes from the northern end of South Bay between Clover Valley and South Bay. “These are big areas and multi-year projects as well.”

“So, there are still lots of sites on Manitoulin that have phragmites, including sites on Western Manitoulin we haven’t gotten to at all yet,” said Ms. Jones. “The big project for 2024 will be in Wiikwemkoong, and in 2025, Western Manitoulin.”

Phragmites is a tall inva-

sive grass that has been spreading aggressively on shorelines and in wetlands in our area. Phragmites grows into dense patches that can eventually wipe out all other vegetation. It is a serious threat to wildlife and fish habitat, recreation, tourism, property values and aesthetics. Southern Ontario has lost thousands of hectares of natural habitat to this highly invasive species.

“The Manitoulin Phragmites project was started to make sure this does not happen on Manitoulin,” said Ms. Jones in the review of the 2023 project.

Ms. Jones explained that there was a scaled back work project in 2023. The project didn’t receive Ontario funding and while they received notice of federal funding in July, the project didn’t get signed paperwork until December.

“We were able to work, thanks to invaluable support from Manitoulin Transport, Manitoulin Streams, and many dedicated volunteers. We didn’t have a full-time field team, but veteran phraggers Rad Mroz and Sheila Madahbee worked casual, which is the

wrong word given how hard they worked,” reported Ms. Jones.

“With no team, I focused on work I could do alone, mainly working on sites where herbicide was appropriate (dry ground, ditches, finished sites with a few remaining stems). When there were other people working, we concentrated on maintaining sites in progress to not lose the gains made last year. Given the challenges, I’m happy to say we had a very successful year!” continued Ms. Jones.

She explained a total of 23 sites were worked on (nine species at risk [SAR] habitats, seven roadside ditches, two other shorelines). A total of 59.4 hectares of habitat was controlled or maintained (52 hectares in SAR habitats) with 40 hectares at Lake Wolsey. Over 100 kilometres of roadside ditches were surveyed, 88 kilometres of shoreline surveyed (all of Lake Manitou plus Jacko Bay and Sims Bay). There were seven hectares of inland wetland surveyed, with two additional new sites surveyed for phragmites work planning, two



The Manitoulin Phragmites Project plans to continue its work to combat invasive phragmites in Lake Wolsey in 2024.

surveys done to monitor SAR and two house calls made to check sites, with no phragmites found.

Manitoulin Phragmites Week went ahead in 2023. “I reminded our 47 phrag watchers to check their sites. Almost everyone responded!” reported Ms. Jones. “Newspaper ads urged people to look for phrag and to report it to us. We made a few house calls to follow up.” She made a

presentation to 83 enthusiastic people at the Lake Manitou Area Association which led to many new contacts and a new volunteer who took us by boat to survey all of the Lake Manitou shoreline.

“Work at Lake Wolsey in 2023 was full steam ahead. We contracted the Invasive Phragmites Control Centre’s two-person spray crew to spray all the patches of phrag standing on dry ground on the municipal shoreline,” continued Ms. Jones. “I thought this would be a multi-year task, but they were able to get to all the dry-land phrag in our entire work area! Our people maintained the in-water areas worked in 2022. If all goes as planned, we hope to have the entire 60+ hectares of shoreline under control when the project ends in 2025.”

Ms. Jones told the Expositor, “We are looking for some new team members to start in mid-May, especially if they want to work in Wiikwemkoong. Phragging is hard work but very rewarding, and we go to

some nice places. If people are interested, email a resume.” She pointed out that because of the travel challenges, phragmites team members must be living on Manitoulin Island during the summer and must have a valid driver’s licence.

Ms. Jones called on local residents to keep an eye out for phragmites at home. “Contact us if you have some. We’ll help you figure out what to do and get you started. Report phragmites locations to us. Tell us where you find it so we can take action.”

Ms. Jones also encourage everyone to join in on Manitoulin Phragmites Week, July 16-21. “We can host a work bee in your area or make a house call to your property.”

To contact the Manitoulin Phragmites Project, you can send mail to P.O. Box 278, Manitowaning, ON POP 1N0, call (705) 859-1027 or manitoulinphrag@yahoo.com or visit Facebook.com/manitoulin-phrag.

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Sheshegwaning First Nation

1079 A Sheshegwaning Road, Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0
PHONE: (705) 283-3292 FAX: (705) 283-3481

Employment Opportunity Full-Time Position: Principal

The Sheshegwaning First Nation is seeking a reliable and trustworthy Principal to join our excellent school. The individual will be tasked with reviewing budgets and school policies, organizing school events and community initiatives, updating student records handling disciplinary issues and recruiting new staff. The individual should make valid contributions to the improvement of the school and be a stellar example for both staff and students. The incumbent reports to the Sheshegwaning First Nation Director of Education.

