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If fences make good neighbours, signs are often indications that all is not well in the neighbourhood. This sign is one of a number posted along the laneway into the Bayer home and farm. One of the claims levelled against the Bayers were that Mr. Bayer was blowing snow onto the trees recently planted by the neighbours in order to damage them. The trees line the length of the laneway, but do not appear to extend into the field behind. Members of the Bayer family have been farming in the area for multiple generations.

Neighbours' dispute in Green Bay area brings focus to rural 'right to farm' debate

GREEN BUSH—Disputes between neighbours are common, even in such friendly communities as those which make up Manitoulin Island, but with the growing influx of urban dwellers fleeing the big cities for idyllic rural communities, one such dispute currently appearing before the Normal Farm Practices Board may serve as a cautionary tale for farmers everywhere.

The Farm and Food Production Protection Act, 1998 hearing on March 4, 2021 between Jacqueline and Claudio Rocca, applicants, and Roy Bayer and Doris Bayer, respondents, illustrates how small things can grow into expensive litigation and tribunal hearings and morph into what might be considered fundamental "right

to farm" issues.

The two properties in question are located on Indian Mountain Road in the Green Bay area of Manitoulin Island and involve properties that have been farmed there for several generations. While relations between the two owners originally began as quite amicable, with the Bayers taking hay off of the Roccas' property and the Bayers supplying manure for the Roccas' garden and the allowing the couple to hunt on their property, relationships have not remained so friendly.

Following a couple of small claims court clashes between the two property owners, the disputes continued on to a hearing before

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M'Chigeeng chief says community safety at a critical moment in terms of drug abuse, violence, mental health

by Tom Sasvari

M'CHIGEENG—With as many as 80 people suffering from opioid addiction in the community, and about 35 percent of all paramedic calls on Manitoulin related to overdoses from January until present located in M'Chigeeng,

chief and council of M'Chigeeng have declared a state of social emergency as it relates to opioids, community safety, mental health and violence. The community has also passed an emergency protection bylaw to address drug dealers in the community.

"It's time," stated Art Jacko of Enaagdenjged. "We've had too many deaths in the community. We are taking action. Enough talk, it's time for action and for everyone to work together to resolve this issue."

The announcement was made at a live press conference on March 25 attended by M'Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige, health services manager Roger Beaudin, Mr. Jacko and Inspector Cori Slaughter of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. Inspector Slaughter, also UAPS director of operations, represented UCCM Police Chief Faron Whiteye, who was attending a police commission meeting on the same topic.

"It's been a long road for M'Chigeeng with the COVID-19 pandemic and we have also experienced significant losses in our

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Pharmacist at Ontario's first designated COVID-19 hospital credits her Island mentorship

by Warren Schlote

VAUGHAN—An Island-trained pharmacist is working in the intensive care unit (ICU) at Ontario's first designated COVID-19 hospital and says although the growing third wave is deeply straining the health care sector, her training at Manitoulin Health

Centre (MHC) has prepared her for the most challenging health crisis in a generation.

"When I had interviewed for this specific critical care position, I was told that my experience on the Island at MHC was one of the reasons why I'd be a really successful person in the ICU, because the training I got is unlike any other training program available to graduating pharmacy students," said Naushin Hooda, the clinical liaison critical care pharmacist (which is to say, the full-time ICU pharmacist) at the COVID hospital.

Dr. Hooda, who completed a placement at MHC in 2019 as part of her University of Waterloo doctor of pharmacy degree, applied to work at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital before it transitioned into the province's designated COVID-19 care centre.

It fulfilled a lot of her goals: it is Ontario's first 'smart hospital,' filled with modern technologies that can better aid health care

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Fallout from dismantling of Laurentian federation threatens Indigenous Studies

University of Sudbury board member

Dominic Beaudry resigns his post

by Michael Erskine

SUDBURY—The Laurentian University meltdown that is currently taking place in Sudbury has engendered a slew of unintended consequences. Laurentian, which entered creditor protection earlier this year when its lender, Dejardins, declined to continue to provide financing of the institution has announced it was withdrawing from the federation agreement with the three affiliated colleges: University of Sudbury, Thorneloe University and Huntington College.

It was the announcement by the University of Sudbury that it would seek to become a free-standing francophone university that set off alarm bells in the Indigenous community.

The University of Sudbury has

long prided itself as being, aside from an institution that offered courses in French, the home of a long-standing and respected Indigenous studies program. Many Island residents have taken courses from the University of Sudbury over the past decades and the annual powwow hosted by the university has been well-attended. The decision to move to a francophone-only format would, in effect, abandon that tradition.

The decision by the University of Sudbury has led to the resignation of at least one Indigenous board member, Dominic Beaudry of Wiikwemkoong.

"I joined the board to advocate for Indigenous studies programs," said Mr. Beaudry when contacted by The Expositor for

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Four active COVID-19 cases on Manitoulin

As of press time Monday

MANITOULIN—On Saturday, April 3, Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) reported two new cases of COVID-19 in Manitoulin District, bringing the total active case count for the region to four.

As of press time Monday, there were 256 active cases in PHSD, 241 of which were in Greater Sudbury; 11 active cases were in Sudbury District; and four active cases for Manitoulin District.

Anyone who is exhibiting

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Spousal abuse: When men are the victims Part I of a series

Island man shares story of family violence victimization

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—An oft-overlooked part of the issue of family and intimate partner violence is that while men overwhelmingly commit the most severe physical harm against women, men are also at risk of becoming victims of family violence in the broader sense of the word, with some studies pointing to a near-equal sex distribution between victims of all types of domestic violence.

Family violence, particularly intimate partner violence, is traditionally understood as a more

woman-victimized issue because female victims tend to experience more severe cases of such behaviour, including sexual assault, severe injury or femicide. Some observers also say male victimization is stigmatized and men may be reluctant to report an incident to police, which reflects in the data because many such studies rely on police statistics.

Male victimization is relatively under-studied but reports that examine anecdotal accounts of violence

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No timeframe for new double-lane swing bridge construction

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Engineers reporting on the Little Current swing bridge study spoke to Northeast Town council last Tuesday night, March 30, the same day the preferred option to replace the 108-year-old swing bridge was announced.

Gregg Cooke, a consultant project manager with engineering firm Stantec; Melissa Delfino, senior project engineer with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO); and Kristin Franks, MTO regional issues and media advisor, attended the March 30 meeting to review the MTO's preferred option of a double-lane swing bridge.

Mr. Cooke reviewed the document with council which outlines the new swing bridge as MTO's preferred structure to replace the existing bridge and explained how Stantec came to this decision and recommendation.

"We're hopeful the public and municipality will be supportive



An artist's rendering of the new double-lane swing bridge.

of the preferred plan," Mr. Cooke said, noting the swingbridges-tudy.ca website had already garnered half a dozen responses on the day of the release.

When opening the floor for questions, Councillor Michael Erskine was the first to ask what was undoubtedly on everyone's minds: "Do we have any clear sense on when this project might

be entertained?" Mr. Cooke said they did not have a timeframe and that the next step would be to gain environmental clearance and then it is up to the MTO. He reassured council that the ministry would continue to maintain the bridge's upkeep until that day comes.

Councillor Al Boyd asked what consideration had been given for

traffic flow when the bridge changeover occurs and what time of year it might happen, given the channel's busy navigable waters status.

"Preliminarily, the new bridge is located so that the existing bridge can stay in operation," Mr. Cooke responded, noting that the engineers envision floating the new bridge into place outside of the busy traffic season with the commissioning and testing to be done, all at the same time, in a relatively quick turnaround.

Mayor Al MacNevin asked about the plan for the old route, as the video shown on the swing bridge study website shows greenery where the highway presently leads to the shore's edge on the north side. The mayor asked if a plaque would be placed at the old site, or some other historical marker. Mr. Cooke said it was important to document these suggestions now, as the public information centre is available for comment on the study site until

April 30.

Councillor Bill Koehler asked why the new approach couldn't start more to the east and land where the same spot as the current bridge does on the Island side so as not to interfere with the park located between the bridge operator's parking lot and the welcome centre. Mr. Cooke said this would not be doable as the approach would interfere with the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference and 3 Cows and a Cone.

The mayor complimented the study group, calling it a "balanced review of the public consultation." He reminded the group that council supported the west side approach. "I think you did a really good job of balancing out some of these issues and I hope to see the project underway at some point in my lifetime."

To comment on the preferred double-lane swing bridge option as chosen by the MTO, visit surveymonkey.com/r/3NQKBFB between now and April 30.

New police service board will need to be established on Manitoulin

by Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—Island municipalities have until June 7 to determine what a new police service board will look like for the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). The change is required under the Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA), 2019, and will mean the end of the Manitoulin Community Police Advisory Committee (CPAC), likely by the end of

this year.

A letter from Ontario Solicitor General Sylvia Jones was sent out recently to all Island heads of council and First Nations. "In February 2020, the Ministry of the Solicitor General conducted seven regional roundtable sessions across the province," the letter stated. "Discussions at these sessions focused on new OPP-related regulatory requirements under the (CSPA). Municipalities and

First Nation communities receiving policing service from the OPP were invited to learn more about the requirements and to provide the ministry with feedback to inform the development of related regulatory proposals."

