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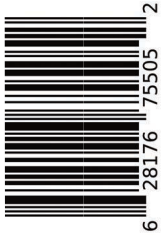
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## St. Joseph's Health Centre lays out plans for new 64-bed nursing home in Gore Bay



A NICE NEW HOME—Plans for a new 64 bed long-term care nursing home in Gore Bay, that will tentatively open in Gore Bay in 2026, were presented at a meeting held at the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay last week. Once the new nursing home is open in a new location in town, the town would own the Manitoulin Lodge building and decide at that time what that building will be used for in the future. From left is Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane, Louis Belanger of Belanger Salach Architecture, Kari Gervais, of St. Joseph's Health Centre and Jaime Lynn-Kalmikov of Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home.

photo by Tom Sasvari

### Design allows for 32-bed addition

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Plans have now been presented that would see a new 64-bed long term care nursing home in Gore Bay tentatively open in 2026 in a new location. Once the new nursing home is open, the municipality would then own the Manitoulin Lodge building and would decide at that time what the building will be used for in the future.

"The good news is that when we met with everyone earlier this year, we indicated our partners (St. Joseph's Health Centre, Jarlette Health Services) were working on plans," stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane at a meeting last week. "Now we have actual plans that would see the privately owned operation replaced by a new nursing home that will be in place for the next 50-60 years."

Mayor Lane explained, "The

new nursing home will not likely be ready by June 2025, so St. Joseph's will phase in after June 2025, (when the current licence for the Lodge operated by Jarlette Health Services will expire) and the new operator will be St. Joseph's Health Care. And by mid-2026, when the new long-term care nursing home is ready to open, the whole operation transitions to it. Then the Town of Gore Bay will be the owner of the existing Manitoulin Lodge building."

"This is a very exciting time for our nursing home," stated Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov, Lodge administrator. She pointed out Kari Gervais, president and chief executive officer of St. Joseph's Health Centre in Sudbury, Louis Belanger of Belanger Salach Architecture Sudbury and Grif-

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## Conference addresses restorative justice for Indigenous people in the legal system

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter

LITTLE CURRENT—The United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising held a conference at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre on November 16 and 17 to educate participants on ways forward from the over-representation of Indigenous people in the penal system. The way criminal courts address the realities of Indigenous people who appear before them has changed dramatically in the over 20 years since the Supreme Court of Canada decided R. v. Gladue. However, the statistics of over-representation continue to rise.

The keynote speaker was Indigenous Relations Consultant Michael Etherington, Osmushkego-Cree, who is a TEDxTalk speaker, has appeared in the Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, CBC, CTV Breakfast/Television, TVO, BBC Scotland, Maori

TV and Season 1 feature interview on the APTN show Future History.

Mr. Etherington provides educational awareness to both organizations in the private and public sector to encourage building

pathways between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, speaking to the challenges of the implications of identity politics, saying, "We as Indigenous peoples in Canada are bureaucratically and

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## Manitoulin Ice Showdown is back!

Expositor, Wiky Tourism again partner on February derby

MANITOULIN—For the first time since 2020, the Manitoulin Ice Showdown is making a triumphant return to the ice through a partnership with Wikwemikong Tourism, The Manitoulin Expositor and the Wikwemikong Anglers on February 17, 2024.

Manitoulin Island has some of the best fishing any-



where all year round, just ask Bob Izumi who was a special guest at the record-breaking Manitoulin Ice Showdown in February 2020! The Showdown welcomed over 700 anglers in 2020 competing for over \$50,000 in cash and prizes on Manitoulin Bay and Lake Manitou.

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## Manitoulin Streams seeks funding, citizen scientists, to complete study on Island's environmental baseline

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter

MANITOULIN—Liam Campbell has lived on the Island his entire life and his family has lived here for seven generations. His first position with the Manitoulin Streams Improvement Association (MSIA) was made possible through joint funding by Manitoulin Streams and the Climate

Risk Institute to begin collecting data to build a baseline to determine weather trends and project the effect of climate change. However, after the year of funding expired, the project fell by the wayside.

Mr. Campbell studied Environmental Science at Carleton University and Environmental Management and Assessment at Algonquin College.

"A lot of what I went to school for wasn't applicable, but some of it is," Mr. Campbell shared in a recent interview with The Expositor. "I grew up here and always loved being outdoors, which works for me. My education was more geared towards the environmental departments of construction and development, but that was not in line with why I wanted to get involved in environmental studies, so working in the non-profit sector is much more rewarding for me at the end of the day."

Mr. Campbell says that most of his work in that first year

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# The Manitoulin *West* Recorder



**PROPSER TOGETHER, SHOP MANITOULIN**—The Flower Hutch in downtown Gore Bay was one of the stops on the Ladies' Shopping Spree held last week. Stores were hustling and bustling in the leadup to Christmas as shoppers chose to spend their dollars locally.

## Rainbow District School Board schools have best EQAO results for all Northeastern Ontario

by Tom Sasvari

SUDBURY—Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) had the highest results among English-language school boards in Northeastern Ontario in the 2022-2023 Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) assessments in primary reading, writing and math as well as junior reading and math. The results were presented to trustees during the regular meeting of the board held recently.

RDSB Director of Education Bruce Bourget commended school administrators and staff for the gains in literacy and numeracy, the foundation for all learning. He also congratulated the students on their achievement.

"The use of best practices for reading instruction through a variety of initiatives, including lighthouse classrooms, consultant support and ongoing professional learning are proving successful," said Mr. Bourget. Students are receiving daily reading instruction, with an explicit focus on phonological awareness, phonics and comprehensive strategies.

While the board maintained its result in Grades 1-3 reading (with students at 72 percent in levels three or four), there was an increase in Grades 1-3 writing (62 percent at level three or four compared to 59 percent in 2021-2022) as teachers continue to provide rich writing opportunities for students to develop their proficiency.

"We are proud of the progress our students are making, and credit an ongoing focus on daily writing for the increased success in this area," said Director Bourget.

The RDSB also maintained its results in Grade 3 math, ranking first among English-language school boards in the Northeast region. "We continue to focus on providing students with high fidelity math instruc-

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## Dr. Roy Jeffery receives the prestigious Ontario Parks Assoc. President's Award

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter

MANITOULIN ISLAND—Manitoulin Island's very own Dr. Roy Jeffery, who has worked as a family physician on Manitoulin Island for more than 40 years and has been a board member of Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) for more than 20 years, has been awarded the Ontario Parks Association (OPA) President's Award for 2023. He now serves as an EBC officer and director of Land Stewardship.

Dr. Jeffery and his wife Cathy have played a significant role in every land acquisition on Manitoulin Island. Dr. Jeffrey has created and cared for nearly every public hiking trail on the Island while also advocating for engaging traditional Indigenous stake-



Dr. Roy Jeffery

holders in the management and stewardship process to ensure Indigenous voices are elevated and their inherent rights protected.

The OPA is a registered charity founded in 1936 that offers hands-on education for persons working in the parks and open spaces sector, advocates for the importance of open spaces in all communities and celebrates the achievements of students, organizations and individuals for their contribution with annual awards recognitions programs.

"I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the OPA and its members for bestowing this incredible honor upon me," Dr. Jeffery in his acceptance speech. "First and foremost, I want to

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## Alana Endanawas re-elected as Sheshegwaning FN chief

by Tom Sasvari

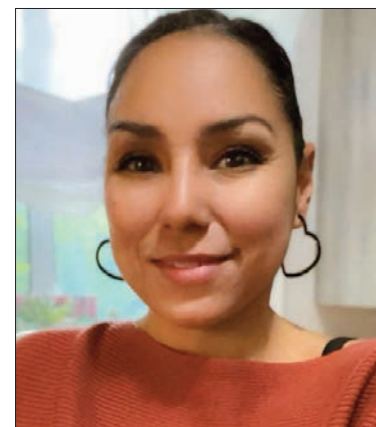
SHESEGWANING FIRST NATION—Alana Endanawas has been re-elected chief of Sheshegwaning First Nation.

Chief Endanawas said she was optimistic about the results as she had heard from a lot of supporters going into the election. "We can now continue the work that needs to be done. Two years was not long enough to get everything completed. There is still lots of work to be done."

"I am very excited to work with the newly elected council members," stated Chief Endanawas.

Chief Endanawas won the election decisively, receiving a total of 69 votes in the band chief and council elections held this past Saturday. Nicole Bush garnered a total of 38 votes in the election for chief with Dean J. Roy receiving a total of 28 votes.

Two new councillors were also elected. There was a total of 11 candidates in the running for the



Chief Alana Endanawas

four seats. One of the new councillors will be Ann Cada who received the most votes, 56, while there was a three-way tie for the other three seats on council. Those receiving 55 votes each included new councillor Angela McLeod and incumbent councillors Marie McLeod and Jennifer

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## Gore Bay reduces town speeds to 40 km per hour

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—Gore Bay council has given its support to pass a bylaw to reduce speed limits in town.

"It is all about public safety," Ron Lane, mayor of Gore Bay told The Expositor after a council meeting last week. "There is way too much speeding taking place in town, and it is not being enforced."

Council passed a motion to pass a bylaw that will see the speed lim-

its reduced throughout the town to 40 kilometres per hour unless otherwise posted. A public education campaign will be in place before the bylaw is implemented.

"We have already talked about this at the (public works) committee and council level," Mayor Lane told members of council at the meeting. "This will make it (lower speed limits) enforceable after we post the (speed limit) signage and put in place a public education campaign first."

Mayor Lane pointed out the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) has had a speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour in town in place for a number of years. "We felt it would be a good idea to reduce the speed limit in town before someone gets seriously hurt. I'm amazed there haven't been more accidents. It is crazy the speeds that some people drive in town. This is a step in the right direction."

Bylaw number 2023-30, being a by-law to authorize the corporation of the town of Gore Bay to reduce the speed limit in specific areas in the municipality, states, "Whereas section 128(2) of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter H.8, allows a council of a municipality to prescribe, by way of bylaw, a rate of speed different from the rate set out in subsection (1) that is not greater than 100 kilometres per hour for motor vehicles driven on a highway or portion of a highway under its jurisdiction."

"And whereas the council of the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay deems it necessary to reduce speed limits within town limits that are under our jurisdiction. Now, therefore the council of the

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## Naandwe Mikaan holds candlelight vigil for loved ones lost to overdose

*This week marks Addictions Awareness Week*

by Jacqueline St. Pierre, LJI Reporter

WIJKWEMIKOONG—The cold did not keep the community away on the star-filled night, lit by a bright waxing moon. A group of mourners gathered at the Wikwemikoong Healing Lodge to hold a candlelight vigil to kick off Addictions Awareness Week. The walk, led by matriarchs and grandmothers in ceremonial ribbon skirts and carrying a banner is part of a four-day ceremony to honour loved ones lost to the opioid crisis.

A traditional firekeeper lit the sacred fire at 11 am Sunday, and people continued to trickle in throughout the day. The sacred fire will remain lit for the traditional four days to help the spirits of the deceased cross over and will end on Wednesday, November 22.

Deaths spiked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and show no

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## CBC's Still Standing shines spotlight on M'Chigeeng FN

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—The antics of comedian Jonny Harris provided a delightful spoonful of sugar while delivering some sobering education on First Nation-settler interactions and history this past week as the long-awaited episode of 'Still Standing' took to the airwaves on CBC.

Mr. Harris described arriving at M'Chigeeng to discover a huge sign on the bluffs above the community, noting it was something he had only previously seen in Hollywood. "Who knew M'Chigeeng started with an 'M,'" he quipped.

The eighth episode of the popular CBC comedy show was filled with familiar faces as the camera panned across the audience or focused on some of the people who were interviewed for the show.