Qualifications:

- University Degree or College Degree Principal, Level 1 and 2.
- Knowledge of First Nation needs and goals in the education of First Nation people and education delivery.
- Knowledge of current First Nations’ position on education and training issues at community, regional and national levels as it pertains to education and training programs.
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Proven supervisory skills.
- Ability to manage programs within a limited budget.
- To speak Ojibwe would be an asset.
- Proven computer skills in Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Liaising with various departments and forwarding any issues or suggestions to the Education Director.
- Helping with the development and review of budgets, school policies and rules and regulations for the Education Board and Chief and Council.
- Attending and participating in meetings with Staff, Parents and other officials.
- In cooperation with the teaching staff, educational support staff, and resource people, submit requests to the Sheshegwaning Board of Education for additional funds, when required.
- Help to arrange professional development for school personnel.
- Establish rapport and maintaining relationships with parents, staff and students.
- Sitting in on disciplinary hearings and providing advice for at-risk students.
- Updating student and school records
- Remaining active and visible on field trips during school functions.
- Addressing concerns raised by students, staff and parents.
- Supervising teachers on a day-to-day basis, including performance reviews and setting annual goals and objectives.
- Receiving requests for funding from Post-Secondary students who are funded by Sheshegwaning First Nation.
- Monitoring the attendance and progress of the students who are being transported to other communities to be educated.

Interested applicants should submit their resume along with a CPIC, cover letter and three references no later than:

Open Until Filled

Marked confidential to the attention of:

Jessica Sampson
Human Resources Director
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0

Preferences will be given to Sheshegwaning First Nation members.

Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Position is subject to 3 and 6 months probationary reviews.

We thank all applications for their interest; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Job Opening: Farm Crew

Join us to work on an organic farm

**Full-Time Crew Lead (1), Full-Time Farm Staff (3)
and Part-Time Pack House Assistant(1)**

Farm Staff Qualifications:

- physically fit and strong and enjoy manual labour
- an ability to work in groups with a positive team attitude and also able to spend hours alone on a project (ex: weeding, planting)
- able to work under pressure and on tight timelines, in physically demanding conditions
- understand hustle and able to maintain pace of work
- have a genuine interest in agriculture as a career
- comfortable with doing repetitive tasks
- positive attitude, self motivated, flexible and respond well to feedback
- able to problem solve and create individualized efficiencies as you work
- able to work some weekends
- enjoy music, the outdoors and making life’s moments fun while being productive

Salary: \$17.50-\$22.00/hr depending on experience and accommodation.

Positions starting in April, May and June.

Deadline for applications: January 31, 2024

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...The BJ Corbiere Memorial Tournament that's so much more!

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added Ms. Aelick. When she got off the ice, Deidre Debassige had a chance to talk about her role in bringing about the BJ Corbiere Memorial Hockey Tournament, raising the funds and getting the sponsors. "It's actually been pretty smooth getting sponsors over the years because the tournament has been around so long, it's become like a signature part of our community," she said. "Every year, when we announce it's coming up, people always reach out to us to show their support. For the main part it's family and friends and organiza-

tions and businesses and players from all over who show their support by sponsoring games. This year, it's crazy how we just posted our letter and the money came pouring in."

It's easy to see, with the crowds of people, the players, the volunteers, the noise and the excitement—Debbie Debassige has succeeded with her motto for this special tournament. She, and her team of volunteers, have put the unity in community, without a doubt.



Deidre Debassige, daughter of Debbie Debassige, has followed in her mother's footsteps and plays a key role on the organization team.



A memorial wall pays homage to the many individuals who were instrumental in helping with the tournament.



The puck is set to drop during women's division play at the BJ Corbiere Memorial tournament.



Gerard Peltier, a former OHLer, has never missed a BJ Corbiere Memorial Tournament.

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KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCFs) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCFs honours and supports our families' and community's inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs. **Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates, please self-identify in your application.**

We are now seeking candidates for the following positions:

FULL-TIME positions:

Sudbury or Manitoulin Island:
Finance Administrator: Closes February 2, 2024

Manitoulin Island:
Finance Team Assistant: Closes February 2, 2024

CONTRACT positions:


Sudbury or Manitoulin:
(3) File Disclosure Clerks: Closes January 26, 2024

Sudbury:
Child Well-Being Worker: Closes February 2, 2024
Cultural Enaadaamaaget: Closes February 2, 2024

All postings close at 4pm EST

Apply to: Human Resources at hr@kgcfs.org and quote the position title in the subject line. To view the postings and detailed job descriptions, visit our website at: www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities

At KGCFs we are committed to providing a barrier-free work environment following the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Accommodations are available upon request for candidates taking part in the recruitment process. Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate must submit the following: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (current and within 3 months of application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
ENAAGDENJGED (one who takes care of others or things)

Department: Administration
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time
Salary: Negotiable (subject to education & experience), includes pension & benefits

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an inspiring Anishnaabe Leader. With strong background in management, administration and finance as the Enaagdenjged; along with exceptional communication and interpersonal skills. Values and understands Anishinabek culture and fluent in Anishinabemowin is a strong asset. If you are results oriented, an analytical thinker and have a proactive approach, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Summary of Position
The Enaagdenjged works under the general direction of the M'Chigeeng First Nation Chief and Council; and shall, in every aspect oversee the administration and manage the operations of M'Chigeeng First Nation; and is the administrative lead and link between Senior Management and Chief and Council. Responsible to ensure the management, administration and delivery of all M'Chigeeng programs and services and that these needs are met in an effective, efficient and timely manner. Ensures Anishinabek cultural practices are incorporated in daily interactions and program activities with focus on retention of Anishinabemowin (C&C 2030 Declaration goal of MFN being fluent in Anishinabemowin).