In response to the feedback received, an OPP detachment board framework was developed that would allow affected municipalities and First Nations the flexibility to create a board that

reflects community and local needs. "Under this framework, municipalities and First Nation communities receiving direct and/or supplemental services from an OPP detachment are being asked to submit one proposal (per detachment) indicating the composition of their board and, if needed, a rationale for multiple boards and the composition of each additional board," Ms. Jones wrote.

The letter has been brought up at the Northeast Town council, and is set to appear on the next Manitoulin Municipal Association (MMA) meeting agenda, said Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin. First Nation communities on Manitoulin have separate agreements with the federal government and have their own (UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service and Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service) police service boards, so he said he understands they will not be part of the new

police service board for the Island.

"The difficulty will be in the nine municipalities, including Cockburn Island, coming to a consensus on the composition of the board," said Mayor MacNevin. "It looks like municipalities have to come to a consensus on what the board looks like, and one lead municipality needs to submit the proposal by June 7, so there's not a lot of time." It is expected that boards will be established by fall 2021. The existing CPAC will continue until the CSPA comes into force, at which time they will be dissolved and transition to the new OPP detachment board model.

Mayor MacNevin said he doesn't see the board having less than 15 members, with nine municipal representatives, three community representatives and three people appointed by the province. There is a proposal in place for Espanola

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DSB modernizes area patient transfer service

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) is continuing its non-urgent patient transfer service (PTS) in the Manitoulin-Espanola-Sudbury route, featuring improved equipment and a modified staffing model that will operate similar to the existing model after the region-wide PTS proposal failed to materialize last year.

"Our 'Plan B' was always our three partners (Espanola General Hospital, Manitoulin Health Centre [MHC] and the DSB) working together. We'd always be happy to participate in the regional model in the future," said DSB CAO Fern Dominelli.

DSB has run the PTS for nine



Patient transfer attendant Jordan Quesnel will operate one of the transfer runs alongside a personal support worker.

years. Among other purposes, it helps get patients to Health Sciences North in Sudbury for certain services that are unavailable on-Island.

In years past the service had used retired ambulances, usually beginning when they were seven years old, which led to regular repair costs and a shorter service life.

Effective this year, DSB has set aside a three-year-old ambulance with special patient transfer service branding that works on the dedicated route.

The current upgraded vehicle (with a second to come online shortly) has a power-assisted stretcher lift to make it easier to load patients into the vehicle. It can also accommodate a second stretcher from the side, but this will remain a "lift-and-carry" operation.

A significant difference to the revamped model is a change in staffing. Soon, PTS runs will consist of a patient transfer attendant and a personal support worker (PSW) to offer care to patients as they make the journey.

"Right now, half of the time we have to bring someone from the hospital because of various patient needs. The people that use (PTS) are, for the most part, non-urgent, but may have personal needs where they need a nurse or a PSW for help," said Mr. Dominelli. "We finally said, 'that's enough, let's do it properly.'"

Finding PSWs for the run may

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Fourteen nominated to fill one vacant M'Chigeeng council seat

by Michael Erskine

M'CHIGEENG—There were 14 candidates nominated to fill the M'Chigeeng First Nation council seat left vacant by the resignation of council member (and long time band council chief) Joe Hare.

Those nominees include Howard Debassige, Cassandra Bisson, Marko Debassige, Charlene Corbiere, Lisa G. Corbiere, Ryan Corbiere, Deana Debassige, Neil Debassige, Rachel Zappia, James Panamick Sr., Stewart Roy, Jesse Beaudin, Joeline Armstrong and Kim Aelick.

Nominees must notify electoral

officer Daniel Simon if they accept their nomination by 4:30 pm, on Wednesday, April 7 in order to be placed on the official ballot. In addition to notifying the electoral officer, candidates must also file a recent criminal reference check to the electoral officer by April 17 or be disqualified.

An updated final list of official candidates will be posted on the M'Chigeeng election Facebook page and around the community. Community members may contact Mr. Simon by calling or texting 705-282-4401 for more information.

Light road construction scheduled for Manitoulin Island this summer

MANITOULIN—There's a relatively light summer construction schedule slated for Manitoulin this year.

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) shared with The Expositor that it will be completing surface treatment on Highway 542 west of the Highway 551 junction for approximately four kilometres, and on Highway 540 for 19 kilometres easterly from Burnt Island Road. This project is part of a larger contract that includes work on various highways outside of the Manitoulin District. Work is scheduled to start in June 2021, with an anticipated completion of September 2021. The tim-

ing of construction on Manitoulin Island has not yet been confirmed. The work will include daily single lane closures, controlled by flag persons.

The final work to complete repairs to the Indian Point Bridge, east of Evansville, on Highway 540 will continue. It is expected the repairs will be completed within a two- to three-day period in May 2021. This work will include daytime single lane closures, controlled by flag person.

For the latest information on highway closures and construction the public can call 511, MTO's road information line, or visit www.511on.ca.



McQuarrie Motors' Scott Robertson enjoys pairing customers with wheels

Scott Robertson has been selling vehicles for more than a quarter century, the last 20 years at McQuarrie Motors Products Inc. of Gore Bay at its satellite lot in Little Current.

Scott said he began selling cars part-time and joined McQuarrie's when his former employer left the Island. "This is a great place to work and all of the folks at McQuarrie's are fantastic," he said, noting that it was the culture of McQuarrie's that encouraged him to stay in the industry, that and the satisfaction of watching happy customers drive off the lot in the Chevy, Buick or GMC vehicle of their dreams.

Scott also sold real estate in the past as well, but decided to choose just selling vehicles, "when I decided I didn't want to

work seven days a week anymore," he laughed.

When he isn't selling cars, Scott enjoys the outdoor life, fishing, hunting and camping as his main activities.



Scott Robertson

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Think before you click: Combatting fake news

The Expositor was recently invited to participate in an online panel discussion on 'How to Stop Fake News.' The panel included Northwestern University's Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, Ravi Agrawal, editor in chief at Foreign Policy; Justine Isola, head of misinformation policy at Facebook; V ra Jourová, vice-president of the European Commission; Marwan M. Kraidy, dean of Northwestern University's Qatar campus; Annelise Riles, executive director of Northwestern University's Roberta Buffett Institute for Global Affairs; and Olga Yurkova, co-founder of StopFake.org.

Across the hour-and-a-half discussion, the scale and scope of the challenges facing the battle against the deliberate (and inadvertent) distribution of misinformation that has proliferated with social media was made clear—particularly by vice-president Jourová, the former Czech Republic minister for regional development who noted that as someone from a country once hidden behind the Iron Curtain, she would not last long were she to support the concept of a minister of information. Her parents cautioned her from an early age to believe nothing that came from the state-controlled news outlets.

Fake news, misinformation, spin, twisting of the truth and just plain out-and-out lying, are nothing new under the sun, as Mr. Kraidy pointed out. Even once trusted and reliable (we thought) state spokespersons from countries with the staunchest of free press traditions have long since bartered their credibility away for short-term electoral gain—"weapons of mass destruction," anyone? Things went into totally surreal territory during the last US presidency, but this phenomenon of viral misinformation has been going on for centuries, if not millennia; social media only amplifies its spread and impact.

The most prestigious series of journalism awards across the globe, the Pulitzer Prize, actually stems from the days from which the term "yellow journalism," the precursor to fake news, was born. Two great publishing empires of the nineteenth century, that of Joseph

Pulitzer's New York World and William Randolph Hearst's New York Journal, clashed for dominance of the newspaper industry, and neither let the truth get in the way of an eye-catching (and revenue generating) headline.

During the Foreign Policy panel discussion, it was noted that there are two streams through which governments and other agencies are tackling misinformation. The first is by invoking regulation that aims at discouraging misinformation (neither as effective nor as desirable in the view of Ms. Jourová and her associates at the governmental level) and the second is by countering misinformation by simply responding with facts.

The Facebook representative noted that responding to misinformation with a fact-check label has a strong impact on discouraging the spread (or shares) of that piece of information.

So what can an ordinary individual do to help stop the spread of misinformation?

First and foremost is simply checking the veracity of a news story before you click, especially (and counterintuitively) if that piece of information fits in well with your own world view. Not everything we want to believe is actually true. Take a hard look at where the information is coming from. If it appears to be from a credible news source, double check to make sure that information piece is actually coming from that source. Spoofing, the art of making things look like they are coming from a credible source, is on the rise.

One of the most important things a parent can do is to educate their child about the dangers of seeing something online and simply assuming it is true. Sadly, in the age of social media, we must all take greater steps to combat misinformation. In the process of arming our children against those who would mislead them we may raise a generation of cynics, but in the age of social media ubiquity, that is probably the lesser evil.

letters

Tourism outreach deserves municipal, and our, support

Attracting visitors through local means is important for a multitude of reasons

To the Expositor:

"This is Manitoulin" is a lure magazine and has been attracting our wonderful visitors for 60 years. Over 40,000 copies are sent out strategically every year all over Ontario and some years into the USA.

In these challenging times our newspaper needs our support. Papers need advertisements to sustain them and with near no events happening, there is no doubt in my mind that it is hard to keep going. Thank you for finding a creative way to continue to be a great paper and the tourism-supporting business you are.

Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) has been distributing thousands of "This is Manitoulin's" to potential visitors for years at the trade shows we attend. We can attest that this great magazine is very well received. We know it achieves direct results. People are letting us know that the brochure's guidance led them to the detailed information found on the internet to plan their holiday, to book tours, accommodations and trip itineraries.

MICA wishes to thank Mayor Richard Stephens and Councillors Al Tribinevicius and Derek Stephens for supporting the motion for a half-page ad in "This is Manitoulin." We are sad that it failed to pass on the council meeting on March 25. I hope the mock-up ad created by staff community development officer Marcus Mohr as directed with a motion at a committee meeting with short time notice can be used in some ads in the near future.

MICA, for one, has supported The Expositor for several years with a half-page ad and wish to thank The Expositor whole heartedly for all the great work they are doing in our community and far reaching with "This is Manitoulin."

As a small business located in Central Manitoulin, I am grateful for our summer visitors that sustain me and so many other businesses in Central and Manitoulin in general. Maja's quarter-page ad in "This is Manitoulin" speaks to that.

The 2020 influx of Ontario visitors was wonderful. It provided a great opportunity to show us all where we can and need to improve to present an attractive place that serves our visitors needs well. MICA hopes that the 12 cycle racks donated to the municipalities on Manitoulin will assist our cycling visitors while cycling on Manitoulin. MICA, Maja's and surely many others are happy to hear that Central Manitoulin will provide more restrooms in 2021, and that they will provide additional waste disposal opportunities. We are grateful to hear that COVID-19 monies made available to municipalities will be able to cover the extra costs.

Attracting visitors and providing a welcoming, friendly, great functioning place is what will make us prosper; together we can provide excellence.

Maja Mielonen
MICA president
Proprietor of Maja's Garden Bistro

Island visitor dismayed by lack of public spaces on Manitoulin

It's time for a provincial park that allows for overnight camping

To the Expositor:

I am a frequent visitor to Manitoulin (just finished three days fishing for rainbow in Manitowaning Bay) and like everyone else who visits the Island, I appreciate the beauty of the panoramic sweeping bays, spectacular view of the La Cloche mountain range spread out along the North Shore, beautiful beaches, and scenic winding country roads. However, on our recent tour, I felt that something was missing in this scenario. Travelling to Mindemoya and further west I realized that there was no public property or Crown land along the route. Mile after mile of fencing attested to private property and First Nations signage demarcated First Nation land. I had the sensation that I was visiting a gated community. The wife and I are wanderers and therefore are able

to indulge in our passion for wandering into the bush around Elliot Lake and the North Shore of Huron just to explore, forage for edible wild plants and enjoy our all-consuming interest in mushroom hunting. Maybe I don't know the Island well enough, but it seems to me that there is very little public land on the Island to enjoy. I realize there are historical reasons for this and that large tracts of land are purchased by private individuals and corporations. Maybe it's time for a provincial park on the Island or some public layaway to at least pitch a tent for a few days of overnight camping.

Don Baby
Elliot Lake

Lack of public transportation a worry for letter writer

The pandemic can be an isolating experience

To the Expositor:

I guess a lot of people are going through some stress because of the pandemic. Myself, I was under a lot of stress because of the things I had to deal with. But, I finally got rid of it and now I am just relaxing and just trying to enjoy life. With this pandemic it does not even bother me, even with the lockdowns. The only time I get a little stressed is when I'm trying to find a taxi to go to some place. There is just no service in this community and it's also very isolated.

I do have a nephew in Sudbury and whenever he comes down, he checks up on me to see if I want to go someplace. He knows it's hard for me here with getting a ride. He even said to me he would come down to take me somewhere, but he is only available on Mondays for that. All I have to do is phone him and he would come down just for that. But that's one thing about me, I do not like taking advantage of people, so I stay

away from doing that.

I do believe we need some kind of taxi service in this community. We do have a lot of people here who are living on fixed incomes and this is something the leadership should be looking into. Maybe start a service that people can depend on to use for rides at an affordable charge for people who are living on low income. This is something needed for the community. We do have five satellite communities in Wiikwemkoong and it's a big community and a lot of people do not have their own transportation either. They live on the back roads too, so it would be a good service to have and their would be some kind of service too for anybody to go off reserve too for shopping as far as Espanola.

Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

Rainbow Board to petition province against mandatory e-learning

by Warren Schlote
SUDBURY—At a special meeting March 30, Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) trustees voted unanimously to “write a letter expressing its grave concerns about the provincial government’s proposed plan for online and remote learning,” in response to a Globe and Mail report on a leaked internal document that stated Ontario plans to make virtual learning a permanent part of the education system, a controversial subject that was a major issue in the 2019-2020 labour disputes through the entire public education system.

RDSB called a special meeting last week to allow some education partners to share their thoughts on the reported proposals. Board executives noted that the province has yet to officially tell school boards about this plan; the only reason the board knew about it was because of news reports on leaked documents.

Ontario is reportedly exploring the idea of making school boards permanently offer synchronous (real-time) remote learning for families who opt-in, and requiring such live, virtual classes during emergencies or snow days.

The legislation will allow TVO and TFO (its French equivalent) to develop and manage the online courses, not individual boards. Those organizations could require school boards to pay a per-student fee to access the courses. The province is also looking to allow TVO/TFO to become a revenue generator, through marketing their virtual learning and related supports to other provinces and internationally.

More than 130 people were watching the board meeting live at its peak viewer count.

Union leaders share concerns

The meeting began with delegations from Ontario Secondary

School Teachers’ Federation (OSSTF) District Three president Eric Laberge and Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Rainbow Teacher Local president Liana Holm.

“The in-person classroom cannot be replicated online. We are suspicious of the government’s plan to create a standalone infrastructure for e-learning that could ultimately be sold off to the highest bidder, thereby privatizing a chunk of Ontario’s publicly funded education system,” said Mr. Laberge.

He said the province has talked about generating educational revenue in the past, which he said made Ontario’s motives suspicious.

Ms. Holm suggested there may be ulterior, profit-driven motives for the Ford government in this case, rather than prioritizing student needs.

“Since it was elected, the Ford Government has made it clear that it has an agenda to dismantle our world-renowned public education system. It is attempting to weaken public education by capitalizing on a global pandemic to redirect funding dollars, erode public confidence and present a remote learning model as an innovative opportunity for students,” said Ms. Holm.

She cited the benefits beyond the classroom as key reasons why in-school learning should remain the priority. These include supporting educational, developmental and social needs of children, stability and consistency, standardized learning in all parts of the province, food supports, school supplies, clubs and sports teams, field trips, and building relationships between fellow students and their teachers.

Others offered concerns that teachers can often spot signs of children facing abuse at home, signs that are often not visible through virtual classrooms and

can potentially put students in danger.

RDSB executives dislike proposal

“To date, RDSB has not received any notice or requests to share input on the creation of the document. The document, if it becomes policy, will certainly present a host of challenges (and possible opportunities),” said Norm Blaseg, RDSB director of education, noting that some of the reported changes would take effect as soon as September 2021.

Boards are already planning staffing for next school year and any changes would disrupt the nine union agreements RDSB has with its workforce.

He added that surveys about mid-pandemic online learning success rates might not be translatable to normal times, because the emergency model would be different than a permanent offering.

School boards are expected to continue offering student wellness programs, technology support and other services remotely in addition to in person, with no extra funding.

He acknowledged that some students can thrive on virtual learning but this is a minority. Superintendents Bruce Bourget, Judy Noble and Kathy Wachnuk then offered comments that outlined their concerns, as well as a variety of potential advantages and disadvantages to students from many perspectives.

A report early this year from SickKids indicated that remote learning has had a “significant negative impact” on students.

Trustee Dena Morrison, vice-chair of the board, moved the motion that RDSB voice its strong opposition to the province.

“I see this as a very slippery slope to privatization of the public education system. We can’t let that happen,” she said. “Everyone who is a champion for public education

should have their hair on fire right now and should be fighting.”

Trustee Morrison said the Ford government was “taking political advantage of the pandemic” with this reported proposal and that it would impact in-person offerings and the number of teachers.

“This is a money grab. This is about reducing the number of staff in boards and removing that funding from board control,” she said.

Island officials join discontent

Margaret Stringer, trustee for Manitoulin Island, emphasized the necessity of in-school learning. She said remote learning reduces both teacher effectiveness and the quality of education, as well as students’ mental health.

“Our only course of action seems to be to speak loudly and clearly in opposition,” Trustee Stringer said. “I see nothing in the ministry proposal that merits support. Indeed, I see much to oppose.”

After the board unanimously voted to send a letter of discontent to the province, First Nations Trustee Linda Debassige had a turn to speak after missing a chance during the discussion. She said there was a significant element missed in the absence of Kathy Dokis, RDSB principal of First Nation education.

First Nations contribute \$4.7 million through educational service agreements to RDSB, she said, in addition to the board’s funding for Indigenous programs and initiatives.

First Nations have a treaty right to education, which overlaps both provincial and federal jurisdiction, and each level has to represent the Crown honourably in dealing with First Nations.

“(Treaty rights are) something that’s clearly been left out of the proposed model by the provincial government,” she said, noting his-

toric failings of the province to provide adequate Indigenous education, though some progress has begun in recent years.