Former M'Chigeeng First Nation Chief Linda Debassige provided some historical background on her First Nation while travelling with Mr. Harris. Her dedication amazed the television host, who discovered that Ogimaa kwe Debassige had even attended an important meeting via Zoom while lying in a hospital bed and delivering her baby. "What was the meeting about?" he asked. "Town water," he was told. "No, let me guess, it broke," Mr. Harris quipped.

Other key community members interviewed included fellow television show host Neil Debassige of 'Fuel the Fire TV,' Beverly Roy and Wayne Trudeau of Kenjgawin Teg educational institute,

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# One Manitowaning Road

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## *editorial*

### *Hunting is not a sport in the North—it is a way of life*

There are those who decry the annual hunting season on Manitoulin Island, characterizing it as an inhuman blood sport geared solely on the boasting rights inherent in a big rack trophy on the rec room wall.

Each season, The Expositor finds itself in the sights of those who oppose hunting and being excoriated for covering, and even encouraging, the hunting and killing of God's gentle creatures. Usually, but not always, these folks are transplants to rural living—used to hunter-gathering their groceries at the local supermarket or through online delivery services.

Certainly, the boasting rights inherent in a successful hunt are part and parcel of the experience, but for many Islanders, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, the annual hunt is an opportunity to fill the larder with a healthy store of protein. There is a reason that hunting is a right enshrined in the treaty rights of First Nations and other Indigenous peoples—it is far more than just a "sport."

For Indigenous peoples, hunting is an integral part of the culture and lifestyle, one that non-Indigenous governments have long tried to suppress in an effort to separate the people from their traditional interactions with the land and to force those communities into a more settled and agrarian lifestyle. Much of the rationale for those efforts comes from the self-serving propaganda of colonial governments seeking to find land for incoming settlers—ignoring the fact that most Indigenous communities on Turtle Island were primarily agrarian in nature.

Corn, beans and squash are the "Three Sisters" that formed the cornerstone of Indigenous diets and, along with fishing and hunting, sustained Indigenous peoples for countless generations.

Hunting is also an important part of Northern Ontario culture for non-Indigenous peoples as well, albeit one that has faded somewhat as they have become ever more separated from the land and the source of their sustenance.

For both cultures, hunting is a rite of passage, where older genera-

tions bond with succeeding generations to reaffirm those weakening bonds with the land.

In a time when the eyes of our youth are increasingly focused on the small screens in the palm of their hands and less and less on the world around them, hunting and fishing provide opportunities to get out in the fresh air and communicate with those around them in a meaningful way.

While primarily a male-dominated activity, it is true, hunting is not limited to only those of the male gender. There are plenty of Island women who take to the hunting camp each season as well—and not just to cook!

For many Island landowners, particularly farmers whose constant struggles with a livelihood that depends upon the vagaries of the environment, the annual hunting season provides a welcome source of income that helps offset continually rising property taxes.

Finally, there is a certain hubris in our advanced Western societies that suggests that the technologies that sustain our otherwise unsustainable existence, with huge concentrations of our populations piled storey upon storey in urban centres that produce no food yet consume immense amounts of vegetable, meat and fish each and every day, will continue unabated. Hunting passes on survival skills that, should the unthinkable come to pass and humanity's seemingly growing insanity destroys the very technologies that sustain us, will once again come into their own.

Hunting in Northern Ontario is far more than "just a sport," it is an integral part of our joint heritage and provides an important connection to the land in a world where those connections are becoming more and more tenuous. It must be conducted in a manner that protects our natural resources for seven generations into the future and beyond, but it must remain protected as part of our Northern identity.

We may be Canadian, but when it comes to supporting hunting, we offer no apology. Sorry—not sorry!

## 'Avid Hunter' pursues his passion internationally

by Margery Frisch

MANITOULIN—It's that time of the year, when women all over North America become widows... of sorts. Their husbands abandon them for a week here, possibly a week there, and then longer if bow hunting and black powder are part of their repertoire. It's deer hunting season.

When given this assignment, my subject, or interviewee, was an obvious choice—I live with an avid hunter. I sit him down, which is itself a difficult feat. The avid hunter is a rather large Boy Scout and the packing and sorting, and re-packing starts early and continues 'till he's heading out the door.

Interviewer (I): So, when did you first begin to hunt?

Avid Hunter (AH): Sixty-nine years ago.

I: Wait, what? That's crazy. You're 75! Do you mean to say you began hunting at the age of six?

AH: Yes.

(He's a man of few words. His eyes roam the room, he makes notes of objects he still needs to pack.)

I: What were you hunting when you were six, and where were your parents?

AH: I hunted squirrels and rabbits with a BB gun. I didn't hunt with a rifle till I was older. I got my hunting licence when I was 12 and I hunted with a bow.

I: What did you hunt when you got your licence?

AH: Deer and pheasant. Pheasant in the Columbia Valley, in Washington State and deer on the Kettle River Range, with my dad and my brothers (he



Avid hunter Leon Frisch and his nephew Sean Frisch in eastern Washington State's Kettle Ridge Mountain Range.

has four brothers, three older). I hunted elk with my brother, Al, when I was in my first year of university, on the east side of the Rockies near Cle Elum, Washington, but just the one time.

(The Avid Hunter is originally from the State of Washington and has continued to join his brothers, but lately his

nephews, to hunt there.)

I: What are the differences between hunting out in Washington State and hunting here in Ontario?

AH: Well, fortunately, the dates don't conflict. Washington's hunt is in October. And there are significantly higher altitudes in Washington. You're going 3,000 to 7,000 feet above sea level in a day of

hunting. It's so quiet, meditative; you're looking for signs, stalking, watching the hillsides. Here in Ontario, you're either sitting in a blind or tree stand, waiting for the animals to come by, or you're dogging the bush, pushing the deer out, while your partner sits (freezing to death) in the tree stand. Both Washington and

Ontario have their appeal. The fun in hunting is being with people who like to hunt, sitting around the campfire and sharing experiences. For a lot of guys, of course, drinking is a big part of it too, but for me, now, it's the camaraderie.

I: When did you 'bag' your first deer? Is that how you say it? (I get a look.)

AH: When did I shoot my first deer? Not until I was hunting in Ontario, in South River, 1989.

(This is something I probably should have remembered. It must have been a huge deal at the time. We had been married 11 years by then. When I first met this wandering hippie, hunting was not a subject that had ever come up in conversation.)

I: What brings you back to the sport year after year?

AH: The joy of seeing and being able to observe deer up close, in their natural habitat.

I: What would you say makes a successful hunter?

AH: Years of experience passed down from the old to the young. I hunted with my father and brothers when I was old enough to carry a gun. Then our sons followed and took up hunting with me. Now our 12-year-old granddaughter is eager to take up the sport. The cycle continues.

*(When he's released from the chair, he's off and running, packing, repacking and reorganizing. And I sit down to plan my week of widowhood...which, as most women know, is not as bad as it sounds. Happy Hunting Week, everyone!)*

**letters**

**A brief and selective summary of the arguments to the Supreme Court of Canada in the Restoule case**

*Ontario calls on SCC to uphold minority interpretation in the Robinson Huron Treaties annuity case*

**To the Expositor:**

Ontario's appeal of the Restoule Court of Appeal decision was argued before a full panel of the Supreme Court of Canada on November 7 and 8, 2023. This writer was present in the courtroom.

Ontario was the only appellant. Canada supported the position of the treaty bands respondents, and even gave 10 minutes of its allotted argument time to them.

Ontario urged the Court to adopt the interpretation of the treaties made by the two-judge minority in the Court of Appeal. It argued that the treaties should be interpreted using the standard of correctness, that "context should not overwhelm the language of the treaties" and that "the language of the treaties doesn't support two separate annuities."

Ontario argued that there was no evidence before the Court that the treaty bands didn't understand the treaties.

Justice Jamal confirmed with Ontario's counsel that Ontario was relying on "treaty practice" (the uncontentious way the parties acted towards one another for 150 years after the treaties were signed, wherein there was no complaint about the annuity being only \$4 per year and it never being increased).

In answer to a question from the Court, Ontario conceded that during the 150-year treaty implementation period it should have engaged with the treaty bands over the issue of increasing the annual annuity, and surprisingly, conceded in answer to a question from Justice Jamal, that the annuity should have been increased at some point during this period. Ontario conceded that there was a "150-year failure to address augmentation," which Ontario admitted was a breach of the treaty.

It argued that the only remedy that the treaty bands should get from the Court for this breach was a Declaration to that effect, citing an earlier Supreme Court case as precedent. It argued that both the trial judge and the Court of Appeal "usurped the Crown's discretion" by ordering money damages to be awarded, which would be quantified by the trial judge in a Stage Three hearing. Ontario argued that the lower courts wrongly "quantified the exercise of the discretion." It argued that the Court should strike down both the money damages award and the order to conduct the Stage Three hearing, leaving only the Declaration.

Ontario argued that a Declaration of breach of the treaties in this regard would "engage the Honour of the Crown" which would be followed by "nation to nation" negotiations, which, if engaged in dishonourably, could be subject to judicial review. It argued that a Declaration would guarantee an honourable process, but, not any particular result, because Ontario had to consider many factors in relation to its governance of the province and to its allocation of resources in doing that. Thus, Ontario had to regain ultimate discretion.

Justice Jamal compared the Declaration-only remedy sought by Ontario to a general mandamus order, which would be akin to the Court ordering: "Choose, but we won't tell you how to choose." He also referred inferentially to Ontario's polycentric governance obligations.

It appeared to be conceded by

Ontario counsel that treaties, being constitutional, federal and sui generis in nature, were likely not subject to Ontario limitations legislation. Notwithstanding that, as he argued: "If you push yourself down the road to damages and other equitable remedies, expect a limitations argument."

Justice O'Bonsawin, Canada's first Indigenous Supreme Court Justice, questioned whether the treaty bands would have enough of a guarantee if Ontario's position that a Declaration was the only proper remedy was accepted by the Court.

Justice Moreau, the new Jus-

nation" relationship, which counsel answered in the affirmative.

Justice Martin, in response to counsel's submission that the purpose of the treaty was to "share the wealth", asked, "where does the word "fair" (share) come from?" Counsel responded that concept was consistent with "the Anishnaabe way."

The second treaty bands' counsel submitted that if the court cannot award money damages, then this "will send the wrong message."

Justice Rowe said: "We must be judges. We can't intuit."

Shortly thereafter Justice

no "wealth" to "share." He referred to the Stage Three evidence of Noble Prize-winner Joseph Stieglitz quantifying the treaty bands' claim at \$126.2 billion. Again, a Justice asked: "Can a judge assess this?" Counsel answered in the affirmative.

Justice Rowe then sharply said that to properly assess the claim, "There has to be a methodology. I don't care what your Nobel Prize winner says. You have to have a methodology."

Justice Kazakatsanis expressed concern that "Stage Three is not before us."

Counsel criticized the fact that



The Supreme Court of Canada building in Ottawa is one of the iconic edifices in our nation's capital. As the highest court in the land, the Supreme Court hears cases of great national importance. Recently, the Supreme Court of Canada heard arguments in the Province of Ontario's appeal of a lower court decision on future annuity payments stemming from the Robinson Huron Treaty.

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tice from Saskatchewan just sworn in the day before, queried whether a Declaration would need to be "tooled up" in order to give it a more mandatory nature.

The Court was told that the Huron treaty bands had settled the case with Ontario and Canada, for past damages only, for \$10 billion. It was told that the Superior or treaty bands had not settled their claim for past damages and, at the Stage three hearing, had quantified this claim at \$126.2 billion.

After Ontario concluded its submissions, it was the turn of counsel for the treaty bands and the First Nation intervenors.

The first counsel for the treaty bands re-stated the trial judge's findings of fact and law in their favour and the favourable rulings of the majority of the Court of Appeal. He urged the court to show deference to the trial judge's findings of fact and to uphold her findings of law and those of the Court of Appeal majority.