Specifications
Preferred: University degree with minimum of five (5) years' direct management or direct work experience.
Minimum: College Diploma with minimum of four (4) years' direct management or direct work experience.
Understands Anishinabek culture and traditions and fluency of Anishinabemowin. Is compassionate, approachable and known as an upstanding and respectful role model. Ability to deal effectively with high pressure and challenging situations; proven competencies for managing information and people; decision-making and negotiating with high level officials and government bodies as a representative for Chief & Council. Ability to implement change management, risk management and quality assurance.

Interested applicants please submit: cover letter, resume, three (3) current work-related references (with contact information) & education certification by to:

"ENAAGDENJGED"
M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION
P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0
employment@mchigeeng.ca or Fax 705-377-4980

CLOSING DATE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Miigwetch to all interested applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Year-round Taekwondo comes to Mindemoya Community Centre

by Michael Erskine
 MINDEMOYA—The Mindemoya War Memorial Community Centre was bustling on Tuesday, January 16 as registration for Manitoulin Dojang of Traditional Taekwon-Do classes began. Children and adults filled the floor as the first class got underway following some information items shared by Master Alvey, a 7th degree black belt holder who is offering the services. He will be assisted by Lisa Lanktree.

Respect is an important component of Taekwon-do, notes Master Alvey, so always show up on time. “Never be late,” he said. He is to be addressed as Master Alvey, or sir, by the students at all times. One of the first orders of business during the short class following the

registration was to take the students through the formal greeting process, a bow that is held until the master bows in return and straightens up. A bow to the instructor (and all black belts) must take place upon first sight.

The Taekwon-Do Student Oath reads: “I shall observe the tenets of Taekwon-Do. I shall respect the instructor and seniors. I shall never misuse Taekwon-Do. I shall be a champion of freedom and justice. I shall build a more peaceful world.” The tenets of Taekwon-Do are: courtesy, integrity, perseverance, self-control and indomitable spirit.

If they are not students themselves, parents don’t have to stay through the class with children over six, but if a child is six and

under, at least one parent must participate in the class with them.

No wet or dirty footwear is allowed. “Slippery floors lead to injuries,” cautioned Master Alvey. “If you have bare feet, make sure your nails are trimmed.”

An official, clean, Taekwon-Do uniform must be worn for every class and make sure you have removed all jewellery (rings, earrings and necklaces) as they could cause injuries.

It is important to bring a water bottle to the class (no pop or juice please) and go to the bathroom before the class starts. Water breaks will be assigned and never mind bringing enough for everybody—no chewing gum or candy is allowed in class.

Students are expected to attend two classes a week and to practice at home for at least 10 minutes a day and are never to fight outside of the school or teach others without the instructor’s permission.

“There is no use of profanity at any time,” noted Master Alvey. “Always be kind and courteous—especially outside of the school.” The number one rule, however, is that Taekwon-Do is for defence only. “Do not forget rule number one,” emphasized the mas-

ter. Master Alvey has plenty of equipment for the classes, including reusable plastic boards for the students to “break” during their instruction.

Classes will be taking place two nights a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but it is important to note that to accommodate the township schedule, the third week of the month the class will take place on Wednesday. The kids/family class starts at 6 pm, while the 13 to adult class starts at

7 pm. First class is free for children only. Month by month the fee is \$60, a three-month signup is \$165, six-month is \$300 and a yearly membership is \$600 (the yearly membership includes a free uniform). If a family has more than one child signing up a fee reduction is available.

More information is available on the Manitoulin Dojang of Traditional Taekwon-Do Facebook page.



Master Alvey gives instruction to the inaugural class of Manitoulin Dojang of Traditional Taekwon-Do.



Manitoulin Dojang of Traditional Taekwon-Do students sit and listen to Master Alvey.



Master Alvey walks students through a Taekwon-Do exercise.

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BAND REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-Time Permanent (35 hours per week)
Salary Range: \$62,113 to \$75,748 per year
 (Subject to education and/or experience or a combination of both)

POSITION SUMMARY: The Band Representative will act as Whitefish River First Nation’s (WRFN) representative for children and families who are working with Child and Family Service agencies. The Band Representative will provide guidance, advocacy and support to WRFN member children, youth and families who are working with child welfare agencies.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Represent the interests of WRFN First Nation and its members regarding child welfare matters in court.
- Provide knowledge, awareness and promotion of WRFN’s interests to courts and external child welfare agencies; provide support and advocacy during investigations and ongoing as per protocols;
- Liaise between the WRFN and external child welfare agencies.
- Represent the WRFN whenever our children have been apprehended, are being adopted or are in care.
- Assist with the protocols with external child welfare agencies;
- Participate in case conferences, plans of care and other matters relating to keeping children with their families.
- Conduct home visits to support families keeping children in the home or when a family is transitioning to returning a child to the home.
- Assist families in accessing resources and collaborate with other supports for prevention activities.
- Work towards the repatriation of children residing in care in other jurisdictions; help link children to their home community.
- Compile all relevant case-related information and documentation.
- Liaise with other First Nation band representatives; accompany other child welfare agencies during investigations.