“As First Nations people, we are so used to levels of government not consulting with us, treating us like people who don’t have a voice or a right,” she said. “We can write a thousand letters; they’re still going to do what they are going to do. So I think beyond that, perhaps (Mr. Blaseg) can enlist professionals to help us look at what are the fiduciary responsibilities that go beyond a provincial mandate.”

Trustee Debassige, also ogimaakwe of M’Chigeeng, said there are already large inequities in some students, particularly Indigenous learners.

“From an Indigenous student perspective, this is only going to facilitate additional traumas, additional inequities, additional disadvantages to an already disadvantaged minority population, and to a population that actually has a right to education that’s based in treaty,” she said.

The First Nations trustee also criticized the government’s failure to include teachers as essential workers and prioritize them for vaccines—last month, M’Chigeeng made a point of vaccinating Manitoulin Secondary School teachers who all work in that community.

Indigenous learners make up 20 percent of the student population in RDSB, noted Trustee Morrison.

In closing, board chair Doreen Dewar offered a brief reflection.

“(The in-person public education system) is the level playing field that provides equal opportunity for all our children regardless of race, colour or creed, and regardless of geography, income or capabilities. I believe that this is an issue worth fighting for and this is what we will begin to do this evening,” she said.

Feds announce first-ever fund specifically for active transport

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
OTTAWA—The federal government announced Canada’s first ever dedicated Active Transportation Fund on March 12 with an investment of \$400 million over five years to help build new and expanded networks of pathways, bike lanes, trails and pedestrian bridges across the country. The new fund is part of an eight year \$14.9 billion public transit investment announced in February.

Catherine McKenna, minister of infrastructure and communities made the announcement with parliamentary secretary Andy Fillmore. “As a government our focus has never wavered from the health and safety of Canadians and on getting safely through this pandemic,” said Minister McKenna. “But we will get through it. We’re also looking for ways to build back better by building the Canada we want, with good jobs, a sustainable economy, cleaner air, more inclusive communities where people want to live work and raise their families.”

“It’s really about building what we need for the Canada we want,” she said. “Canadians love using safe cycling paths and trails to get around their towns and their cities. It’s a great way to stay healthy, enjoy nature and connect to public transit. It’s also very good for the environment. This investment will make it easier for Canadians to get around on foot, by scooter, bikes, wheelchairs, e-bikes.”

Since 2015, the Government of Canada has invested more than \$130 million in 126 active transportation projects, including the Grouse Mountain Regional Trail in Vancouver, the Flora Foot Bridge in Ottawa, a bikeway



Cyclists embark from the Chi-Cheemaun during a past Passage Ride organized by Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates.

extension in Cornerbrook and a new cycling path in Chelsea, Quebec. This isn’t just about recreation, explained Minister McKenna. “Smart investments in better community pathways can remove barriers to mobility while connecting people to public transportation.”

Active transportation networks support safe mobility, make neighbourhoods more vibrant, offer sustainable transportation options and allow all members of the community to participate in active living. It is an affordable

and accessible way to connect communities while promoting healthy living and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Kate Walker, vice-chair on the board of Velo Bikes Canada, a national cycling organization, also studies public health and active transportation at the University of Ottawa. “Today is an important day for Canada,” she said. “Never before has a federal fund existed specifically for active transportation infrastructure. This fund can be used by communities all over Canada to build

important infrastructure like separated bike lanes and walking trails that will link community destinations, allow people to be active and improve access to transit. When people live in areas that have safe, connected active transportation infrastructure they feel confident to use a bicycle to go to work, to school, to seek employment. They can move more easily in their neighbourhoods in a wheelchair. They can walk to a friend’s house. They can bike, walk or roll to transit instead of driving a car.”

Today’s announcement will bring significant health, environmental, economic and social benefits to our country, Minister Walker added. Active transportation is affordable, can be accessed by people of all ages and abilities, and promotes physical activity that is protective against a host of chronic diseases including heart disease, diabetes and benefits mental health. A strong active transportation infrastructure offers people the choice of whether to walk or cycle instead of driving, which can reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well.

Local cycling enthusiast and president of Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA), Maja Mielonen, wasn’t aware of the announcement but thinks it’s a promising step forward. There’s been an explosive increase in cycling over the past year making it almost impossible to purchase a bicycle last summer, she said. “Manitoulin’s Highway 542 definitely needs paved shoulders for cyclists. It’s the last highway on the Island without and that’s dangerous,” she added.

Ms. Mielonen would like to see a completed rail trail between Little Current and Espanola for cycling

or walking. She wasn’t sure how effective cycle paths would be within Island municipalities but pointed to Assignack’s McLean’s Park as a good example of a shared walking and mountain bike trail and said that more trails like this, or Wiikwemkoong’s Bebamikwe Memorial Trail, would be added assets for Manitoulin.

Minister McKenna also announced the launch of stakeholder engagement on a National Active Transportation Strategy. “Because smart investments in public pathways are just part of a fully connected community, today we are also starting consultations on a national active transportation strategy that will help communities share best practices in project design and execution and promote healthier, walkable communities that are environmentally sustainable and inclusive for all,” she said.

The strategy will be informed by input from the public and key stakeholders including provinces, territories, municipalities, Indigenous communities and not-for-profit organizations and businesses. “We want to make sure that everyone who wants to can benefit from walking, biking or wheeling. Independent transportation that’s healthy for mind, body and planet,” Minister McKenna said. “Building big things in Canada has always been about nation building. We built big because we thought big. Now in 2021, it’s time to think big and build again. Canada’s first dedicated active transportation fund can help us tackle climate change, create jobs, make communities more livable, resilient, low carbon and inclusive.”

March 30
Water/sewer rates passed

The motion to set the 2021 water and sewer rates was passed.

The Northeast Town has been approved for a grant allocation of \$5,200 from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correction Services, Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management, to be used for training for the Northeast Town Fire Department.

March 23
BIA delegation

Ms. Taillefer asked that council consider waiving sidewalk leasing fees as they did last summer and help the BIA

Law & Order

UCCM Police executes search warrant resulting in drugs and weapons seizure

As reported on the front page of this newspaper, M'Chigeeng chief and council issued a state of emergency as a direct result of concerns with rising rates of opioid use, community safety, mental health and violence.

Council deliberated these requests at its following meeting, on March 23. Mr. Williamson explained waiving the sidewalk fees would cost the municipality about \$800, which can be recovered through COVID-19 government funds. The request for an outdoor dining area at Soldier Park was reviewed with staff with the recommendation to council that it not be permitted. Mr. Williamson said another structure downtown would eliminate green space and open the municipality to “excessive liability.” He also pointed to the two new pavilions (on the east and west areas of the downtown dock), which are there to serve this exact purpose. He also noted that more picnic tables could

A motion to waive sidewalk fees, provide additional washroom signage, picnic tables and handwashing stations, as well as fencing for the Anchor Inn outdoor patio, was passed by council.

Councillor Erskine asked if there were any changes to the plan to which Mr. Williamson replied, "no."

Councillor Cook reviewed the Northeast Town Public Library minutes with council, noting that the library had been approved for a New Horizons Grant to employ a part-time person for senior-focused programming and that the library will be seeking charitable status.

March 16
Application for consent

Council heard an application of consent from Bruce and Kelly O'Hare to create a new building lot with the intention

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Sportspeople?

Some of us rare beings are in the annual fishing doldrums of this spring season. I understand that it is a new year for angling, as even the die-hard ice fisherman are wary to get out on the last remaining “hard water” on Lake Manitou. Therefore, by the regulations, after March 31, there is little fishing to be had unless you are fishing on the “Big Water” of Lake Huron.

I used to be a legitimate full-time, four seasons fisherman here on Manitoulin. I was inspired to fish the legal limits of the (then) MNR’s established seasons and rules. It meant braving those shoulder seasons where nobody with common sense should be fishing, either out on the ice or on our shores to catch, something. For some of us, the success ratio was relatively high, especially if you consider catching rocks, stumps, cold and hunger. To me, a lack of success never deterred me from the challenge.

At some point, I lost the drive to continue to be that spring-fall fisher-person. Of course there was the inevitable battle with expendable free time, not to mention fingertips and toes. I’m not sure then if it was the possible loss of extremities or quality family time, but there were several negative experiences over the years that may have soured me.

Of course, I must preface this by claiming that this is not “sour grapes” based on my infamous lack of landed fish success. However, there were other sad episodes. There were actual fights that broke out between fishermen down in Prov because of an errant cast, crowding or not reeling in quick enough when someone yells, “fish on!”

There were many other less “innocent” incidents to be sure. On many occasions in the fall, I came across beautiful female salmon lying on the river bank to rot, stripped only of their eggs. I witnessed many “fishermen” insisting that they buy a young person’s salmon that they just caught. There were also the salmon poachers who went quietly way, upstream with massive outfits including bottom weighted treble hooks to haul in fish. In the spring, us “youngsters” were accosted by fishermen as we made our way downstream to find fish to cast to. We didn’t have a chance to even get close to a pool before an adult buffer would climb the bank to yell us off prime 100-foot river sections.