He argued that Ontario should not have "unilateral discretion" with respect to when treaty annuity augmentation negotiations would take place and with respect to how much the annuity augmentation should be.

The first question from the Bench to treaty bands' counsel came at about 20 minutes into his presentation. (Ontario counsel had started getting peppered with questions from the Bench within the first minute of his presentation.)

Justice Cote asked counsel to confirm that his presentation was based on there being a "nation to

Jamal, referring to the Huron bands negotiation of a \$10 billion settlement and then referring to the \$126.2 billion being claimed by the Superior bands, asked: "How is a Court to determine the correct number? It is difficult for any judge."

Justice Jamal then added that the \$10 billion settlement with the Huron bands was "a good example of negotiation. The Crown didn't ask the court to do that work."

Justice Rowe challenged the manner in which this counsel characterized Ontario's main argument. He said: "You are raising a straw man argument and misrepresenting Ontario's position by saying it is basically "we can pay you nothing." That's not Ontario's position! Ontario takes its responsibility solemnly."

It seemed to become common ground in the exchanges between counsel and the Court that there is no fiduciary obligation per se with respect to treaty practice. Rather, such an obligation, if it ever existed, should, for future clarity, be replaced with the duty to implement treaties honourably. Counsel conceded; "We don't need fiduciary obligation."

Justice Rowe said: "With a fiduciary duty you're not mindful of your own interests. A duty to implement honourably is different. The Crown can meet its own interests as well."

The third treaty bands' counsel to make submissions said that "Ontario's Honour of the Crown is a sorry sight." He criticized Ontario's argument in the Stage Three hearing that Ontario had suffered a loss and that there was

earlier Southern Ontario treaties stipulated a \$10 annuity, but the Robinson treaties only stipulated a \$4 annuity, to which Justice O'Bonsawin responded: "If we're not going to get \$10, only \$4, we want something else. Isn't that what you're saying?" Counsel answered in the affirmative.

In response to counsel listing errors allegedly made by the minority judges of the Court of Appeal Justice Rowe said: "The jurisprudence is irreconcilable. Our job is to bring clarity to the law. The Honour of the Crown does it all. The Honour of the Crown gets around equitable remedies and limitations problems."

Counsel for Canada was next.

She submitted that a Declaration should not be the only kind of relief available. She said in effect that declaratory relief is usual but not exclusive. She said that where a treaty makes a money promise it makes sense to permit a money remedy.

Justice Jamal asked her: "At this stage is awarding money not premature? The court needs a proper context in which to award money."

Justice Rowe said: "With declaratory relief the parties come to understand. It doesn't say, "you pay". It says: "Here's how to act to relate to one another. Only after a Declaration, if the parties fail to proceed honourably, then claim money. For Ontario, once the situation is clarified "go ye forth."

The court adjourned until the next morning.

The Attorney General of New

Brunswick was the only Intervenor on behalf of Ontario. Starting off the second day of argument, New Brunswick counsel argued that in the absence of special circumstances where a Declaration would be meaningless and specific relief the only remedy, such as in a "flood situation or where a previous Declaration had not been followed," a Declaration was the only proper remedy. He argued that there were no such special circumstances here and that for reconciliation, negotiations are better than going to court.

There followed five-minute Zoom submissions from counsel for numerous First Nations bands and associations across the country, all in support of the treaty band respondents and their argument that a money damages award was appropriate and necessary and that the trial judge could quantify it.

One counsel argued that Ontario shouldn't be able to "hide behind" a Declaration and that Ontario has an "impoverished view" of the Honour of the Crown and that a money award "is required to restore it."

Justice Rowe responded, saying: "Ontario didn't necessarily know what the treaty said."

Another counsel argued that "it is an error to presume that the written document is the treaty," an assertion which Justice Jamal questioned.

Another lawyer called Ontario a "repeat offender, a recidivist" whose conduct was characterized by "173 years of gracelessness."

At this point Chief Justice Wagner made one of his only comments during all of the arguments: "Intervenors should not speak on the merits of the case."

Counsel for one Prairie band Intervenor submitted that in its decision the Supreme Court should find that there is an "implied obligation" to augment treaty annuities. (The Prairie treaties do not contain an augmentation clause.)

Another Prairie bands' counsel similarly argued that the Prairie treaties annuities have "failed to keep pace" and are now "substantially devalued" promises. He said that there is a need for "a framework for addressing the Crown's longstanding failure to address (increasing benefits)." He also argued that the written treaties do not comprise the whole agreement between the parties.

Counsel for another Intervenor argued that there was a need for a "contextual interpretation" of all treaties, that the Crowns' post-treaty conduct has been "authoritarian," that the Crown-Indigenous relationship shifted from "equal nation to nation to authoritarian" and that the Crowns had "subjugated First Nations."

Another Intervenor counsel argued that there was "an overreliance on treaty text," and that "treaty text is not more important than any other evidence."

Justice Jamal, citing former Chief Justice McLachlin, said in effect that the treaty text is the most important factor.

At the conclusion of the submissions the Court announced that it was reserving its decision, which it said would be rendered in due course.

**Peter Best  
retired lawyer  
and Espanola native**

### Manitoulin OPP lay 74th impaired driving charge this year

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has laid 74 impaired driving charges since January 1.

On November 11, shortly before 4 am, the Manitoulin OPP responded to a traffic complaint of a vehicle failing to maintain its lane, on Highway 17 in Sudbury.

Police were able to locate the vehicle and determine that the driver had been consuming alcoholic beverages. The driver was arrested for impaired driving and transported back to the OPP detachment for further tests.

As a result of the investigation, Dawson Sakki, 20, from Nairn-Hyman township has been arrested and charged with operation while impaired-alcohol and drugs, and operation while impaired-blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on December 4.

The driver was issued a 90-administrative driver's licence suspension, and the vehicle was impounded for seven days.

### OPP RIDE programs have resulted in a wide range of charges

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted 250 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) programs between May 1-November 10. These proactive police efforts have resulted in a wide range of drug and driving charges.

The OPP's Festive Ride campaign began November 16 and runs until January 1, 2024.

The OPP reported that on



# Law & Order

September 26, a vehicle was stopped at a RIDE check on Centre Street in Espanola. Police detected an odour of cannabis coming from the vehicle and four people were arrested. A search of the vehicle resulted in police locating over two hundred grams of suspected cocaine with an estimated street value of approximately \$39,500.

On October 5, a vehicle was stopped at RIDE again being held on Centre Street in Espanola. It was determined the driver was wanted. The driver was arrested and a search of the vehicle led to the seizure of over 870 grams of suspected fentanyl and over 95 grams of suspected cocaine. The estimated street value of the drugs seized is approximately \$364,000.

Manitoulin OPP RIDE programs also resulted in six drivers being issued three-day driving suspensions, five drivers charged for driving while suspended, five individuals found breaching conditions, three individuals arrested for impaired driving, three individuals arrested for outstanding warrants, one individual charged with driving disqualified after a criminal code conviction, and two unsafe motor vehicles taken off the road.

Impaired driving is one of the leading causes of death on Ontario roads.

"People who choose to drive under the influence of alcohol and drugs put everyone around them at risk. Finding and stopping these drivers is an all-out community effort. Police use RIDE programs as a

proactive tool to reduce impaired driving, but the results in the Manitoulin OPP detachment area show the immeasurable positive effects these programs have. They are undoubtedly helping to prevent further victimization property crime, violent crime, and overdoses within our communities," said Manitoulin OPP Inspector Robert Walsh.

Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on driving or consuming drugs, plan not to drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver or take a taxi. If you observe a suspected impaired driver, please call 9-1-1 immediately and report it.

### UCCM police investigate aggravated assault in M'Chigeeng

On November 15 at approximately 2:30 am, officers with the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service were called to a disturbance at a residence on Pine Street within M'Chigeeng First Nation.

Upon arrival, members of the UCCM police and Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) discovered a male victim that had been severely assaulted and sustained serious head trauma. The victim was transported to Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) by ambulance, then later air lifted to Health Sciences North (HSN) in Sudbury to be treated for his injuries.

Police currently have two adults under arrest with

respect to this incident. Members of the UCCM Police Crime Unit, Patrol Unit, and members of the OPP Crime Unit are continuing to investigate the incident. There will be a heavy police presence around Pinewood Park in M'Chigeeng as the investigation continues.

Anyone with additional facts on this investigation are asked to contact the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service at 1-888-377-7135, or the Ontario Provincial Police Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122. If you would like to remain anonymous, tips can also be directed to Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Online tips can also be submitted by going to the Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers website.

### Four people charged with drug and weapons related offences

The OPP has charged

four people with drug and weapons related offences after a search warrant was executed in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory (WUT).

On November 15, shortly before 5 pm, the OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) with the assistance of members of the Manitoulin OPP, Manitoulin Crime Unit, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) and UCCM Police executed a search warrant at a residence on Peltier's Trail.

Police arrested six people at the residence and located over 126 grams of suspected cocaine, over 66 grams of suspected crack cocaine and over 14 grams of suspected fentanyl with a combined street value of over \$26,500. Police also located a loaded handgun, digital scale, packaging material and over \$5,000 in Canadian currency.

Two people arrested were released from police custody unconditionally.

As a result of the investigation, four people were charged.

Nancy-Mae Osawamick-Shigwadja, 46, from WUT, Tiffany Shigwadja, 26, from WUT, Wayne Wemigwans, 53,

from WUT and Ryan Stewartson, 23, from Ajax have all been charged with: possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking; opioid (other than heroin); two counts of possession of a schedule one substance for the purpose of trafficking cocaine; possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000; careless storage of a firearm; unauthorized possession of prohibited firearm; knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm; possession of loaded prohibited firearm; tampering with serial number of a firearm; possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose; and possession of a firearm obtained by crime. Mr. Wemigwans was also charged with possession of a firearm contrary to a prohibition order. Mr. Stewartson was also charged with two counts of failure to comply with a release order, other than to attend court.

The accused persons were held in custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Sudbury on November 22.

### Honouring service



Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) boardvice-president Lawrence Enosse and Acting Chief Jason Spooner presented Acting Staff Sergeant Chris Wesley with a recognition plaque. Acting Staff Sergeant Wesley was seconded to WTPS as the Operations Manager in March, 2023 and will be returning to the Ontario Provincial Police in December. Acting Staff Sergeant Wesley was commended for his leadership, dedication and commitment to the Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory community.

## Friends and Neighbours

### Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

This is the season! No, not Christmas - deer hunting season! We at Team Fergmeijer have nothing against hunting but given that it involves being up before the crack of dawn, sitting in the cold and wet for long periods of time, having to stay very still and the most difficult of all, having to stay quiet... well. We've decided it just isn't for us. We don't even know that much about deer other than a few key facts. One, the side that you get the best meat from is the inside. Two, the number one cause of car accidents on the Island is deer (which is crazy since they don't even drive!). And three, if you shoot a deer with no antlers that was acting strangely, don't eat it without cooking it well (everyone knows it's dangerous to eat raw kookie doe).

We want to send out an enthusiastic and merry 'thank you' to the organizers and volunteers who made this year's Christmas in Kagawong so much fun! The museum and the Anglican church had yummy fundraising goodies and it is always fantastic to see the local vendors.

Shhhhhh... the Billings Library Silent Auction is about to begin! Bidding starts at 9 am tomorrow (Thursday, November 23) and final bids must be in by 6 pm on Sunday, November 26. Be sure to join the auction Facebook group (FB.com/groups/libraryauction) to check out the items and bid. But don't worry about being too silent, you can always mute your microphone before celebrating an auction win with a mighty "Hoorah!" All proceeds go toward funding our town library.