*For a complete Job Description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary degree in Social Work, Social Science, Child and Youth Care or a related field.
- Minimum of 2 years’ experience working in Social Services or related field in an Indigenous community or organization.
- Advanced computer skills: Microsoft Office, Internet Explorer and Adobe Acrobat Pro.
- Must have a Valid Driver’s Licence and access to a reliable vehicle.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

- Able to interpret legislation and legal documents; understanding of Customary Care Agreements.
- Understanding of the Child/Family Services Act (CFSA).
- Knowledge of Case Management techniques and Alternative Dispute Mechanisms (i.e. sharing circles).
- Excellent communication skills, including written and verbal to be effective in negotiation, advocacy, facilitation and collection and dissemination of information.
- Able to speak and understand the Ojibway language or a willingness to learn.
- Ability to exercise discretion in handling highly confidential subject matters.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Must provide an up-to-date and clear Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire.
- Must have the willingness to be on-call for emergency response services regarding child welfare matters.
- Must obtain an up-to-date First Aid and CPR Certification.

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Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference, along with applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

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c/o Human Resources
 Whitefish River First Nation
 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
 Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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

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NURSE (FULL-TIME RN & RPN) Signing bonus, competitive wages, benefits, pension Manitoulin Centennial Manor

Manitoulin Centennial Manor a 60-bed long-term care facility located in Little Current, Ontario, on beautiful Manitoulin Island.

Reporting to the Director of Care (DOC), the Registered Nurse and Registered Practical Nurse will enhance the effective management and quality of nursing practice in keeping with the Standards of the College of Nurses of Ontario, Long Term Care Standards and Extendercare Standards.

Responsibilities

- Ensure resident care is provided with established nursing standards and principles, physicians’ orders and administrative policies, as well as observe, report and record vital signs, symptoms and conditions of residents and initiate remedial health measures where appropriate. Assure observance of required techniques in nursing care.
- Assess residents and develop, implement, review and evaluate resident care plans. Monitor residents’ health, note changes in condition and assess need for referral to doctors; process and implement physician orders.
- Organize and direct functions and activities related to provision of care to residents including restorative care and palliative care as required. Interpret and implement established policies, procedures and regulations.
- Plan, direct, supervise and evaluate the work of nursing and personal care staff assigned to the unit. Orient and train new personnel and may participate in in-service education. Monitor performance and conduct performance appraisal and refer problems to the Director of Care.

Interested candidates, please contact:

Sylvie Clark RN, Director of Care
 Manitoulin Centennial Manor
 Address: 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
 Phone: 705-368-2710 ext. 316| Fax: 705-368-2694
 Email: SClark@extendercare.com

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ga's email list: julie.poirier-mensinga@ontario.ca

Both Ms. Poirier-Mensinga and the BFO representatives addressed the lack of veterinarians in Ontario. A few places in the province are now searching desperately to bring back the large animal vet and so much work is being done through Guelph and the Ontario Vet College to encourage more veterinarian students to go into large animal and specifically bovine practices. The government is also putting initiatives in place to encourage veterinarians to practice in rural areas.

Birgit Martin followed up with an OSCIA report, beginning with a mention about the Northern Ag Conference which takes place on February 12 and 13. She added that the conference is trying to encourage farm producers to come, so they're offering a 25 percent discount for primary producers. On the website, there's access to this discount; a code called 'producer 24' so, when registering for the conference, use the code and get the discount.

Ms. Martin is the director for the provincial board for the Ontario Soil and Crop Association representing

Northeastern Ontario, from Muskoka, north to Temiskaming and Cochrane and west to include Algoma. She's the go-between with the board and the regional and local associations, as well assigned to be on various committees, she sits on the agricultural wildlife conflict working group which is chaired by OMAFRA and many organizations have representatives on it, including government organizations. The goal being to get some sort of compensation program for crops because production insurance is not meant to cover wildlife damage.

Further information provided by Ms. Martin, including the February AGM for the OSCIA in Elora, can be found on their website: www.ontariosoilcrop.org.

Following the presentations, a number of elections took place. Nominations were given and those nominated agreed to stand: delegate and alternate for OSCIA: Lyle Renecker and Bill Riach; BFO AC and Alternate: Nick Martin and Cameron Runnalls, BFO voting delegates: Brent Best and Alex Martin.

For the Manitoulin Cattlemen's Association and Manitoulin Soil and Crop

Improvement Association board of directors (12). Though it was suggested by Jordan Miller that everyone in the room be nominated, there were only 12 nominations made and all agreed to stand: Bruce Orford, Jim Martin, Mike Spry, Lyle Renecker, Brent Best, Cameron Runnalls, Jeff Geerdink, Rob Winkles, Nick Martin, Rod Davidson, John McNaughton and Jordan Miller.

Resolutions were next on the agenda and the main concern of the members in attendance was whether youth members on the board had voting privileges. The answer was no, because that would require constitutional changes and it would have to be passed by the membership. So, a resolution was made, "If they're able to vote for the next prime minister, they should be able to vote on capitol issues."

Jim Martin proposed the resolution to make the youth member of the board of BFO and voting member. This was seconded and carried.