Fast forward to this month. I thought I would get back out to the old early spring fishing spots I used to haunt. Unfortunately, the old bad taste was still there in my mouth. I saw people fishing in clearly marked fishing sanctuaries. There were people openly littering on pristine shores. Quads ripping up beaches where nesting birds were obviously cavorting. People trespassing over obviously posted private property.

I know, as a teen, there was the standard local mindset that it was those “from away” that were the main offenders, and that was the easy lie. It has been apparent, in my re-introduction at least, to early Manitoulin spring fishing, however, that the blame has to be more widespread. Ok yes, in my admittedly, small sample size I will claim that there are still shenanigans going on. There have been very local poachers who may or may not know that they been apart from the law.

Come on, people!

Assiginack!

Assiginack has been well recognized in this spot for their efforts to advocate for their community fitness support, and they continue to do so! For instance, they got people wandering all over Assiginack in their annual Easter egg hunt and, amazingly, quite a few people actually got out and did it. They also have plans for a scavenger hunt that is to happen over the (new) April (school) break that will again get people going and be active.

Additionally, their race track has been kept groomed and they have had a significant increase in walkers. How about their efforts in McLean’s Park? They have had an approximate 200 percent increase over the winter in usage with cross-country skiers, snowshoers and now “fat bikers” (those enthusiasts that use fat-tired bikes)! There has to be a huge shout out to **Rob Mellan** who kept the trails groomed all winter long. McLean’s Park admittedly is breathtaking out there, at any time of the year, yet especially this time of the year. What a good way to remind everyone they we still do things even in lockdown to stay active.

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Ministry denies proposed walleye stocking program, planned for Lake Mindemoya

Lake’s walleye deemed genetically unique species

by Tom Sasvari

LAKE MINDEMOYA—The results of fall walleye index netting (FWIN) show that Lake Mindemoya walleye are genetically unique, and that at this point the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) says it makes no sense to initiate a stocking program on Lake Mindemoya given the current status.

“One thing that surprised me is the gene pool/DNA results. Basically, the MNRF did this testing in 2009 and in 2015 we did our own testing and the two study results show that the Lake Mindemoya walleye are genetically unique,” said Al Holroyd of Cedar Grove Resort, after a recent meeting he and Central Manitoulin representatives had with MNRF district officials. “That was always the ministry’s feeling in not stocking other walleye in the lake, that we should not mix up the gene pool. We felt it was the same old story—they didn’t want to stock Lake Mindemoya. And now the studies and the DNA prove why.”

“They feel that the walleye are naturally reproducing and are dead set against stocking because of the effects it would have on the gene pool,” said Mr. Holroyd.

“Obviously, we’re not happy to hear there is nothing we can do,” said Marcus Mohr, community development/outreach co-ordinator in Central Manitoulin. “Hearing that you would be wasting your time and money is disappointing, especially when you have the community will to try and improve something. I have community members contacting me by phone, email, Facebook and stopping me on the street to say they would volunteer to help improve the Lake Mindemoya fishery.”

On March 24, the MNRF had a video/teleconference presentation and meeting with Central Manitoulin to review the findings of the 2017 FWIN survey report on Lake Mindemoya along with details of the DNA sampling of walleye from Lake Mindemoya on specimens collected in 2015 by Mr. Holroyd. The review of this report was in relation to the potential of stocking Lake Mindemoya with walleye either

through the MNRF Blue Jay Creek fish hatchery, a community hatchery, or a combination of the two.

“The report basically states that the MNRF has no intention of stocking Lake Mindemoya as the lake is not at the point where it would typically be stocked, that the lake is self-sustaining and has healthy walleye, although numbers have been declining and did so drastically between 2005 and 2009,” said Mr. Mohr.



Island outdoors enthusiast Neil Debassige holds up a Lake Mindemoya walleye, which is a genetically unique strain of the fish species.

“They state it will likely improve with time, with a positive note that there may be a turning point on the rainbow smelt issues as there were no invasive rainbow smelt caught in the 2017 FWIN survey, however, they were noted in the stomachs of some fish and the nets they use are not really designed to catch them. Further, that a unique strain of walleye exists in Lake Mindemoya and that if it got to a point where it would need to be stocked it should, in their opinion, be that genetic strain. Finally, they stated that the cost is too prohibitive to raise walleye to the size of around four inches so that they have the best

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...Pharmacist credits her Island mentorship

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staff in improving health outcomes, the team leading the centre seemed forward-thinking and innovative, which spoke to her interests as a new pharmacist, and it was also close to home.

There were two pharmacist positions available at the time: the ICU position or a floating role between different departments. Dr. Hooda felt specializing in one area would suit her better so she opted for that position, though the ICU still has a large degree of variety.

"ICU is one of the most challenging therapeutic areas you can go in. It's a completely different style of medicine because you're no longer treating a single condition; there's often multiple, and some get treated at the detriment of others so there's a huge balance involved," she said.

When Ontario declared the Vaughan hospital the main COVID-19 treatment centre in early February, just after she started working there, she knew she was in for a challenge.

"Most survival rates in ICU are lower than other units and, by nature of that, there's a bit of an emotional toll you experience every day," Dr. Hooda said. "Most of my patients are ventilated and they're sedated as well, so I don't even get to speak with the patients or really see many positive outcomes."

As many doctors have attested in recent weeks, the average age of COVID-19 patients in hospitals is dropping fast. While the first two waves of the virus have largely had their worst impacts on older populations, new variants of concern that are driving the third wave are ferociously impacting younger people.

This is partly because many young people work in public-facing jobs that Ontario has deemed 'essen-



Dr. Naushin Hooda

tial' despite a recent shutdown (a new lockdown category that Ontario introduced at the beginning of the month), and partly because young people tend to have more social contacts than older demographics.

Additionally, the new variants seem to spread much easier and cause more severe illness than the original strain of the virus.

"The (ages of) patients are getting younger that are coming into the ICU," she said. "We're starting to see whole families in ICU; mom, dad and kids."

The hospital has closed off many of its other services and transferred those to other hospitals in York Region's Mackenzie Health system, allowing the ICU to expand into other areas.

"We want to be part of speaking to patients, helping them transition to getting back home, but now in the ICU ('home' is) not the terminology we use. Now it's about how we can keep them alive and get them well enough to transition to another part of the hospital," said Dr. Hooda.

She is the only full-time pharmacist in the ICU, alongside two others that spend some of their time in that area. There are, however, other pharmacists elsewhere in the hospital that can offer advice and

support when needed.

The small staff means many long hours, such as an Easter Sunday shift, and being available in off-hours in case the pharmacist on shift needs advice or suggestions.

"It is exhausting. I think I just try to stay hopeful that it's going to end soon, and knowing that the role I have is actually making a huge difference in people's and families' lives," she said.

Much of her downtime involves learning new best practices that seem to change on a daily basis as the knowledge base evolves.

Dr. Hooda recently got her second vaccine dose. While it was a relief to lower her risk of bringing the virus home to her family, she said it hasn't had a major impact on the morale of her team.

"With the people I work with, we came into health care not because we were worried about ourselves but because we care about others. Being vaccinated protects us, yes, but we've always been most worried about the people out there," she said, and credited her teams for their ongoing support and hard work to adapt as best they can.

"It's one thing to go through something that's really scary and really new and uncertain, but another to have people by your side going through the exact same thing as you and being open to answering any questions."

She credits two main parts of her Island placements at MHC and Guardian Pharmacy as key to her success in ICU. First, reporting directly to MHC physicians, rather than having an experienced pharmacist as an intermediary (as is common practice in placements), forced her to learn quickly and make decisions based on her best judgement of the situation.

Second, MHC offered an interdisciplinary practicum that involved working with other departments and the hospital administration to create a holistic way to address care needs.

"When you're in the ICU, the model is very similar in that you're expected to be a pharmacotherapy expert and answer questions related to drug therapy without hesitation. The model on Manitoulin is very similar to an ICU," she said.

Dr. Hooda said she is very thankful for the "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity at MHC and for the organizers at University of Waterloo for planning that rotation.

"That was the single training I had prior to being an ICU pharmacist; without it, I don't know if I could have accepted the role I am in," she said. "My manager was right, my experience on the Island prepared me so well. I couldn't have asked for a better experience."

Her education journey continues. In the midst of her shifts at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, she is working toward a master of public health degree at Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health.

The school has allowed her to take a reduced course load and instructors have accommodated her work situation, a comforting measure for Dr. Hooda.

Many health care workers have urged the public to follow public health measures as case numbers grow rapidly across Ontario, hospitals exceed capacity and staff, the most fragile part of the care scheme, face widespread burnout.

Staying home unless necessary, limiting social contacts, frequent handwashing, wearing masks and staying two metres apart from others are small measures that can prevent spreading COVID-19, including the newer variants.

...chief says community safety at a critical moment

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community as it relates to opioids," said Ogimaa-kwe Debassige. "We have also experienced situations that are concerning to our community safety. We recognize the mental health of our membership has been impacted, not only by COVID-19, but also by illicit drugs and drug activity occurring in our community. It has resulted in a lot of incidences of violence."