We are sending out happy 29th birthday wishes to Dwyne C, Mel C and Nora U. Don't worry if you get tired trying to count out all those candles for your cake. You can always just relight them a couple of times and make a couple of wishes.

Warm up those vocal cords and gather some friends for a skit, the annual Kagawong Community Christmas Concert is just around the corner! This (in)famous community event will be held on Saturday, December 2 at the Park Cen-

tre. We are looking for acts to fill the ranks and have a VERY flexible definition of talent: skits, songs, recitations, jokes, juggling, sword swallowing... we are keen to see it all! Contact fergmeijer@gmail.com if you would like to take part.

Citizens with property on the water system are invited to a special council meeting on Tuesday, December 12 to discuss the upgrades that were recently completed on Old Mill Road. The meeting will discuss cost recovery options for the work done including consideration of a Capital Cost Recovery By-Law under the fees and charges provisions of the Municipal Act. The meeting is at the Park Centre and will begin at 7 pm. Delegations wishing to speak at the meeting must contact the town clerk for a delegation request form (edance@billingstwp.ca). The form must be returned to the office by Wednesday, December 6 in order to be placed on the agenda. Written comments and opinions must also be submitted to the clerk by the December 6 deadline to be placed on the agenda. The meeting will also be live streamed over Zoom. Contact the town office for details.

Now that the leaves are down off the trees, things are looking anything but green. So be sure to get your green fix from the Climate Action Committee's blog! There's a new post up with the results of the composting survey done this past summer. Check out <https://billingscac.blogspot.com/> for more information.

The township's strategic plan resident survey is live! You have until Sunday, November 26 to have your say. Access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RGBN-WBP>

You'll never guess who we bumped into when we went to get our glasses fixed. Everyone. Have a great week!

### Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, November 10, we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay.

Friday evening, Clarke Duncanson his wife Heather and

sons Ethan and Aiden all arrived to spend the weekend with his parents, Murray and Gladys.

Saturday morning, a group went to the Silver Water Community Hall to set up the tables for the Remembrance Day potluck supper. At 5 pm, Lorna Cambria presented a short service with help from Doug Wismer, Wayne Bailey, Tom Rumley and others. Attendance was good and over \$400 was raised for the Angel Bus.

On Monday, November 13 was a busy day. Early in the morning, GFL collected the garbage. The recycle bins were open from 1 to 2 pm. Quite a few ladies travelled to Meldrum Bay for the baby shower that Diane Jones put on for her soon to arrive grandson. After the baby shower, the fire team and their spouses went to Stop 540 for supper. Sara and her crew put on a wonderful meal for us.

Murray and Gladys Duncanson went to Sudbury on Monday for her appointment.

Tuesday, John Jagt and his dog Bert left Silver Water to move to southern Ontario. The new owners have already arrived and moved in.

On Tuesday, Irene Duncanson her son Glenn and daughter-in-law Robin travelled to Kingston for the convocation of her granddaughter, Grace. They arrived home late Wednesday.

Wednesday, Albert Meijer finished turning four bushels of apples into applesauce.

Thursday evening, there were five tables of euchre players. Ken Reiss is in Meldrum Bay for a month for hunting. He now lives in Africa, and it was nice to hear some stories. We also had TJ Murray and his friends, Nathan, Mike and Gerald out to play. They are here for hunting.

There are starting to be reports of COVID cases locally. Paul McCallum arrived for hunting season with a large quantity of rutabagas. DonnaKay McDonald spent several hours delivering one to every household.

The Local Services Board is holding its budget meeting on Wednesday, November 29 at 7 pm at the Silver Water Community Hall.

Get well to Charlie Turner.

## ...prestigious Ontario Parks President's Award

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acknowledge the incredible team of individuals from the EBC who have supported me throughout my journey in the field of parks and conservation. The EBC board, chair, directors and staff, past and present, without your unwavering dedication, hard work and passion, none of what we have achieved together would have been possible. This award is a testament to our collective efforts to preserve and protect Ontario's natural beauty and heritage."

"I also extend my deepest gratitude to the Indigenous peoples whose ancestral lands have provided the foundation for many of the preserves and parks we cherish today," Dr. Jeffery continued. "We recognize and honor the enduring connection they have with these lands, their rich cultural heritage, and the traditional knowledge they have generously shared with us. Our work in parks and conser-

vation is built upon their wisdom and we must continue to engage in meaningful partnerships and reconciliation efforts such as those we enjoy with the Niagara Escarpment Biosphere Network."

"Ontario is blessed with an abundance of natural wonders, from pristine lakes and forests to breathtaking trails and diverse wildlife," he added. "Our responsibility as stewards of these precious resources is paramount. This award serves as a reminder of the essential work we do in ensuring that these treasures are preserved for future generations to enjoy."

Dr. Jeffery's vision for the future is collaborative, promoting conservation, accessibility, inclusivity and reconciliation to make community open spaces "a source of inspiration, education and healing for all."

## ... schools have best EQAO results in Northeast

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tion, supported by the work of our consultants, coaches and coordinators in all grade levels."

In Grade 6 reading, the board is closely aligned with the provincial results. Students continue to receive responsive, tiered supports to make them more confident readers.

Unlike the Grade 3 results, there was a decrease in Grade 4 to 6 writing (from 83 percent in 2021-2022 to 79 percent in 2022-2023). "Dedicated time for reading and writing daily will ensure ongoing improvement in this area," said Director Bourget. "We anticipate growth as we implement strategies to strengthen literacy programming in the junior grades."

The most notable increase at the Grade 4-6 level was in math (41 percent from 36 percent). "We are pleased that our work in mathematics is resulting in an upward trajectory, and we are continuing to build on these efforts," said Director Bourget.

In Grade 9 math, there is only two years of data since the implementation of the destreamed curriculum. Year-over-year results showed improvement, with RDSB ranking second in the Northeast Region. "With School Math Action Plans and math coaches to support the implementation of best practices, we are planning and working diligently to see continued growth in student achievement," said Director Bourget.

There was a small decline in the number of eligible Grade 10 students who passed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). The board will continue to identify the learning needs of students through assessments and provide intervention strategies for Grades 7 to 9.

EQAO results provide a measure of how well students understand the expectations outlined in The Ontario Curriculum. Student assessment is most effective when data is interpreted in context, examined over time to determine trends in performance, and used to inform professional dialogue and school improvement planning.

"We recognize that there is more work to be done and we are being very purposeful in our work. We invite parents/guardians, our partners in education, to support student success at home," continued Director Bourget. "Reading to children and having them read to you helps students become better readers and writers. Engaging in activities that involve adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing helps students become better mathematicians. These are not only important skills for learning, but they are also important skills for living."

Primary and junior reading, writing and mathematics tests were written in late May and early June. Just over 900 students participated in the primary assessment and the junior assessment. Very few students were exempt from the assessments. The Grade 9 math assessments were completed in January (semester one) and June (semester two). A total of 939 students participated in the Grade 9 math assessments.

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) was written in the fall of 2022 and spring of 2023. A total of 938 first time eligible Grade 10 students wrote the OSSLT.

The Ministry of Education has set level 3 as the provincial standard. Students in level 4 have demonstrated a very high to outstanding level of achievement (80 percent to 100 percent). Achievement is above the provincial standard. Students in level 3 have demonstrated a high level of achievement (70-79 percent).

## ...Still Standing shines spotlight on M'Chigeeng

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artist/welder Kathryn Corbiere and Tiffany Debassige and Daisey Hayward of Rainbow Ringers.

Each segment of the show was filled with Mr. Harris' trademark self-effacing humour as he learned more about the community he was visiting. Mr. Harris' final poetic assessment of the community referenced the unfortunate issues of the past, but focused on the positive elements of the community and its hope for the future.

If you missed the show when it aired, you can still view the program by setting up a free account and logging onto CBC Gem at CBC.ca.



Debbie Debassige was the local fixer for the CBC program.

## ...candlelight vigil for loved ones lost to overdose

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signs of letting up.

"I can't believe how many people we are losing. It's been happening for a few years, but I'm still shocked how many people, in such a small community," the firekeeper said.

While the reason for the gathering was solemn, the energy was a celebration of life. People gathered around the fire in the circular lodge, warming themselves, sharing hot soup, teachings, and even some laughs. Everyone who came was welcomed into the healing lodge.

"This (overdose crisis) is a spiritual sickness that comes from loss of culture. We have to lift ourselves up. The solution can't come from the outside; it has to come from our spirituality," one ceremony goer said.

Since 2017, there has been a rise in opioid-related poisonings among First Nations communities, pri-

marily attributed to the escalating prevalence of fentanyl within the unmonitored drug distribution. First Nations individuals notably face disproportionate representation in opioid-related fatalities, experiencing a mortality rate approximately four times greater than their non-Indigenous counterparts.

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# ...St. Joseph's lays out plans for new 64-bed nursing home in Gore Bay

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 fon Allen of Jarlette Health Services were all in attendance.

"We would like to tell you about our organization, and there will be an opportuni-

ty to ask questions and voice concerns," said Ms. Gervais. "We are still early on in the planning stage for this project."

Ms. Gervais said St. Joseph's has two 128 bed

LTC homes in Sudbury, one across from Laurentian University and the other, St. Gabriels in Chelmsford. She said, "The town reached out to us and we are going to do what we can

to keep long term care in the community."

Along with the two LTC homes in Sudbury/Chelmsford, "we have two community access rehab centres. And now we are looking at opening up a 64 bed LTC facility here in Gore Bay," said Ms. Gervais. "Our mission is to meet the needs of the community."

While the plans are for an original build of 64 beds, this could be expanded to 96 beds as and when needed, the meeting was told.

Mr. Belanger said, "It's a very exciting, unique site that the new LTC nursing

bed wing has its own dining room that can be made bigger with a retractable wall in the middle.

There will be a large deck on the outside of the building, and there will be a series of fully accessible walking trails around the property, said Mr. Belanger.

When asked by one visitor at the meeting how much the estimated cost of the 50,000 square foot building is Ms. Gervais told the meeting, "We are not at that stage yet."

Each of the two wings will have its own activity and therapy room and nurses' station.

on November 30, and if approved, it would go to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC). If approval is given, then a preliminary plan would be put in place. "At that point we will be looking for volunteers, stakeholder groups, residents and families for feedback on the proposed designs so the plan envisions what everyone wants. We will be asking for feedback."

It was pointed out the MOHLTC receives hundreds of applications for new homes to look at each year.



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Louis Belanger of Belanger Salach Architecture walks those in attendance through the plans for a new 64-bed long-term care nursing home in Gore Bay, tentatively scheduled to open in 2026.

home will be located on." It will be one storey, and the majority of the bedrooms will have the views over the bluffs to the lake. "I had previous knowledge of the site," he said. "I am wonderfully excited by the site; the view is so powerful and we want to maximize it for all the residents."

With access off Armstrong Street, the building will include two wings with 32 beds in each wing. It will adopt a small house design by dividing the 32 beds into 12- and eight-bed 'neighbourhoods.'

Visitors to the nursing home will come to a main entrance with a big lobby that can accommodate about 80 people, and a chapel off it, then the administration and support services area, dining room and nursing station. Each wing has a lounge area at each end. Each 32-

Phyllis Cacciotti, a volunteer at the Manitoulin Lodge asked about storage that would be readily accessible.

Each of the wings has a central supply area, said Mr. Belanger, who added, "we understand and know the challenges there is with storage space." He explained each of the dining areas in both wings has an open serving area, much larger than the dining room at the Manitoulin Lodge.

If the additional 32-bed wing is added on to the building in the future it would be connected off the proposed main area.

As for any locked areas for residents in the proposed build, Ms. Gervais said, "Not at this point."