Another resolution, which came from Algoma, with the hope that Manitoulin would support it, concerned the subsidy their veterinarian received when

he first took his position in Algoma. His mileage expenses were subsidized and that made up 20 percent of his income, now with expenses increasing and the subsidy remaining unchanged, it makes up three percent. The exact wording was not available at the time, but all were in agreement to support and cosign the Algoma resolution. Jordan Miller put forward the support for Algoma's resolution and it was seconded and carried.

Birgit Martin had a similar request for support from

Sudbury with regards to compensation for damage to crops. This resolution was for the OSCIA and it read: "Whereas crop losses from wildlife damage are substantial, and whereas the losses are not adequately addressed through AgriCorp's production insurance and whereas other provinces, notably Manitoba and Saskatchewan, have compensation programs for crop loss from wildlife, whereas Ontario has a compensation program for livestock losses caused by wildlife, therefore be it

resolved that OSCIA support OMAFRA with ideas and information statistics in the creation of a compensation program for damage to crops by wildlife." This too was supported by the group unanimously. Deadline for resolutions to bring forward at the BFO AGM is January 27.

The meeting ended soon after. "I just appreciate everyone taking the time to come out today," said Robert McKinlay. "It's a really exciting time to be a part of our industry," he said.



John McNaughton, chair of the Manitoulin Cattlemen's Association, left, and Jim Martin.

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COMMUNITY ENERGY CHAMPION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-Time Contract (to March 31, 2026)
Salary: \$25.00/hour
Hours: 35 hours/week

Whitefish River First Nation is currently seeking an energetic, innovative and motivated individual to develop, manage and coordinate energy-related initiatives and activities within the community. This position requires proactiveness, excellent customer service skills and excellent interpersonal skills. The Community Energy Champion will complete action items identified in the Whitefish River First Nation Energy Plan and Education and Capacity Building (ECB) Projects.

The Community Energy Champion will be responsible to:

- Review, update and report on the community energy plan throughout the fiscal year.
- Develop and administer project proposals, work plans and project costing/budgeting for energy-related initiatives in the community.
- Complete action items set out in the community energy plan and other energy-related initiatives.
- Monitor energy conservation activities.
- Complete and submit preliminary applications for funding of new and existing conservation programs.
- Complete all reporting requirements as stipulated in the funding agreements for all energy-related programs and initiatives.
- Act as an energy education and conservation resource for the community and membership.
- Organize and deliver training sessions to community members regarding energy usage and conservation.
- Conduct presentations for membership and multiple stakeholders to ensure transparency in project development and objectives.
- Establish a Community Energy Committee and hold quarterly meetings
- Other duties as requested.

*For a complete job description email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent required.
- Post-secondary diploma or degree in Science, Engineering, Energy or Environmental Studies would be an asset.
- Proficient with Microsoft Office programs, such as Word, Excel and PowerPoint.
- Current First Aid and CPR Level C (or willingness to obtain).
- Valid Ontario Class G Driver's Licence and access to a reliable.
- Previous data collection and analysis experience would be an asset.
- Previous grant and proposal writing experience would be an asset.
- Previous financial and budget management experience preferred.

OTHER


- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Excellent problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.
- Exceptional organization and time-management skills.
- Ability to adapt to changing work demands and manage competing priorities.
- High level of attention to detail and a high degree of accuracy.
- Highly self-motivated with an ability to work independently.
- Strong work ethic.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends as needed.

Applications must be submitted by: February 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m

Interested applicants must submit a current cover letter, resume, two (2) work-related references and one (1) character reference (with contact information) to:

CONFIDENTIAL: COMMUNITY ENERGY CHAMPION
c/o Human Resources
Whitefish River First Nation
17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188; Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca Fax: (705)285-4532

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SHAWANOSOWE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Position: Special Education Resource Teacher (Full-Time)
Location: Whitefish River First Nation Shawanosowe School

Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) is committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that embraces diversity and enriches learning opportunities for students and staff at Shawanosowe School. WRFN is seeking a highly qualified and passionate individual to join our team as a Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT). In this role, you will work with students who have different learning challenges or high needs. The SERT will be to create a supportive learning environment that helps these students overcome learning challenges and succeed academically. The start date for the position is as soon as the successful candidate is available. The salary is negotiable based on education and experience.

The Community Energy Champion will be responsible to:

- Understanding the significant role that Anishinaabe Aadziwin plays in a First Nations school. Your appreciation for these elements will help foster a sense of identity and belonging among our students.
- Enrich student learning and provide a stable, individualized education program catered to the unique needs and limitations of students with high needs or disabilities.
- Ensure all students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and vision of Shawanosowe School.
- Collaborates with other teachers to ensure accommodations are provided in the classroom.
- Administer assessments to determine eligibility for special education services.
- Monitor student progress and adjusts instruction as needed.
- Provides accommodation and modifications to curriculum and instructional materials.
- Attend meetings with parents, the Principal and other education professionals to discuss student progress and needs.
- Work with outside agencies and service providers to ensure students receive the necessary support.
- Offers coaching, guidance and mentorship to help students excel at their current studies and ultimately reach their full potential.
- Assign coursework and create learning opportunities that help students build healthy relationships with their peers and educators.
- Continue learning their education best practices, including how to teach students with different learning styles and keep them engaged.
- Identify obstacles preventing students from adequate growth and adjust learning plans accordingly.
- Achieve academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and to communicate effectively with parents

*For a complete job description email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

Candidates must hold an Ontario Teaching Certificate with an active licence with the Ontario College of Teachers, along with:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education.
- Certification in Primary/Junior and/or Junior Intermediate.
- Recent teaching experience as a Special Education Teacher.
- Special Education Part 1 and Part 2; and Special Education Specialist.
- Must have excellent planning and organizational skills.
- Experience working with Indigenous communities would be considered an asset.
- Knowledge of First Nation culture, traditions and language would be an asset.
- Strong computer skills in various software and programs relevant to the position.