Chief and council met in a long session the previous week where they were provided with information and

statistics, as well as a list of incidents. "We recognize the pleas from our membership, from our community who need further action and who have increased steps that hopefully erase the situation that we find ourselves in. We acknowledge and share the hurt, the pain, the grief that many members of our community are feeling," Ogimaa-kwe Debassige said. "We too are angry, we too are frustrated and we share that with you. The council is committed to doing more. With historically inadequate resources our progress has been good, but it's also been slow. Over many years, leadership and staff of M'Chigeeng First Nation have come together in various initiatives, programs and solutions; however, we seem to not be able to keep up to the unwellness and to the illicit drug activity that we're seeing that is now really impacting our youth and killing our people."

Members of the community have been petitioning councillors for some time, the ogimaa-kwe noted, which led council to declare a social state of

emergency and pass the emergency M'Chigeeng First Nation Community Protection Order Bylaw.

"Over the past year there has been a significant increase of opioid-related deaths and an increase in drug traffickers who are coming into the community and supplying vulnerable members with illicit drugs including fentanyl, carfentanil, cocaine, heroin and crack," she added. This has resulted in an escalation of overdoses and violence within the community, resulting in threats and bodily harm to vulnerable community members.

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige

noted that, along with chief and council, all sectors of the administration, including the health service, have been continuously working toward community wellness for many years. The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly placed an increased risk on the community, leaving existing programs and services for mental health and community safety grossly underfunded and inadequate at meeting community needs, she said. "Staff are overwhelmed. Members of our community feel unsafe. The elders are fearful and young people continue to

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PLAYER PROFILE

by Zoe Redmond
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NICOLE CRESS

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Nicole Cress is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. She is a Grade 10 student, who constantly keeps herself busy. When she isn't busy with practices and school, she can be found enjoying herself hanging out with friends, snowmachining, fishing, hunting, four-wheeling and farming.

During her years at Central Manitoulin Public School she participated in many sports such as basketball, volleyball, baseball, soccer, flag football and track and field. Outside of school in past years Nicole took part in gymnastics for three years in Sudbury. She also figure skated until about age 10. Throughout Nicole's sports' experience she has learned a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. When it comes to working as a team Nicole is always working to make people feel connected, to keep people laughing, and spread motivation. She continued to play sports in high school, and in Grade 9 she played volleyball as the middle, and in basketball she was a forward. Nicole also took part in volleyball practices in Grade 10, however, COVID-19 sadly put a stop to it.

For Nicole, Grade 9 was an exceptional start to many more wins to hopefully come. In Grade 9 Nicole and her girls' basketball team placed 2nd at NSSSA. This was a great experience as she and her team had lots of fun. Nicole is looking forward to getting back into playing basketball with her team. She has not only made it to NSSSA for basketball, but volleyball as well. In Grade 9 she and her team placed 3rd at NOSSA, and were A champs for NSSSA. Nicole looks forward to expanding her skills in the sport, and joining in with her teams once again. She's specifically looking forward to everything getting back to normal after COVID-19 and playing volleyball and basketball again.

Over the course of Nicole's sports' season, she motivates herself and her teammates and always keeps encouraging her teammates even in the most stressful of games. Her determination and collaboration always reflects on her great sports abilities, and gives the people around her the role model they need. After a long day of basketball and even after a loss, Nicole is always able to keep her team having a positive experience. Nicole's favourite sport would probably have to be basketball because the running keeps her in good shape and she likes the contact in the sport. In basketball she is able to incorporate many aspects of sports such as running, as well as the incorporation of many different skills. Basketball has helped with hand-eye coordination, as well as provided her with many great experiences and memories. Nicole likes playing sports because they give her something to do in her spare time and they keep her in shape. She also gets to hang out with her friends and play sports which allows for her to create fun and long-lasting memories.

Nicole's main source of motivation comes from her coaches and team members. They inspire her because they all work very hard to succeed and see the best in situations. Their positivity helps to encourage her and help her see situations in a different light. In school Nicole's favourite class is either math or science because she likes the problem-solving aspect. After high school Nicole hopes to go to university for something in the health field. She also wants to stay on the island. She is hoping that COVID-19 will end so she can play sports again and have fun/go on away games and hang out with friends at away games and tournaments.

Nicole is one of many great Mustangs, and with her fun personality, smartness and high energy, she is sure to represent MSS well. Have an awesome year, and keep up the outstanding work Nicole!

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and Manitoulin to have separate boards. Twenty percent of the new board must be appointed and 20 percent must be community representatives, not municipal representatives. Names of those who will participate on the detachment board are not required to be submitted by June 7.

The solicitor general's letter indicated the ministry will work with and support municipalities and First Nations in submitting a completed proposal. If a proposal does not meet minimum requirements or if consensus on composition is not reached, however, the ministry will determine the composition of the detachment board.

Under the OPP detachment board proposal, Ontario passed the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019, as Bill 68, and established the CSPA which, once in force, will repeal the Police Services Act, 1990. Section 67 of the CSPA requires that there be an OPP detachment board, or more than one OPP detachment boards, for each detachment of the OPP that provides policing in a municipality or in a First Nations community. The ministry is required to develop a regulation related to the composition of each board; to achieve this, the ministry developed the OPP detachment board framework.

The new framework will provide civilian guidance to 326 municipalities and 43 First Nations including those that are directly policed by the OPP; those that employ their own First Nations constables but receive administrative support from the OPP; or First Nations that receive dedicated OPP policing. The intent of the framework is to enhance civilian governance by ensuring that municipalities and First Nations receive OPP services and supports that represent local perspectives, needs and priorities and provide opportunities for municipalities and First Nations to collaborate on efforts to improve community safety.

"We knew this was coming," said Al Boyd, chair of Manitoulin's CPAC. "In one sense, municipalities will have a

larger voice in policing than CPAC as we are an advisory board. We can provide input to the OPP and our inspector is excellent at relaying our concerns, but police service boards can dictate police enforcing bylaws, for instance."

"These boards are not unheard of," Mr. Boyd said. "Espanola had one when they were part of the OPP and both Wiikwemkoong and UCCM Police have police service boards. We'll see what happens. With the police services board we will have a lot more input on how policing occurs on the Island."

Mr. Boyd said he thinks it will be next year before the new police services board is in place and operational. "We have to submit a proposal by June 7. That will probably not get approved until fall. There will be a process for board members; it will require a resume and hiring review at the least. Incoming board members will need training. We (CPAC) will probably dissolve at the end of this year and then the new police services board will be introduced."

The Island already has models that can inform committee structure, suggested Mayor MacNevin. He referred to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor board and Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board which consist of representatives from different municipalities. "With the police service boards, every municipality will need to be represented," he noted. "The trick is to get nine municipalities to agree on the same model."

There will be no doubt be some associated costs with the new board, he added. "At this point I don't know what those are. Some police boards have honourariums and administration staff, but it isn't automatic that this will be the case here."

The process is just getting underway, said Mayor MacNevin. "We will be speaking to councils and we're hoping that all Island councils will look at this and with MMA input also, we can come up with a common direction. If we don't, it will be created for us."

Wellness Conference features Juno winner Susan Aglukark

MANITOULIN—Every year Mnaamodzawin Health Services hosts a Wellness Conference, and this year was no different, albeit in a different way. Normally, the conference would be a three-day event at a local venue but this year it was delivered in a virtual format. On Tuesday,

clinical nutrition, botanical and homeopathic medicine, and the role of gut bacteria and probiotics in weight loss and managing diabetes.

Last speaker of the day was Dr. Lana Potts, family physician and medical director who specializes in First Nation health at Siksi-ka Health and Wellness Centre located outside Calgary, Alberta. Dr. Potts is of Blackfoot origins and presented her inspiring story of her upbringing, rife with poverty, trouble and loss, and her journey to becoming a medical doctor through the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. The pain, vulnerability and hope that Dr. Potts shared with the audience was palpable even through a computer screen.



Juno Award-winning artist Susan Aglukark was the final speaker of the Mnaamodzawin Wellness Conference.

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February 23 and Wednesday, February 24, from 9:30 am to 12 pm, registrants were invited to join the Wellness Conference from the comfort of their own homes and listen to the line up of informative, dynamic, and inspiring presentations offered.

The conference was opened by the talented master of ceremonies Bob Goula, of Nipissing First Nation, with opening remarks from Mnaamodzawin's executive director, Craig Abotossaway, and opening prayer and drum song offered by elder Ken Kakeaway. First speaker on Tuesday, February 23 was Dr Tara Clapp, naturopathic doctor, of Integrated Health Care in St. Catharines. She presented on the similarities of naturopathic and traditional medicines, relating that both look at the health of the entire person, not just the presenting symptoms, as good health is all about balance. She talked about

Day two on Wednesday, February 24 was opened by local physiotherapist, Derek Debassige of Manitoulin Physio in M'Chigeeng. Mr. Debassige presented on what we can learn from the medicine wheel to help us manage pain and improve mental health during this unprecedented time of pandemic. Mr. Debassige talked about the benefits of meditation, positive mantras, and daily physical activity in improving mental health, managing stress and even sleeping better.

Final speaker of the conference was Inuk artist, Juno Award winner and Order of Canada recipient Susan Aglukark. Amongst a backdrop of beautiful Indigenous blankets, Inuk ceremonial dress and artwork, Ms. Aglukark talked about her humble beginnings in Nunavut, dealing with abuse, leaving her home to work in Ottawa, becoming a singer and songwriter and dealing

with instant fame as a young artist. Ms. Aglukark weaved her talk of healing and hope amongst her songs, singing about family, land and healing, including her most famous songs, 'O Siem, Song of the Land,' and an encore performance of Hina Na Ho. With her husband Jacques working the mixing board and microphone, it was possibly the best sounding Zoom performance ever.