Ms. Gervais explained the application process is two-step. The proposal will be presented to the St. Joseph's board of directors

"So, no decision as to when there would be shovels in the ground?" asked Diane Robbins.

"We have had discussions with the MOHLTC and they consistently say that we should get our application in as quickly as possible," said Ms. Gervais. "For sure, St. Joseph's will be involved. The ministry has been very encouraging on this. We don't have a formal motion yet, but our board has been very supportive as well."

As for the current staff at Manitoulin Lodge Ms. Gervais said, "they will continue in the new nursing home. That is the goal, the supportive team on site now with Jarlette will not change. So, the faces the residents see every day will be the faces they see when the new long term care facility opens."

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...continued from page 1 politically entrenched, and it has created confusion, divisiveness; it continues to damage the potential for meaningful relations."

Other guest speakers included Honourable Jessica Wolfe, Ontario Court of Justice Gore Bay, and His Worship Eli Fox, Justice of the Peace Kitchener, from M'Chigeeng. The event was emceed by Marti Shawanda Pitawanakwat of Whitefish First Nation, who was recognized for providing positive energy and encouragement through the sometimes heavy panel discussions.

Jessica Wolfe spent many years in the Gladue Court at Old City Hall as a federal crown and duty counsel, respectively. She has also contributed to the Supreme Court Law Review: Osgoode's Annual Constitutional Cases Conference in 2022, with a collaborative article written with Emily Hill of the Aboriginal Legal Services.

"Meaningful change would mean returning justice issues, including corrections, to the capable, willing hands of Indigenous Peoples, a recommendation articulated—and many times repeated—since the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. This includes the inherent right of Indigenous Nations to establish and administer their own systems of justice pursuant to their inherent right of self-government, including the power to make and enforce laws within their territory." - Ewert vs. Canada: Shining Light on Corrections and Indigenous People.

His Worship Justice Eli Fox of M'Chigeeng studied police foundations at Sault College and law and justice at Algoma University before embarking on a career in community development. He is a former member of the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (now the UCCMM), where he directed the program Zoongaabwe-od Eshniiig-jik, which focused on prevention strategies designed for youth involved in the court

system and rooted in Traditional Anishinabek values based on the Medicine Wheel and the Seven Grandfather Teachings. He was also a program worker for the Indigenous Bail Verification and Supervision Program for the First Nations across Manitoulin Island. Most recently, he was appointed as Justice of the Peace in December of 2022.

The overarching themes of the conference were the disparities between colonial government policies and Indigenous worldview, the shift in substances available over the last decade from alcohol to the concerning opioid-laced street drugs and harm reduction practices, as well as strengthening safe networks at the community level for at-risk persons.

Michael Aelick, the after-care program coordinator for Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Youth Mental Health and Addiction Program, noted that "land-based recovery programs translate directly to restorative justice, as the land allows us to connect with ourselves, by giving our grief back to nature."

Candice Jacko, BSW, MSW and RSW of Aanse Bimaadziwin (Making changes to Live a Good Life in Anishinaabemowin), was also a panel member who described herself as a third generation survivor of the Indian Residential School Program. She and her parents both have attended Indian Day Schools. She says her gifts for working with her people

come primarily from lived experience.

She attributes a lot of her healing to a ceremony she attended in her early twenties at the invitation of her aunt, saying that she experienced "the equivalent of five years of (mainstream) counselling because it went right to the root of where that trauma was coming from...it took that ceremony to understand that my ancestors came in to retrieve that anger and they said 'we come to take what does not belong to you so you do not have to carry it anymore.'"

"When it comes to education, that was a whole other thing. When I first started, I went into psychology. Two years in, I started arguing a lot with professors. I met with a professor one time. I worked really hard on this paper and he gave me a C-, which in university is a failing grade. So, I met with him and asked, 'I worked so hard on this. I don't understand why did you gave me such a bad grade?' And he goes, 'You missed the whole point.' So that's when I understood: 'You want me to see things how you want me to see them. You're not appreciating my worldview and how I see things.'"

The conference put into clear vision the need for a path to reconciliation that discards punitive measures and centers on Indigenous voices and worldviews regarding their community members trying to navigate the justice system and other institutions.

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# Gordon/Barrie Island team ‘The Gordon Barries’ taking part in Movember Campaign

by Tom Sasvari  
GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND—“The Gordon Barries” team is taking part in the annual ‘Movember’ world-wide campaign to raise money for prostate and testicular cancer research.

“All the township staff members here at Gordon/Barrie Island are fully invested in growing our moustaches for Movember. Yes, all, even the women will be taking part,” said Peter Higgins, team captain for “The Gordon



Team Gordon Barries are, left, Logan Veenstra, Peter Higgins, Tim Thibault, Chris Meloche and Wayne Fogal.

Barries.’  
“Every one of the township municipal staff is in play,” said Mr. Higgins, who is the administrative assistant and community emergency management coordinator (CEMC).

Mr. Higgins explained, “I’ve started to read more about Movember. I have to admit, I didn’t know how big and fantastic it is. Movember has been around

for the past 20 years. A couple of guys in Melbourne, Australia were drinking a pint of beer and talking about how moustaches seemed to be out of style. They wanted to see if there was a way to give people an excuse to grow a moustache.”

“We have raised \$100 and have been endeavouring all month to raise even more funds,” continued Mr. Hig-

gins. “The funds raised go towards prostate and testicular cancer.”

If members of the community are interested in donating toward ‘The Gordon Barries’ fundraiser go to the following link: <https://ca.movember.com/donate/find/results>. Type in ‘Gordon Barries’ to donate to the Gordon/Barrie Island team.



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George Couchie was one of the keynote speakers at the event.

### ...wellness gathering

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training. Mr. Gould considers himself to be an elder-in-training. "I have my pipes," he said, "I have my regalia, I have my bundle, my bundle travels with me everywhere. The importance of staying clean and sober. There are three things that are important: your mind, your body and your spirit."

Both men's messages were important and though seemingly different, they were basically the same: be the change, be the positive ripple that effects the whole community. Embrace the traditions and the culture with a grateful heart, always with a grateful heart.

Following Mr. Gould's morning talk, Craig Abotossaway, executive director of Mnaamodzawin Health Services, and Anishinabe Knowledge Keeper, addressed the group in the afternoon. Mr. Abotossaway spoke of bundle carriers, their history within Indigenous societies and how to bring a modern understanding of these ancient health practices into the culture today. Derek Debassige brought the two-day gathering to a close discussing chronic disease management in Indigenous health. There was a lot to take in at this gathering, the first of its kind in this area. Those in attendance felt it was time well spent and were glad they had come.

Greg Brown, resolution health support worker at Noojmowin Teg organized the event and, though he would have liked to see more than the 20 participants take part, he felt it was a good beginning.

"It will be as it needs to be," Will Morin said, with a sage nod. "Those who needed to hear it, are here," George Couchie added.

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health.management@sheguiandahfn.ca

**coming events**  
**Save the Date** - come out and support the annual Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary bake sale on Friday, November 24 and Saturday, November 25 starting at 10 am in the Turners Store in Little Current during Ladies' Days. Baking donations are always welcomed.  
**24-28c**

**The Little Shoppe** Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.  
**26-30p**

**Sunday, December 3** at St. Paul's Anglican church on Sprague Street, Manitowaning invites you to a pre-Christmas gathering at 1:30 pm. Please bring your favourite potluck sweet or savory dish to share. Following the food and fellowship will be a service of Christmas lessons and carols. Everyone welcome. For more information call 705-859-3041 or 705-859-1212. Hope to see you there, Sunday, December 3 at 1:30 pm.  
**26-28p**

**coming events**  
**Lyons Memorial United Church** in Gore Bay is holding a Winter Christmas Rummage Sale on Friday, November 24 from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday, November 25 from 9 to 12 noon. This sale will be about wintery and Christmas things. Donations will be gratefully accepted between 9 am and 12 noon from Monday to Wednesday during the week of the sale. Thank you. Proceeds go toward our Community Outreach Programs. We hope you can drop by for some seasonal shopping. We look forward to seeing you at the sale!  
**26-27p**

**Concert** by the Manitoulin Community Choir at 7:30 pm Friday, November 24 at the Kagawong Park Centre; Sunday, November 26 at 2:30 pm at the Spring Bay Church. Admission \$10 each or \$25 per family.  
**26-27c**

**12th annual Christmas** in Tehkummah, at the Tehkummah Hall on Saturday, December 2 from 10 am to 2 pm. Lots of vendors, come shop, enjoy music, lunch and socializing. Sponsored by Tehkummah Township Public Library.  
**27-28c**

**coming events**  
You are cordially invited to have have breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturday, December 2 from 9 to 10:30 am at the Little Current United Church Hall. \$5 per person. Parents and children come and enjoy a morning with the Claus family that will always be remembered. Breakfast menu: juice, fruit, sausage and pancakes with maple syrup. There will be a surprise gift from Santa for each child. Bring your camera to take you own pictures. We hope to see you there! Love, Santa and Mrs. Claus.  
**26-28p**

**Annual Cookie Walk** at All Saints Anglican Church in Gore Bay on Saturday, December 2 from 10 am to 3 pm. A wide selection of your favourite cookies to choose from and in time for Christmas. All proceeds for outreach programs locally and internationally.  
**26-28p**

**Come one, come all** to the Little Current United Church Hall on Friday, November 24 from 7 to 9 pm to enjoy George Williamson and colleagues for a night of entertainment. Donation towards Manitoulin Family Resources food bank appreciated.  
**27p**

**coming events**  
**Pray for peace.** The Little Current United Church will be open for your convenience on November 22 from 10 am to 8 pm. This time is set aside for you to come to the sanctuary and spend time of silent reflection and prayer for those in the distressful situations we hear about around the world. Everyone is welcome.  
**27p**

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**17tfn**

**Chi-Cheemaun Supplement.** In 1999, the Manitoulin West Recorder published a 25th anniversary supplement about the MS Chi-Cheemaun. If you have a copy, we would like to borrow it and make a copy. Please contact services@manitoulin.com or call Debbie, 705-368-2744.  
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**Tfn**

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# Death Notices

## DOUGLAS GEORGE HEIS January 10, 1938 - November 10, 2023



The family sadly announces the passing of Doug Heis on Friday, November 10, 2023, in his 85th year at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current. Survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Betty (nee Williamson). Predeceased by his first wife Carol (nee Charlton). Cherished by his children, Kimberly (David) Cooper and Wendy (Timothy) Leeder and loved by his brother Edward Heis. Adored by his grandchildren Austin (Isha) Cooper, Hannah Cooper, Thomas Leeder and Eric Leeder. Great-grandfather to Silas and honorary grandfather to Curtis and Cassidy Williamson. Doug will be deeply missed by George and Lynda Williamson, Joan Sagle and his dear friends Dick and Sandi Gieringer and Linda Roy. Predeceased by his parents John and Idena Heis, his brother Jim (Ardath) Heis and his stepson, Christopher Doggett. Born in Sudbury, Doug moved to Manitoulin Island shortly after birth and spent his childhood in Sheguiandah. As a young man Doug was a great hockey player and enjoyed telling stories of his hockey days. He had a 34-year career at Inco and lived in Azilda and Hanmer where he raised his family. He continued to return to Manitoulin Island as often as he could, spending summers and finally retiring to Heis's Haven on Lake Manitou. He loved Manitoulin Island and was proud to share the beauty of the Island. At every opportunity he became an Island tour guide whether in a car, boat, snowmobile, ATV or just taking a walk. Doug had a large circle of friends that he enjoyed fishing and snowmobiling with. He was a bit of prankster and loved to make people smile with his shenanigans. Doug loved woodworking and spent countless hours making board games, bird houses or weather sticks which he enjoyed gifting to people. He had a big heart, feeding and caring for birds and animals. Generous with his time, he served as volunteer firefighter in Sandfield and was very active as a volunteer for the Manitoulin Snowdusters where he served a term as Vice President. Doug and Betty fostered many dogs with Manitoulin Pet Rescue which in turn brought them many hours of enjoyment. Betty and Doug moved to Little Current in 2019 where they enjoyed making new friends in their community complex. As per his wishes, a Celebration of Doug's Life will take place Summer 2024 for family and friends. The family would like to thank the medical staff and both the Little Current and Mindemoya hospitals. Memorial donations in his name can be made to Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary or Manitoulin Pet Rescue. Donations can be made through Canada Helps.