Applications must be submitted by: February 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m

Qualified candidates are requested to submit an application which will include an updated cover letter, resume detailing qualifications and experience as related to the position and contact information for three current professional references.

By applying, candidates permit the Whitefish River First Nation to contact any references or any past or present employers named in their application. Please indicate the position of interest, and email your completed application to: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca to the attention of: Human Resources

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Rainbow District School Board launches Think Trades Trailer

Think Trades Trailer to expand board wide in new year

SUDBURY—Have tools. Will travel. That is the purpose of a new trailer that is touring schools within the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) to introduce the trades to students in Grades 7 and 8.

“The program is currently being piloted in Valley (Sudbury) area schools now, and the intent is to expand this board-wide (including Manitoulin Island) in the new year,” said Nicole Charette, senior advisor corporate communications and strategic planning with RDSB.

The trailer houses various tools including backpacks with drills, drivers, palm sanders, hammers, screwdrivers, pliers and measuring tapes which are used in class to further student learning.

Through the program, students are exposed to carpentry, manufacturing, plumbing and computer-aided design (CAD), a way to digitally create 2D drawings and 3D models of real-world products before they are manufactured.

Students also learn about the safe use of tools and opportunities through the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) and Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM).

“Skilled trades are vital to the health and growth of our economy,” said Director of Education Bruce Bourget. “The trailer promotes viable career pathways to students and aligns with the (education) ministry’s focus to building capacity for in-demand careers in the trades.”

The Think Trades Trailer made its very first stop at C.R. Judd Public School on November 28. During the visit, students built a multi-trades toolbox under the mentorship of teachers and students in Confederation Secondary School’s Construction SHSM.

Eric Bacon, curriculum co-ordinator with RDSB, enjoyed the opportunity to bring the trades to elementary students. “Students were thrilled to learn new skills and had a really fun time in the process,” he said.

C.R. Judd Public School teacher Craig Thomson was equally as enthusiastic about the trailer. “My students can’t say enough about how much they enjoyed the day. Parents raved about how happy they were that their children got a chance to learn about the trades.”



The Rainbow District School Board has launched the Think Trades Trailer that is touring schools within the board to introduce the trades to students in Grades 7 and 8. The program is currently being piloted in Sudbury and will expand board-wide (including Manitoulin Island) in the new year. In photo is the inside of the think trailer.

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FAMILY WELL-BEING COORDINATOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-Time (35 hours per week)
Salary Range: \$52,305 - \$63,787 / year + Group Benefits and Pension
(Subject to education and experience or a combination of both)

The Family Well-Being Coordinator is a position within the Family Well-Being team and works with key community resources and knowledge keepers to plan activities based on annual traditional activities. They will also aim to increase family participation in:

- traditional activities.
- knowledge about traditional parenting practices.
- connect families to the land; increase cultural knowledge about hunting.
- increase awareness of ceremonies.
- increase awareness of community history and legends.
- generate interest in a traditional activity.

The Family Well-Being Coordinator must be knowledgeable, committed, patient and caring and must have a positive outlook on life. They will also need to be highly motivated and have excellent communication skills to deliver activity programs and messages to all ages.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provides a culturally appropriate, safe and holistic approach to child and family service delivery, especially as it pertains to all levels of child welfare.
- Researches, develops, implements and evaluates culturally/appropriate early intervention and prevention programs specific to child welfare.
- Develop strategies and tools to support quality programming for families and children including parent/caregiver support groups, youth support groups, Triple P Parenting, Anger Management, Life Skills, etc.

***For a complete Job Description, please email:** hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post Secondary education in social work, health, land-based disciplines or related fields or a suitable combination of training and experience.
- Minimum of 3 years' experience within a health or social services setting/programs and initiatives related to community social well-being and wellness.
- Ability to undertake a professional development plan that includes building skills and competencies in trauma-informed care and approaches, Indian Residential Schools and Indigenous social determinants of health.
- Experience in group and process facilitation, community development and presentation with above-average verbal and written communication.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office applications.

OTHER SKILLS:

- Must have a rich history, stories, legends, sacred spaces, ceremonies and cultural norms of the community of Whitefish River First Nation.
- Knowledgeable and competent in the delivery of culturally based, land-based activities encompassing significant physical activity components.
- Must know the Anishnaabemowin language skills and knowledge is an asset.
- Experience leading groups including facilitating and knowledge transfer.
- Experience with program development and coordination.
- Knowledgeable of basic budgeting and financial management.

UPON HIRE:

- Must provide an up-to-date and clear Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check.
- Must have access to a vehicle and a valid driver's licence.