With the Wellness Conference closing on such a high note, the remarks from Mnaamodzawin's executive director were very appreciative to all presenters and participants for putting aside the time to join us this year, and he thanked the

Wellness Conference committee for organising another successful event even if in a different format. All participants received a special gift in the mail for attending and a couple of lucky people even won door prizes.

Mnaamodzawin Health Services hosts its annual Wellness Conference near the end of February every year. For more information on the presenters or their topics, contact Allied Health Manager Rebecca Milne at rebecca.milne@mnaamodzawin.com or check out its Facebook page or website at mnaamodzawin.com.

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prove challenging. Those workers are in high demand, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the job posting has already gone out and the partners are hopeful for a quick turnaround.

MHC VP of clinical services and chief nursing officer Paula Fields said at a recent board meeting that the modified staffing model will be very helpful for the clinical team.

"Right now, when we need to send a patient for a non-urgent test, we often have to pull an RPN off of the unit, leaving us short because we often cannot backfill," she said.

Funding contributions for the program are divided among the partners. MHC contributes roughly two-thirds of the cost as it comprises two-thirds of service usage; Espanola's hospital adds about a third and DSB contributes for other requests, such as residents of long-term care facilities.

DSB continues to seek permanent base funding from the Ministry of Health to run the service. The ministry has offered temporary funding when the province can afford it, according to Mr. Dominelli.

"The service should be about the same but having a PSW added will be really good," he said. "This is exciting; we're looking forward to this."

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be targeted.”

M’Chigeeng is calling on the federal and provincial governments for support. Ogimaa-kwe Debassige noted that the community has provided the federal government with a list of immediate needs and a plan of action but that funding is not sustainable at this point. “While we are grateful for this support, continued and sustainable funding to meet the needs of our community for many years to come is required. Recovering from addiction is a journey and we must continue to work with the complex and diverse needs of our struggling members. We require the resources to have appropriate personnel in place to support our wellness efforts.”

“We are really thankful for our leadership to declare a state of emergency at this time,” said Mr. Beaudin. “It’s a plea for help. We’re seeing such a high rate of addiction that we need help. We need other resources to assist us to deal with the situation we’re in, whether it’s a police team, addiction services or a treatment centre. We’ve seen a substantial increase in overdoses in the last year. The number of overdoses that paramedics have responded to on Manitoulin has been substantially increasing for M’Chigeeng, and I believe for this year alone, close to 35 percent of the calls are just for M’Chigeeng. That’s a scary number that we’re looking at.”

“So where do we go from here?” he asked. “When we look at solutions, it has to be a community effort. We have to look at all of our partners and utilize all resources that come out of the declaration of a state of emergency. This is not going to happen overnight. This is going to be a long-term investment. The addictions didn’t start yesterday.”

“There may be times that you may not see the work being done but there is a tremendous amount of work being done by our staff, many of whom are



M’Chigeeng Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige addresses her community during a public declaration of a state of social emergency.

dedicated to the wellness of our people,” Ogimaa-kwe Debassige said. “We are Anishinaabe people. We are good people and we have a good community. Every single person living here is a beautiful soul. Some may be hurting right now, so we do ask that you be kind to one another; that we help support one another. We ask you to be part of the solution for the betterment of our community; our youth, our elders, our families all depend on it.”

M’Chigeeng’s chief and council have been working with UCCM Police; however, the police services face the same funding constraints and lack of support at both provincial and federal levels it was noted. UCCM Police has limited personnel and no dedicated drug enforcement unit, and due to its large catchment area has limited time to spend in the communities it serves. “Both federal and provincial governments have declined to enforce and prosecute our bylaws,” Ogimaa-kwe Debassige said. “This leaves our communities at a continued vulnerable place.”

The opioid crisis is affecting many communities and has reached a point of escalation not previously seen, said Inspector Slaughter. “We are committed to working with all the agencies to be able to further this initiative. Addiction is something that is taking a toll on our entire community. We pledge to work closely with all of our agencies to address this further so we ask that anyone seeing suspicious

behaviour contact either UCCM Police or Crimestoppers if they’re uncomfortable making calls for family members who are struggling with addiction.”

Ogimaa-kwe Debassige noted that there is a disconnect between the OPP service, which has more resources at its fingertips, and UCCM Police. UCCM Police is not recognized as being an essential 24/7 service, she explained, leaving time gaps where illegal drug dealers, often from Toronto, are able to enter the community with guns and prey on the community’s citizens. The purpose of the emergency community protection bylaw is to protect the community from illegal drug activity and to remove drug dealers from M’Chigeeng lands, including band members and non-members.

Council has also provided supports for additional measures including security, security cameras and the creation of a mental health and addictions, community wellness, protection and cultural department to better support the community of a whole. An opioid emergency operations group has also been implanted and M’Chigeeng will continue to advocate for resources for both the community and policing services it was noted. M’Chigeeng, alongside UCCMM Tribal Council, continue to advocate for funding to construct Gwek-waadziwin Youth Treatment Facility for youth aged 13 to 17 years, added Ogimaa-kwe Debassige.

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comment. “I did not join University of Sudbury to advocate for any other program.” Mr. Beaudry’s resignation was effective Friday March 26 and he declined further comment on the issue.

Former CBC broadcaster and author Wab Kinew noted that he had taken a number of courses at the University of Sudbury and tweeted his concerns while asking for support. “There’s worry that the financial instability at Laurentian University could prompt the termination of its Indigenous Studies program,” he wrote. “Faculty have written an open letter urging protection of those courses. Please read and consider signing in support: caut.nationbuilder.com/open-letter.”

Local author and University of Alberta profes-

sor Karen Pheasant also expressed her dismay. “I was thinking of applying to teach in that program when there was an opening advertised,” she said. “I dodged a bullet on that one I guess.”

The ongoing negotiations that are part of a restructuring process at Laurentian University are being conducted behind closed doors and have caused deep concerns for

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This plan will represent the broad interests of several Island municipalities and the facilitator will work with a local advisory committee made of representatives from these municipalities.


The work is to be undertaken immediately and all aspects of this project must be completed by June 30, 2021.

Specific tasks will include, but not limited to:

- Preparation of a community safety and well-being plan to be utilized by the five identified communities.
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...Ministry denies walleye stocking program on Lake Mindemoya

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chance of survival from predation. Mr. (Wayne) Selinger (MNRF biologist) stated you would need at least 50,000 four-inch walleye a year to make a difference in Lake Mindemoya and they don't have the fish culture station infrastructure provincially to do a project of that size. They also stated that a community hatchery would be a waste of time and money."

Mr. Selinger said Lake Mindemoya supports a valuable fishery. "In response to public concern regarding noticeable changes over time in the walleye fishery and associated requests for supplemental stocking, MNRF Sudbury District has evaluated the status of the lake every four years since 1997 using the FWIN protocol. The latest survey was completed in 2017. MNRF Sudbury District has undertaken more assessment work on Lake Mindemoya than

on any other waterbody in the district other than perhaps the French River."

"The FWIN surveys have documented significant change over time resulting from the introduction of two invasive species (zebra mussels and rainbow smelt)," said Mr. Selinger. "Walleye biomass and abundance declined significantly between 2005 and 2009 but has been relatively stable since 2009. The introduction and proliferation of zebra mussels caused a reduction in lake productivity and walleye carrying capacity lowering nutrient levels and zooplankton abundance. Subsequent to the establishment of zebra mussels, rainbow smelt were introduced providing a new high energy food source significantly increasing walleye growth and body conditions and further altering population dynamics."

"Lake Mindemoya is fundamentally a different

ecosystem than it was 20 years ago, and fish populations have responded accordingly. The new reality for Lake Mindemoya is fewer bigger walleye," Mr. Selinger wrote in the report.

Mr. Selinger confirmed that Lake Mindemoya walleye are genetically unique. "Tissue samples collected by Cedar Grove Resort in 2015 have been analyzed by MNRF research staff. The genetic results confirm that Lake Mindemoya walleye are genetically distinct from walleye in Lake Manitou (an introduced population and the available strain in the provincial fish culture system) and all other populations that MNRF has looked at in the North Channel, Georgian Bay and Lake Huron."

"Yes, MNRF supports walleye stocking activities across the province and on Manitoulin, however, stocking on top of viable self-sustaining populations is

strongly discouraged as it can do more harm than good," the biologist added.

"Based on FWIN surveys completed between 1997 and 2017, Lake Mindemoya does not require stocking," Mr. Selinger added. "Although there have been significant changes in the fishery over time associated with the introduction of invasive species, these changes are irreversible with or without stocking. Walleye are still reproducing naturally and the lake continues to benchmark favourably against indices of expected abundance and sustainable mortality."

"The genetic risks associated with stocking far outweigh the potential benefits and the true benefit of stocking would be negli-

ble in comparison to what the lake seems to be able to support naturally," continued Mr. Selinger. He wrote that given the current status, "it makes no sense to initiate a stocking program on Lake Mindemoya."