## JOHN "PRESTON" COLLIE



John "Preston" Collie, 82 years, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 12, 2023 at the Maison McCulloch Hospice surrounded by his loving family. Born in New Glasgow, Pictou County, Nova Scotia. Dear son of James Graham and Mary Isabel (MacQuarrie) Collie, both predeceased. Survived by his wife, Marjorie (Keatley), two sons, Thomas William (wife Julie) of Thunder Bay and Trent James (wife Sarah) of Wasaga Beach. Five grandchildren, Brett and Chase of Thunder Bay and Samuel, Gillian and Paige of Wasaga Beach. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law Bill Keatley (Sandra) and niece Christine Keatley Hass (Rob Hass) and nephews James and Gordon Keatley along with many family and friends on Manitoulin. He is sadly missed by cousins and friends in Nova Scotia where he spent his early years. He fondly remembers his younger days spent on Melmerby Beach and has returned to visit Nova Scotia on many occasions throughout the years. The latest trip he was accompanied by his family and five grandchildren and shared time with family in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. He spent his life working as a Civil Engineering Technologist for Consulting Engineers doing construction supervision and design and always enjoyed his work. It was while working in the Toronto area that he met his wife and soul mate of 56 years Marjorie Keatley. The calling of the north and particularly Manitoulin Island soon led them to the Sudbury area. They spent most of their summers at their camp on Lake Manitou at Rockville. It was here that Preston found his second home on the water and loved to have his family and friends around him. He especially enjoyed time spent with his grandchildren who were the love of his life. They all shared many enjoyable times throughout their growing years. Preston always had a keen interest in sports and loved watching and discussing many hockey and football games and golf with his friends. His favourite was football and he was a keen fan of the Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers. With his family growing up and participating in local sports, he spent many winters volunteering for the Walden Minor Hockey. In his later years, he developed a keen interest in golf and enjoyed many years travelling to Florida where he enjoyed the beach and the ocean and golfing with his friends there. Preston enjoyed gardening and was always proud of his vegetables and especially his blue potatoes. However, he was a laid back, easygoing person and always took time to smell the roses. He leaves a legacy of loyalty, hard work and forever sharing love which he lived by example every day. The family appreciates and would like to thank the staff at the Northeastern Ontario Cancer Centre. A special thanks goes out to all the staff and especially the nursing staff of the Maison McCulloch Hospice. Donations may be made to the Maison McCulloch Hospice or a charity of your choice. The Memorial Service is in the R.J. Barnard Chapel at the Jackson and Barnard Funeral Home, 233 Larch St., Sudbury on Saturday, November 25, 2023, at 11 am. For those who wish to view the service online: <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY5OTkyODgwMjI4MDg5NiZvbWVyb29tLWFkbWluJnZpZXdfYnV0dG9u> For donations or messages of condolence, LoughheedFuneralHomes.com.

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

## MARGERY LOIS HOLMES August 25, 1934 - November 5, 2023



In loving memory of Margery Lois Holmes who passed away peacefully at the Pioneer Manor in Sudbury at the age of 89. Daughter of the late John and Lois Noon (nee Sweeting). Predeceased by her beloved husband James Henry Holmes. Loving mother of Peggy (Terry predeceased) McKinney, Brian (Debbie predeceased) (wife Kathy) Holmes, Michael (Michelle) Holmes, Marlene (Rob) McCulligh and David Holmes. Grandmother of Ronald (Kim predeceased), Richard (Angie), Travis (Kari), Scott (Melissa), Christina (Darryl), Theresa (Jason), Natalie (Dan), Bill, Kyra, Anderson, Jamie (Tracy), Dan and Sara. Great-grandmother of Robert, Isabella, Chloe, Rowen, Blake, Tyler, Colten, Austen, Phoenix, Tatum, Raya, Jackson, Amara, Isla, Sadie, Hannah, Logan, Pearl, Everett, Cohen and Althea. Sister of Robert Noon (predeceased) (Clare), Jack Noon (predeceased), Eva (Dick) Breadner and Bill (Judy) Noon. She will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home for visitation on Thursday, November 9, 2023 from 6 to 9 pm and Friday, November 10, 2023 at 11 am. Funeral Service was on Friday, November 10, 2023 at 12 noon. Burial followed in Hilly Grove Cemetery.



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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 7:00 p.m. at Township of Assiginack Municipal Office at 156 Arthur Street, Manitowaning, Ontario.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND(S):

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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality.

**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, Crown interests, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interest of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.**

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

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A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

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# Kits and Quilts team helps care for individuals around the world

by Tom Sasvari  
**WESTERN MANITOULIN**—Thanks to the efforts of a team that uses their hands to help provide quilts, infant care items and much more, this group of caring individuals is helping people in need around the world through the Kits and Quilts program.

“Jan Joyce brought this program forward and the turnout for the first session of working together was tremendous. And it is very good that a handful of us stayed with it and others have come forward to help out,” said Lynette Burton. “I’m very glad Jan (Joyce) gave me an opportunity to help out. It is a great place to go, where we volunteer our time, make new friends and know we are doing something to help others.”

“I take so much goodness from working with the other ladies in the group,” said Ms. Burton. “The people, families and children that we help will never know us or see us, but we give from our hearts,” said Ms. Burton.

“We’re a small group but we help to make a difference,” stated Jan Joyce, a member of a group of people that has been part of the ‘Kits and Quilts’ team from the United Church in Meldrum Bay and Silver Water, which partnered with Mennonite Central Committee to make hand made comfort quilts, infant care items, as well as put together hygiene kits and school kits to dis-



Some of the Kits and Quilts group are busy working on one of the many tied comfort quilts they completed this season.



A sampling of the comfort quilts participants in the Kits and Quilts group completed this season. The tied comfort quilts, infant care items, school kits and hygiene kits have been forwarded to the Mennonite Central Committee for distribution to needy people in the Ukraine and other countries throughout the world.

tribute to countries in need and have been doing so since 2019. “We have about 20 people involved and have about 8-10 people come out each week.”

“We’ve been doing this since 2019,” said Ms. Joyce. “We gather twice a month in the Meldrum Bay com-

munity hall (except during the winter) and make items like comfort quilts, infant clothing gowns, blankets, knitted hats, children’s clothing and put together hygiene and school kits.” “This year we put together 1,200 hygiene quilts, 31 quilts and 350 pieces of

infant care clothing,” said Ms. Joyce. The hygiene quilts include such items as hand towels, toothbrushes, soap, nail clippers and a comb.

“We started out with humble beginnings in 2019,” continued Ms. Joyce. “Since 2019 in total we have put together over 4,300 hygiene kits, 143 tied comfort quilts, 640 infant care items (gowns, blankets, knitted hats) and 270 school kits.”

The Mennonite Central Committee distributes all the items, loading them into sea containers and designate them as humanitarian need, explained Ms. Joyce. “Most of the work we have done will go to Ukraine this year, and other refugees around the world.”

“And we are supported by the folks in our group who give of their time and talents, as well as all those who give gifts in kind and provide donations,” said Ms. Joyce who said, “We graciously accept cotton fabric.”

“Our summer folks travel back home around this time of the year, and they take the boxes with the items we have made and drop them off at the central station in southern Ontario,” said Ms. Burton. “I think it is fantastic that I was asked to join this group.” She explained that her friend Connie Townsend had told her, ‘You should come to our quilting group.’ At first, I

thought, ‘no thanks,’ but now jump forward a few years and I’m so glad to be part of this.”

Ms. Burton said that she has multiple sclerosis which makes it difficult to do some tasks, but she usually does the stringing of the bags for the items. “And Peggy (Morrison) showed me how to stitch and in time I learned how. I did it, and it gave me inspiration to do a mini quilt for myself.”

“Everything we are doing is so rewarding,” said Ms. Burton. “Everyone is happy to help and we contribute from a place in the world

that most people don’t know about. We have probably impacted the lives of 6,000 people over the years. It’s not much to give, but it is so important.”

Ms. Joyce pointed out, “what we do is one thing, the other component of all of this is the social gathering and working together to help others someone else.”

“It is heartwarming to know at the end of the season that we have done more than what had been set out as our goal for the season and that we are helping so many people,” added Ms. Burton.

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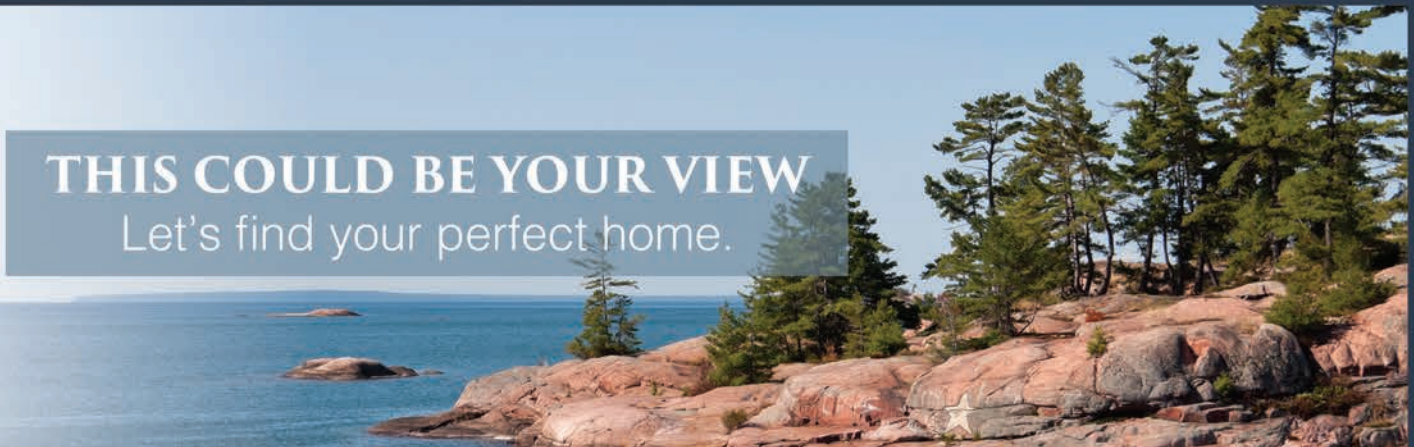
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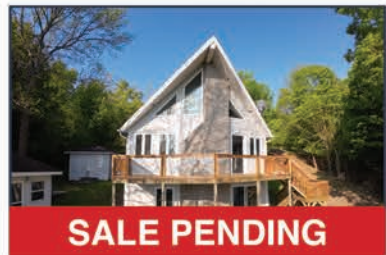
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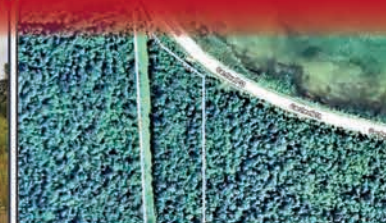
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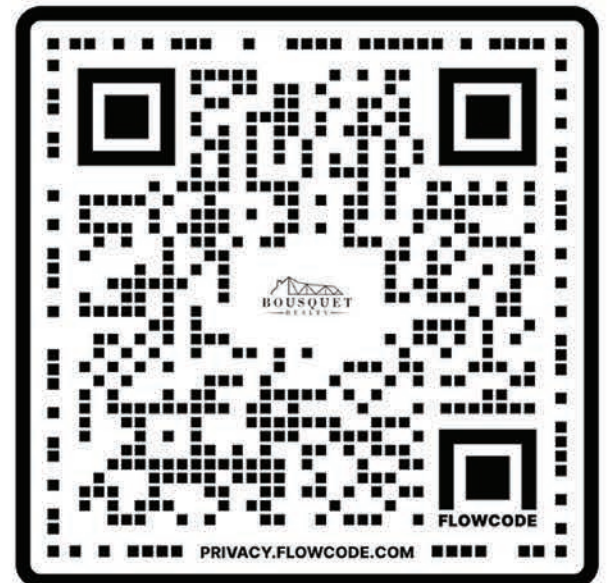
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## Island man helps win US Curling Championships

by Tom Sasvari

HOUSTON—Haweater

Greg Major, who is originally from Gore Bay, is the coach of a ladies' curling team that won the US Arena Curling National Championship.