Applications must be submitted by: February 2, 2024 at 4:30 p.m

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references and one (1) character reference (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:

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HOUSING NAVIGATOR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Term: Full-Time - Term (One-Year Contract)
Salary: \$55,000 - \$65,000 / year (+ group benefits and pension)
Hours: 35 hours/week

Whitefish River First Nation is seeking a Housing Navigator to provide immediate, tailored assistance to address housing crises. The role works with individuals to connect them to community/local resources for ongoing housing stability and self-sufficiency.

The Housing Navigator will work under the direct supervision of the Housing Manager to provide social housing support services to Whitefish River First Nation members. This position is responsible for assisting members and families in their search for housing, whether on or off-reserve and offering guidance on home purchasing. The Housing Navigator will offer mobile services, ensuring services are provided for all members. Travel will be required for this role.

The Housing Navigator will be responsible to:

- Collaborate with the Housing Manager and Band Manager to develop and implement effective strategies that support the housing needs of Whitefish River First Nation members.
- Provide guidance and assistance to members and families in their search for appropriate housing options, both on and off-reserve.
- Offer support and resources to individuals interested in purchasing a home, providing valuable information on the process and available programs.
- Conduct assessments to accurately determine the unique housing needs and preferences of members, ensuring personalized assistance.
- Stay up-to-date with housing policies, programs and legislation, ensuring accurate and precise information is provided to members.
- Facilitate connections with relevant agencies, organizations and programs, enabling members to access crucial housing-related resources and support services.
- Collaborate with community partners and service providers to develop engaging housing workshops, information sessions and related initiatives.
- Other duties as requested.

***For a complete job description email:** hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Preferably possess a background in social work, community services or another related field.
- Commitment to supporting the housing needs of Whitefish River First Nation members.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, enabling effective engagement with individuals and families.
- Knowledge of housing policies, programs and resources applicable to Indigenous communities is highly valued.
- Proficient in conducting thorough assessments and providing personalized recommendations based on member preferences and needs.
- Strong organizational skills to maintain accurate records and documentation.
- Proven ability to establish and nurture collaborative relationships with community partners and service providers.
- Flexible and adaptable, capable of delivering mobile services and travelling within the community and surrounding areas.
- Familiarity with Indigenous housing programs for both on and off-reserve members is advantageous.
- Must be highly self-motivated with an ability to work independently.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, including evenings and weekends as needed.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, February 5, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Interested applicants must submit a current cover letter, resume, two (2) work-related references and one (1) character reference (with contact information) to:

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M.S.S. Kids in the Halls

Alexandra Wilson Zegil



Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

by Mackenzie Green

The pressure is on at Manitoulin Secondary School as we head into exam week. This past week students were finishing off the semester with final assessments, culminating projects and studying. Despite the stress, there are always several exciting activities for students to participate in. From theatre trips to karaoke nights to exams it is safe to say that MSS students are kept busy!

One of the most anticipated announcements this week came in the form of an invitation to the annual Stratford trip. The sign-ups are officially open, allowing students to put their names down to witness professional theatre productions of timeless classics like 'Romeo and Juliet,' 'Twelfth Night,' 'La Cage aux Folles' and 'Something Rotten.' To add to the excitement MSS put on their own production of 'Something Rotten' last year. These shows, coupled with exclusive workshops and the chance to explore Stratford, is an unmissable opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the world of the performing arts. However, there are limited spots available for this trip taking place next Autumn.

Adding a vibrant splash of colour to the school week was the Rainbow Rights karaoke night held after school on Wednesday, January 17. This inclusive event aimed to celebrate diversity and bring students together by belting out their favourite songs. With pizza, drinks and

snacks provided, students filled the atmosphere with laughter and music.

This week, Headstrong – Manitoulin Secondary School's mental health group – took a moment to stress the importance of self-care over the morning announcements. Students were encouraged to prioritize their health by ensuring they eat at least three times a day, aim for a solid eight hours of sleep and take breaks to prevent burnout, especially during exam season. Headstrong also urged students to reach out for help and support if needed, reminding students that asking for help is a sign of strength.

With the exams starting on Thursday, January 25, and continuing until Wednesday, January 31, students find themselves studying and preparing themselves for the end of the semester. Recognizing the stress that exams can bring, a helpful session took place at lunch on Friday, January 19, specifically designed to assist Grade 9s and 10s in gearing up for the upcoming assessments.

As the school gears up for final exams, students benefit from educational resources and a supportive community. From help-sessions to mental health reminders, students are well-equipped for the upcoming exam week.

Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!



Proud Supporter of our MSS Mustangs

CASH DUCHENE

Whether he's striding down the ice, scoring touchdowns or shooting hoops, Cash is constantly finding ways to stay active! His passion for sports is evident in each of his athletic endeavours, helping him to stand out as a great all around player. In his third year as a Mustang, Cash continues to bring a positive attitude and enthusiasm to both practice and competition, helping him to earn status as a standout athlete! In the first half of his career as a Mustang, Cash has established himself as a great teammate, representing MSS well each time he sports the black and gold!

Prior to becoming a Mustang, Cash attended Northeastern Elementary School, representing the Cougars and St. Charles College. As a Cougar, Cash could be spotted on the court as a member of the basketball and volleyball teams, racking up a number of participation ribbons. While staying involved in school sports, Cash also played hockey and volleyball outside of school. Although Cash enjoyed each opportunity to be involved, he was particularly fond of volleyball in his elementary school years. He explains that he always had fun playing with his friends. Through this exposure to athletics at a young age, Cash learned that his love for sports stems from how much he loves to compete.

Transitioning into high school sports, Cash made his debut as a Mustang as a member of the junior boys' volleyball team. As a rookie, he helped his team to take the silver medals at NSSSA, punching their ticket to NOSSA. When the volleyball season came to an end, Cash decided to test his skills on the badminton team. Playing in mixed doubles Cash won a gold medal at NSSSA and had a great run at NOSSA. Cash jumped his way back to NOSSA again in the spring, competing in the triple jump event for the track and field team. Once having a year of MSS athletics under his belt, Cash tried out for the basketball team in his second year as a Mustang. He also continued to contribute to the volleyball team, helping them to earn silver medals at NOSSA! This year, he made a NOSSA silver repeat, this time as a player on the senior boys' volleyball team. As the volleyball season has wrapped up, Cash looks forward to the rest of the year of sport!

Outside of high school sports, Cash continues to stay active by playing hockey and football. Cash began playing football for the Sudbury Spartans last year, where he played left bench. On the ice, this is his second year playing for the Mindemoya Thunder, returning this season with the U18 Minor Hockey Championship win under his belt. Although Cash clearly enjoys a variety of sports, he admits that hockey is his favourite. The sport provides many opportunities to have fun with friends.

When Cash hangs up the skates for the season, he can be found caring for his dog, Tulo. He also enjoys hanging out with friends and working out. Another one of Cash's favourite ways to enjoy the outdoors is by spending the summer months golfing and playing ultimate frisbee. Gaming is also among the list of activities Cash particularly enjoys. He can also be spotted in the community, working at Borderline Board Shop in Little Current.

In the classroom, Cash continues to take every opportunity to keep active and have fun. He explains that this is why phys-ed is his favourite class.

With two more years to go, Cash is still considering many options to pursue post graduation. However, he is interested in the business field. He explains that he has a back up plan to become a touring comedian and if business isn't for him.


With Cash's love for sport and dedication, he is sure to meet all of his goals, on and off the court!

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Children's Community Network
Réseau communautaire pour enfants
is currently seeking a
Child and Youth Worker
for the Sudbury office
Hybrid Work Arrangement
Full Time permanent, 35 hours/week
(includes evenings and weekends)
Salary range: \$23.63 to \$35.11 per hour

The Children's Community Network (CCN) is a non-profit agency that provides services to children, youth and their families. CCN offers a flexible work environment with a positive, caring and supportive culture. CCN offers professional development opportunities for employees to ensure continued growth and skill-building in their roles.

The successful candidate will provide direct care to children and youth with a variety of needs, including developmental and mental health needs, while providing temporary relief to the caregiver. The candidate will provide safe, stimulating and recreational support in the client's home or in the community. They will support the client's growth and development through skill-building in areas of daily living and other areas of need outlined in the client's respite plan. They will provide professional services using a strength-based approach.


The candidate will possess a diploma in Child and Youth Work with a minimum of two years' related experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience. The candidate will have knowledge of child development, childhood disorders and syndromes. They will have a thorough knowledge and ability to apply behavioural intervention strategies, the ability to work both independently and as part of a team, possess exceptional interpersonal and conflict resolution skills, organization and time management skills.

The successful candidate must be willing and able to work evenings and weekends in order to accommodate client needs. A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area is required. Bilingualism is considered an asset.

Those interested in this position should send their current resumes in confidence to:

Mary Katherine Howe, Executive Director
Children's Community Network
Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547
E-Mail: mhowe@ccnsudbury.on.ca

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Children's Community Network
Réseau communautaire pour enfants
is currently seeking a
Mental Health Clinician - Urgent Response Program
for the Sudbury/Manitoulin, Algoma
and Nipissing/ Parry Sound/Muskoka areas
Hybrid work arrangement
Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week
Salary range: (Bachelors) \$35.73 - \$42.90
(Masters) \$38.59 - \$46.33

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The successful candidate will play a key role in the treatment of individuals diagnosed with Autism who are referred to the Urgent Response Program. They will work with the Urgent Response Coordinator, Behaviour Therapist and family to support the development of a caregiver mediated treatment plan and provide supportive therapy.

The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in social work or one of the helping disciplines (i.e. psychology) and must be registered and in good standing with the college of Social Work or Psychotherapy. Those candidates with an Honours degree may be considered. The successful candidate must have a minimum 5 years' experience developing and implementing behaviour treatment plans and experience working with children/youth with Autism; experience working in a multidisciplinary team, assessment and intervention skills and experience with data collection and analysis. The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention. The candidate must be self-motivated and able to work independently.

Exceptional leadership, inter-personal, problem-solving, written and organizational skills are further requirements for this position. Bilingualism is considered an asset.


A valid driver's licence, access to a vehicle and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area, although limited, may be expected. The successful candidate must provide a clear vulnerable sector criminal reference check. The potential candidate will be expected to primarily work from home.

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