"Our ladies' team from the Houston Curling Club competed in the 2023 Arena Curling National Championship earlier this month and won the gold medal national championship. The team has won this championship three years in a row (2019, 2022, 2023), with the competition having been paused due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022 and 2021," Mr. Major told The Expositor. Team Segovia includes skip Julie Segovia, vice Alyssa Parks, second Heather Cook, lead Jessica Bostwick, alternate Sara Whiting and coach Greg Major.

Teams from arena clubs around the US travelled to Eveleth, Minnesota to compete in the 2023 Arena Curling National Championship. Curl Mesabi hosted the event for the second consecutive year, bringing in 24 teams that regularly play on multi-use arena ice. Team Segovia finished pool play with a 4-1 record. They faced Team Feldman from the Wine Country Curling Club (California) in the semifinals, winning 11-4. They went on to play team Asis from the Silicon Valley Curling Club in the event final. The score remained tight through six ends, but Team Segovia won the game 5-2 after scoring a decisive three points in the seventh end.

"The Arena Club National Championship is such an important part of our championship schedule, giving these athletes an opportunity to compete for a national title on ice prepared by head ice technician Shawn Olesen and his volunteer crew," said USA Curling Chief Executive Officer Dean Gemmill in a release. "We are also grateful for the support of Curl Mesabi, a member club that has put on a great event two years in a row."

Mr. Major and the Segovia team are all members of the Houston Curling Club. He explained since the John Shuster USA rink won the 2018 Winter Olympics gold medal, "there has been a lot more

interest in curling in the US."

"In the southern half of the US where there are almost no dedicated curling clubs, and clubs have to play on arena ice," explained Mr. Major. "We rent ice from hockey arenas and have to mark the house and lines."

Mr. Major "used to be an avid curler at the Gore Bay Curling Club. When I was about 18 or 19, I was the vice on the rink skipped by Ted

2015, then at the end of the season I had moved to Houston and joined the Houston Curling Club, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2020." He still actively curls.

"I have been coaching about four years," said Mr. Major. He explained two years ago Mr. Shuster organized and started a five and under curling program in the US, based on the number of years a curler (of any age) has been curl-



Greg Major, back row, is originally from Gore Bay. He is the coach of the ladies' curling team that won the US Arena Curling National Championship. Joining Mr. Major in the photo from left are team members Julie Segovia, Alyssa Parks, Heather Cook, Jessica Bostwick and Sara Whiting. Mr. Major and the team members represent the Houston Curling Club.

Jackson, who also had Greg McLean as second and Willis Campbell as lead. We played curling bonspiels around the Island and at out-of-town events in places like Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie. We probably won every men's bonspiel on Manitoulin one year or the other."

"When I lived and worked in Sault Ste. Marie (from 1980-1995) I played at the Tarentorus Curling Club and the Soo Curlers Association," said Mr. Major. "And I used to curl for the Royal Canadian Legion in the Sault at district championships in areas like Sudbury and Parry Sound. The rinks I curled with won districts five times and went to the provincials."

When he moved to the US to live and work, "I didn't curl for 17 years," continued Mr. Major. "Then I joined the Potomac Maryland Curling club in 2014-

ing. "One of the players in the league was Alyssa (Parks) who had asked me to coach her team in the national playoff. There were four teams in the semifinals, three were all men's teams from Wisconsin, and Alyssa who is from the Houston Curling Club arena team. We lost the bronze game to finish fourth in the US two years ago but were first in the ladies' Arena Curling Association."

The team was first in the Mid-America Curling Association regionals last year, then went on to the US National Curling nationals finishing fourth. They also won the US Arena Curling National Championship.

Mr. Major will coach the Segovia Houston Curling Club ladies' team at the Mid-America Curling Association playoffs being held December 2-4 in Denver, Colorado.

# Manitoulin Sporting Life

## Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



### Mustang Volleyball wraps!

The Senior team were competitive at NOSSA but just ran into their arch Nemesis! The easily dispatched the Sault Ste Marie team from White Pines and the North Bay representative, Franco Cite to get into the finals against Lockerby bud sadly, lost. Coach Wesno summed it up, "They are a very strong team that I expect will do very well at OFSAA. The boys played some good ball in the final especially considering that we had three grade 11s in the starting lineup!" Way to go, Luke Heinen, Jack Pennie, Aidan McGraw, Davin Deschenes, Colin Linder, Eli Lock, Ian McGauley, Jaron Panamick, Noah Thorpe, Cody Campbell, Liam Lariviere and Cash Duchene.

The Junior squad was Coached by teacher, Andrew Argall and they had a strong season. They finished their last regular season day of games 3-0 to finish the season 6-6. They then played their best volleyball of the season during the NSSA semifinal against Espanola but then didn't bring the same energy to the final against CASS. Coach Argall quickly relayed their impressive NOSSA showing, "We showed really well at AA/AAA NOSSA - our last game we won the first set and then had 5 match points vs Chippewa but ultimately lost 29 - 27 before losing the third set. Not bad for a little old school in the sticks!"

Way to go team! Jonah Balfe, Greyson Brewer-Case, Jack Bridgeman, Jack Carter, Aaven Edralin, Ethan Ense, Rylan Lock, Kyle Nodecker, Chase Taylor, Anders Watson, Wyatt Williamson and Ethan Witty!

### Hockey from away!

It is always so nice to see hockey players who age-out of minor hockey, still keep on playing for the love of the game. One of these guys is Liam Bridgeman, who is soon ageing out of his teens and still playing high level hockey. This season finds himself in Elliot Lake as a Viking! Before

that he was in Espanola as a Paper King and the year before that he played there as an Express!

The Elliot Lake Vikings have stood the test of time in the NOJHL (Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League) and can use a good, 60.96 meter player. Liam's contribution to his teams are not always on the scoresheet. Have a great season, Liam!

Another guy that keeps on, keeping on is Billy Biederman! He loves the game so much, he even moved to Texas to play! Billy Plays out of Corpus Christi for the Ice Rays in the NAHL. He is fourth in team scoring, just behind Sudbury teammate from the Cubs, Pierson Sobush!

### Great results at Ontario XC Championships

I cannot remember so many local runners racing at the Ontario Cross Country Championships this year. Four, Manitoulin Mustangs were able to extend their season with one more trip south to Toronto! Maren Kasunich running in her Under - 18 race came in an impressive, 13th! Alan Wilkin ran against the Under 20 set and had a stellar performance, 27th overall! His younger brother, Matthew Wilkin and lone teammate, Xavi Mara put in gutsy efforts in their U18 race! Congratulations on a season of dedicated training and improved results. Hats off as well to their ageless coach Gerry Holliday who may have just coached his last ever, Cross Country team. Say it isn't so, Mr. Holliday! Well, I have it on pretty good authority that he will put his fine efforts into this spring's track team. If you will work hard, Gerry can help you achieve your potential. Come on Mustangs, let us put together a strong team for his last track season, now!

### Hunters, be a sport!

As we enter the midway point of this year's rifle hunt, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable season. Deer or no deer! That deadline Sunday, looms large for some of us so, please be careful and ethical.

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



### Gore Bay Ladies Shopping Spree

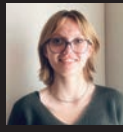
LEFT: Ashley, standing, cuts her boss Michelle Paling's hair, at Contraband Cuts last week. The business took part in the Gore Bay ladies shopping spree last week.

BOTTOM: Janis Hutchinson and Jenn Quinlan of The Flower Hutch pause for a photo at a Christmas open house at the business in Gore Bay.



Happy hunt week everyone! This week also marks the start of the month-long countdown until Christmas break. MSS is sure to be bustling with activities leading up to the holiday

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



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil



**CHRISTMAS CANDLES**—Since both mom Denise Graham, left, and her daughter Karissa are Manitoulin Secondary School alumnae, it just made sense that they would choose the annual MSS Christmas bazaar last weekend at AOK’s Four Directions Complex to launch their brand new line of environmentally friendly, non-toxic essential oils candles and related home manufacturing business branded as ‘Crunchy Candle Co.’

season, keeping students and staff busy.

November 15 was the annual “Rock your Mocs” day. Students were encouraged to wear their moccasins to school to show their support. The announcements that morning stated, “all schools are encouraged to take the opportunity to stand with Indigenous Peoples throughout the world. Since the first ever Rock Your Mocs Day in 2011, the message of unity, understanding and the importance of Indigenous identity has resonated around the world. Through ongoing efforts to create awareness and understanding of Indigenous identity and people we encourage all Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to wear their favourite moccasins on Rock your Mocs day.”

“Tis the season...for post secondary school applications. On November 17 the first of several sessions began to help students with navigating Ontario College Application Service (OCAS). The session took place during the first period and allowed students to sit down at a computer and work on their applications with the help of a guidance counsellor:

This weekend several MSS students from the robotics team, SHARE/Go Green and the MSS Musical volunteered their time at the Christmas Craft Fair in AOK. Members from Manitoulin Metal spent the day collecting admission, helping vendors set up their booths, and getting them food. SHARE/ Go Green hosted a silent auction in the front foyer to raise funds for Manitoulin Fami-

ly Resources Christmas bundles and to support relief efforts in the Middle East. Finally, students from the MSS Musical made a variety of different foods like soup, chili, and baked goods to support their upcoming production of ‘Beauty and the Beast.’ Along with these groups, two MSS students, Katelyn Shank and Anika Smith, had a booth at the craft fair where they sold homemade cards, art, knit clothes, and stuffed animals.

This Friday, November 24 SHARE/ Go Green is hosting a Give Change to Make Change collection in home-rooms to support humanitarian relief in the Middle East. Students and staff are encouraged to bring in spare change. Money will be tallied up for each home-room and the class with the most money collected will be announced.

Remember, just over five weeks until Christmas!

Until next time, go, Mustangs, go!

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### SHAWANOSOWE PRINCIPAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Location: Whitefish River First Nation Shawanosowe School

The 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. Therefore, an exciting leadership opportunity is open for applications for the position of Principal. We are seeking a highly qualified and passionate individual to join our team as a Principal. In this role, you will be responsible for overseeing the daily operations of Shawanosowe School and ensuring a nurturing and inclusive educational environment for our students. The start date for the position is negotiable depending on the availability of the successful applicant but is anticipated that the appointment will be effective January 8th, 2024.


- The successful candidate will have demonstrated:**
- An understanding of 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.
  - Educational leadership. You will bring exceptional organizational and leadership skills to the table. Your ability to inspire and collaborate with others will contribute to the continued success of our school. Your leadership style encompasses the Seven Gifts demonstrated by your interactions with parents, staff, community, administration and elected leadership.
  - The establishment and promotion of high standards and expectations for all students. Your dedication to excellence will help drive student achievement.
  - Experience establishing, monitoring and updating effective and clear procedures for the operation and functioning of the school. These procedures will be aligned with the school and WRFN philosophy, mission, values and goals.
  - The safety and well-being of our students is of paramount importance. You will oversee building maintenance, program evaluation, personnel management, office operations and emergency procedures to ensure a safe and orderly climate within the school.
  - Leadership in the establishment of the annual master schedule for the school.
  - That Shawanosowe School remains in compliance with all applicable laws, school policies and regulations. Your knowledge and understanding of these requirements will help maintain a legally and ethically sound environment. Your commitment to excellence will ensure all teachers honour the Standards of Practice for the Teaching Profession in Ontario.
  - Experience supervising instructional programs of a school, evaluating lesson plans, observing classes and teaching methods as part of teacher performance appraisals. Your goal will be to encourage the use of a variety of instructional strategies and materials consistent with Anishinaabek values and current research on learning, child growth and development.
  - For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

- Candidates must hold an Ontario Teaching Certificate with an active license with the Ontario College of Teachers, along with:**
- Principal’s Qualification Program Part I and II, and active membership with Ontario’s Principal’s Council or a plan to complete these qualifications within two years.
  - At least five (5) years of teaching experience, with certification in three divisions.
  - Additional qualifications in Special Education, Indigenous Education or as a Supervisory Officer would be favourable.
  - Knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabek history, culture and language.
  - Thorough knowledge of education systems, structures and funding models.
  - Experience working with Indigenous communities would be an asset.
  - Knowledge of current key issues in First Nation education would be an asset.

Qualified candidates are requested to submit an email application which will include a comprehensive resume detailing qualifications and experience as related to the position, a written statement describing their philosophy of education, and contact information for three current professional references.

By applying, candidates permit WRFN 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 with attention to Human Resources, by November 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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



### M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**POSITION:** Post-secondary Navigator  
**LOCATION:** M'Chigeeng First Nation  
**DEPARTMENT:** Education – Post Secondary Program  
**CLASSIFICATION:** Community Services (CS-3)  
**EMPLOYMENT STATUS:** Regular Full-Time (including Benefits and Pension package)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 2023 by 3:00 PM**

**Essential Functions include:**

- Deliver post-secondary education services eligible to MFN Band Membership according to existing Post-Secondary Education.
- Guidelines and ensure compliance of MFN post-secondary guidelines, personnel policy, finance and administrative policies and procedures and reporting requirements.
- Review the academic progress of the students, when necessary, by counselling and assisting students in achieving their educational goals.
- Ensure student records, files and internal documents are current, accurate and maintained and kept confidential and filed accordingly.
- Maintenance of database and statistical data of student records, achievement or other purposes.
- Receives and processes student applications and determines funding eligibility per program guidelines.
- Assist students with transition pieces such as admissions criteria by helping to complete application forms for admission, orientation process and scholarships; effectively interviewing and provide guidance in choosing the best academic path.

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

- University Degree - Bachelor of Education or Bachelor of Arts in Social Work or related field of study. Three (3) years.
- Related experience, providing guidance and counselling support to post-secondary students.

**Minimum:**

- College Diploma – Social Service Worker, or Native Counsellor Training Program (NCTP–3Yrs) Employment.
- Counselling or related field of study. Minimum of two (2) years’ work experience in guidance and counselling and/or related program delivery.

**Other:**

- Membership with the Ontario Native Education Counsellors Association (ONECA).
- Strong knowledge and comprehension of the pedagogical and administrative direction of MFN education system.
- Demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal specific education, employment and training needs and working with Aboriginal organizations and communities.
- Ability to take initiative, self-starter and is a team player, and maintain a high degree of confidentiality. Proficiency in Microsoft.
- Office and other reporting applications. Valid driver’s licence and access to a vehicle is required.

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

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Must include Cover letter, Resume, three (3) current written references (2 work-related from direct supervisor/manager, 1 character reference) and education certification.**


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**APPLICATION SUBMISSION TO:**  
**“POST-SECONDARY NAVIGATOR”**  
**c/o Kimberley Debassige, Director of Education**  
**P.O. Box 333 M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0**  
**Fax (705) 377-4980 or employment@mchigeeng.ca**

**LATE OR INCOMPLETE** applications will not be considered. Miigwetch your interest is appreciated, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Preference will be given Anishinaabek people. www.mchigeeng.ca

**For a complete Job Description, please contact the MFN Education Office at 705-377-5362**

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### Indigenous Support Clerk

At Rainbow District School Board we are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts. Together, we prepare students to become lifelong learners, achieving their full potential as confident, caring members of society.

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for an **Indigenous Support Clerk**.

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

Interested candidates should apply **by 3 pm Thursday, November 30, 2023** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references

Bob Clement Board Chair    Bruce Bourget Director of Education    [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca)



### Plumber

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### Little Current Place Non-Profit Housing and Elderly Citizens' Centre Corporation and Agent for Property Management of Manitoulin Non-Profit Homes Inc.

is seeking a **Property Manager**

#### Scope of Job

Reporting to and under the general direction of the Board of Directors, the property manager will be responsible for the overall management and administration of the projects.

#### Skills/Experience Desired


- Experience with computer, Excel, WordPerfect
- Accounting/bookkeeping/typing
- Communication skills (written and oral) including tact and diplomacy
- Maintenance/property management including a working knowledge of the following acts/topics:
  - Residential and Tenancy Act
  - Fire Code
  - Building Code
  - Workers Compensation Act
  - Various Safety Legislation
  - Various other related information
  - Non-Profit Housing Administration

Please note: this is a one year contract, part-time position of 25 hours per week with possibility of full-time or renewal.

The closing date to apply for this position is **Tuesday, November 28, 2023**.

Please mail copy of resume to:  
Chair of the Board

Box 375, Little Current, ON, P0P 1K0



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Position Title:** Chief Executive Officer  
**Remuneration:** Based on Education & Experience  
**Employment Status:** Regular Full-Time  
**Closing Date:** Friday, December 8, 2023 – 12 noon

#### Reporting Relationship

The Chief Executive Officer will report to the United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising (UCCMM) Tribal Chair and Board of Directors.

#### Position Summary

The Chief Executive Officer is ultimately responsible for the overall administration and operation of the UCCMM providing service to six member First Nation communities including Aundeck Omni Kaning, M'Chigeeng, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning, Whitefish River and Zhiibaahaasing. The Chief Executive Officer provides advice, recommendations and strategic initiatives to the Board of the Directors. The Chief Executive Officer directly supervises six (6) Senior Management Staff.

#### Key Areas of Responsibility

- To act as the administrative lead and link between senior managers and the UCCMM Board of Directors.
- Implement all decisions made by the Board of Directors.
- To ensure the UCCMM Tribal Council's Vision, Mission and Values are upheld.
- Support the Board of Directors by facilitating Strategic Planning Sessions and ensure that all strategic initiatives undertaken by the UCCMM Tribal Council benefit the six (6) member communities.
- Ensure clear communication to the Board of Directors including the provision of general updates in relation to the CEO as well as for all sectors within the UCCMM Tribal Council. Provide the Board of Directors with background material, research and information to support the Board of Directors in making sound decisions.
- Ensure that annual budgets are prepared for approval by the Board of Directors.
- Ensure that any budget amendments are approved by the Board of Directors.
- Provide the Board of Directors with quarterly financial reports.
- Ensure that all requirements for the annual audit are met.
- Ensure that meeting agendas, packages and minutes are prepared.
- Ensure that the By-Laws and policies including financial policies are up to date and approved by the Board of Directors.
- Recommend any key policy changes to the Board of Directors.
- Establish key long-term relationships with First Nations, affiliates and government partners that enhance the organization's representation for its members.
- Attend meetings as required – First Nations, affiliates, Indigenous organizations, partners and federal and provincial government.
- Promote the UCCMM Tribal Council Organization and First Nations through strategic public relations and government interactions.
- Ensure that the Board of Directors are supported by proper governance policies and leadership manuals.
- Inform the Board of Directors of emerging trends, threats and/or opportunities.
- Develop and enhance relationships between First Nations Organizations that the member First Nations are part of (ie. Castle Building Supply, Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, McLeans Mountain Wind Farm, UCCM Anishinaabe Police Service, Kenjegin Teg, Noojmowin Teg, Mnaamodzawin Health Services Inc., Kenjegin Teg and Ojibwe Cultural Foundation.
- Ensure oversight and provide recommendations and advice to the Board of Directors in relation to all aspects of existing claims and future claims benefiting the member First Nations.
- Provide support in any and all negotiations.
- Ensure regular communication to the Tribal Chair.
- Liaise with the First Nation's Band Managers as mandated by the Board of Directors.

#### Administration

- Direct Supervision of six (6) Senior Management Staff and ensuring that regular performance appraisals are completed.
- Responsible for human resources, strategic planning and contributing to a positive work environment.
- Ensure that all policies and procedures are updated and compliant with applicable legislation.
- Ensure the management and delivery of all programs and services.
- Development of annual work plans to include professional development relating to position.
- Practice strict confidentiality, privacy, ethical and non-bias approaches.
- Oversee the administration of finances of the Tribal Council.
- Review and approve all contracts and tenders and ensure that any contracts or tenders beyond the CEO authority are presented to the Board of Directors.
- Maintain and review up to date knowledge of all additional funding opportunities to support the UCCMM Tribal Council and its initiatives and ensuring that proposals are approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the funding source.
- Ensure that staff have the ability to develop their capacity with professional development training.
- Ensure that all personnel files are maintained in strict confidence.
- Ensure and oversee effective communication between sectors.
- Ensure up-to-date knowledge on legislative changes impacting the UCCMM Tribal Council.
- All other duties as directed by the Tribal Chair and/or Board of Directors.

#### Qualifications and Requirements

- Post-Secondary degree in public policy, public management or related field.
- Minimum 5 years' experience in senior management role, including program development responsibilities and successful legislative advocacy experience, preferably on Indigenous issues.
- Have working knowledge of the Member First Nations of the UCCMM Tribal Council.
- Seasoned, knowledgeable and culturally astute leader who is highly adaptable to change and able to navigate through multi-faceted and complex environments.
- Significant knowledge and understanding of the 1850 Treaty, 1836 Treaty, Articles of 1862, 1990 Land Claim, and Federal Claims that impact the member First Nations.
- Proven experience negotiating and working within strategic partnerships.
- Excellent organizational, strategic, planning and implementation skills.
- Demonstrated excellent organizational management and administrative skills including strategic and operational planning, supervision and performance management, budget management and policy implementation.
- Strong leadership abilities:
  - o Leads, develops, mentors and motivates staff teams;
  - o Leads with diplomacy, transparency, honesty and teamwork.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Superior interpersonal skills and able to build and maintain strong relationships; approaches members, stakeholders and all relationships with respect and instills trust.
- High level of integrity, confidentiality and accountability.
- Possesses knowledge and deep understanding of Indigenous traditions, Indigenous issues and challenges and the relevant history and political landscape.

#### OTHER

- Self-motivated, ability to work independently and is team oriented.
- Have excellent time management skills and ability to multitask and prioritize to meet deadlines.
- Strong interpersonal and decisions making skills, analytical and problem-solving skills for nature of the work Must have knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabe culture, traditions and customs.
- Understanding and fluency of the Ojibwe language is an asset.
- Must have a valid Class "G" Driver's Licence.

Mail/drop off (no fax or email submissions) 1) cover letter 2) resume 3) copy of valid Ontario driver's licence 4) three work-related letters of reference including at least one from a direct supervisor/manager 5) current (within the past 3 months) criminal record check. Thank you for applying but only those candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Mark "Confidential-CEO" to:  
**Tribal Chair Chief Patsy Corbiere**  
 United Chiefs and Councils of Mniidoo Mnising  
 Box 275, M'Chigeeng, ON, P0P 1G0