The MNRF is uncertain at this time as to whether

another FWIN survey will be completed this coming fall. "Only time will tell if the pandemic, funding and staffing levels allow for a survey this year. If not, we will consider our ability to undertake," added Mr. Selinger.



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of building a semi-detached dwelling and an easement for a sewer line. The property in question is located at the corner of Park and Hayward Streets in Little Current.

The consent was granted, provided the O'Hares apply for a separate application for an easement to access municipal property to connect to the sewer system.

Public works report

Wayne Williamson, manager of public works, gave the public works report to council. He noted that daily road patrols are being conducted and trucks dispatched as required. He noted the trackless machine is out salting/sanding every morning because of daily freeze/thaw cycles. Staff transitioned from clearing snow from ditches to dealing with flooded ditches, he added.

Mr. Williamson also noted that staff replaced the radiator in the 2005 Sterling truck, replaced the oil pan in the 2008 GMC one-ton truck and are getting the street sweeper organized for spring service.

Community services report

Reid Taylor, manager of community services, reminded council that the rec

centre is currently closed to the public due to the health unit's lockdown order, but continues to be used by Manitoulin Health Centre as a mass vaccination centre.

The seasonal renewals for Spider Bay Marina have been sent out and the marina's washroom upgrades have begun.

Mr. Taylor also noted that Lisa Hallaert, events co-ordinator, has been busy hosting virtual workshops each Wednesday evening. Upcoming events include cheese-cake on April 7 and donuts on April 14. Other events to look for are an Easter egg decorating contest and Trivia Tuesdays and Thankful Thursdays on Facebook.

Building control report

Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson gave the building control report to council. So far in 2021, seven permits have been issued: residential (new), one; seasonal dwellings (additions and renovations), one; accessory buildings (new), one; and commercial/industrial (additions and renovations), four.

The total value of construction to date in 2021 is \$472,000 with a total building permit revenue of \$5,744.



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...Neighbours' dispute brings focus to rural 'right to farm' debate

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the Normal Farm Practices Protection Board with allegations from the Roccas that the Bayers have substantially changed their farming practices in order to impinge on their rights to enjoy their property.

The matters, which could be of concern to farmers across Ontario, come from the current complaints before the board; in particular: an increase in manure odors and flies caused the respondents' damage and/or removal of hedgerows, shrubs, trees and vegetative buffers; the additional nuisance of manure-laden dust on the Roccas' property, gardens, fruiting hedges, shrubs and trees as well as deadstock disposal that has led to odours and flies.

Legal costs incurred by the Bayers for legal repre-

sentation to defend themselves from the allegations have been substantial to date. The Roccas are representing themselves in court.

Following numerous motions and additions to the case, this latest row ended with the applicants being limited in bringing any new motions forward without the approval of the board as well as the awarding of \$1,000 in costs to the Bayers.

"The allegations of contempt made by the applicants are particularly concerning as they are serious allegations and were totally unfounded," notes the board in its initial finding on the Roccas' recent motions. "They amount to clearly unreasonable, vexatious and bad faith conduct." The court went on to award \$1,000 in costs to the

Bayers.

The Roccas sought an order from the board to allow Ms. Rocca to attend on the Bayer's properties to assess if their farming practices were "normal." The board denied that request in November. In making its decision, the board noted that it did not believe Ms. Rocca was qualified to give expert opinion evidence in the areas of minimum distance separations and run-off calculations, saying that "Ms. Rocca, we presume, does not have those qualifications."

The board did indicate that a properly vetted expert could be sent to assess the practices, but that, although the Bayers could accompany that expert, the Roccas could not.

The Roccas also sought a ruling that the board did

not have jurisdiction over those lands located on an unopened road allowance (as is normal practice in the Northeast Town, the Bayers have permission to farm the unopened road allowance adjacent to their property). The board ruled that it did, indeed, have jurisdiction, discounting the Roccas' claims. The board noted that the court ruling cited by the Roccas in support of their argument, which referenced a travelled road, did not apply in the case of an unopened road allowance such as the one under dis-

pute.

The Roccas also made application to the board to find the Bayers in contempt for not making disclosures

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many students, particularly those who still need a number of credits to complete their degrees in Indigenous studies, but also creating an atmosphere of anxiety despite assurances being issued by the university.

It is anticipated that Laurentian will follow the same process as when it wound down the theatre program at Thorneloe, offering courses to complete theatre studies degrees at its own facilities utilizing its own



Dominic Beaudry

forces when it comes to fulfilling the outstanding Indigenous studies degree courses—it remains to be seen whether the quality of

the course offerings will remain at their former level.

For its part, the University of Sudbury offered its charters to both the francophone and Indigenous communities to set up their own institutions, releasing a statement: "In these exceptional times of uncertainty, the University of Sudbury is pursuing all possible options with Indigenous communities, stakeholders and partners regarding the future of our Indigenous studies program."

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Graphic novel artist teaches Sheguiandah his craft

by Michael Erskine
SHEGUIANDAH—A lot of things are happening in the digital universe of the internet these days as the world adjusts to the realities of fighting the global pandemic and communities strive to find ways to make isolation more bearable for their members.

Shelba Deer, program coordinator with Sheguiandah First Nation, cast about for innovative and interesting diversions with which to engage community—things that would help alleviate some of the pandemic isolation being felt in every community across the country. Always on the lookout, Ms. Deer said the idea of the graphic novel workshop came about through her own artistic interests as a young Anishinaabe-kwe.

Ms. Deer floated the concept during a staff meeting and her colleagues thought it was a great idea, she recalled. Then it was a matter of finding the right person for the gig.

Ms. Deer cast back to her experience in her former gig with 4elements Living Arts and the network she established working with 4e founder Sophie Edwards. “Sophie has been an amazing mentor to me,” said Ms. Deer. “It was her encouragement that got me to contact one of the graphic artists who attended a social enterprise workshop for Indigenous writers and artists I attended at Algoma University. So I emailed him and it all came together. As Sophie said, ‘it is like the universe is looking out for you’.”

Neal Shannacappo, the graphic artist Ms. Deer cold emailed, is a Nakawe and poet from Rolling River First Nation in Manitoba. Mr. Shannacappo (his pen name) is Eagle clan and currently living, working and playing in Ottawa.

His latest work, ‘The Krillian Key: Salamander Run’ is published by Kege-donce Press, and follows an immortal being, ‘Kyrill’



The graphic novel ‘Krillian Key: Salamander Run’ is set in a dystopian future landscape and tells the story of an Indigenous hero pursued by alien villains.

(a.k.a. Salamander), through the burning, charred remnants of Neo-New York, a dystopian landscape that plays a familiar backdrop common to graphic novels. Kyrill is the only key to a prison controlled by the seven gods of creation, and as such is chased through the post-apocalyptic hellscape depicted in ‘The Krillian Key’ by warring factions of alien/human hybrids—one of which seeks to shield Salamander from danger, while the other would use him to release and apolcalypse by opening the doors to an alien prison.

Mr. Shannacappo is cited for his “imaginative world-building and vivid artwork.”

The graphic novelist took participants in the four-week workshop series through all aspects of a career as a graphic novelist. From initial concept to artwork, through publishing and essential tools, the workshop participants were encouraged to create their own artwork as they followed along.

Among his own inspirations, Mr. Shannacappo recalled writing a poem about “the man in black” that formed early genesis of one of his main characters. “It was very dark and had nothing to do with the graphic novel as it looks today, but that was when I first created the character of ‘The Father.’

It was several years

before he found the look he wanted for that character. “Salamander showed up around that time,” he said. “He was also very different, but what both characters have retained is their tone—Salamander is light and The Father is dark.”

In conversation with The Expositor, Mr. Shannacappo noted that there has never been a better time for a young aspiring cartoonists or graphic novelists, writers of any genre, to make their way in the industry—but it will take work.

“Younger generations have a good grasp of social media,” he said. “You can publish your work online yourself, and there are all kinds of sites like Patreon, Instagram and others where you can market your work. I find younger people are much better at that than an older artist like myself.”

For an “older artist” Mr. Shannacappo demonstrated a pretty strong facility with the online graphics tools that are available to young artists these days, many of them with his favourite characteristic “free” going for them.

Mr. Shannacappo’s works can be found online at Chapters, Amazon and his publisher’s website kegedonce.com.

The youth comic book workshop was sponsored by United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising and the Ontario Indigenous Health and Wellness Strategy.



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“The applicants take the position that, unless the disclosure is consistent with what the applicants may have found during their own research or that they do not like the answer that they received, then the respondents are in contempt of the order,” reads the board decision. “All the issues raised here by the applicants are more properly the subject of cross-examination of the respondents’ witnesses at the hearing.”

The board found that there was no contempt of its order.

In the end, the board decided that the application “should now proceed to a hearing without anymore costly preliminary interruptions from the applicants.”

As such, the Roccas “shall not bring any further motions without leave from the board, save and except a motion for a site visit by a qualified expert.” The board also set out that such “leave will only be granted on a motion brought in writing on notice where the evidence provided by the applicants shows that the motion will have a reasonable prospect of success.”

The allegations before the board have yet to be proven.

As the case is currently before the tribunal, the respondents refrained from providing comment and The Expositor has relied on the public record to outline the bones of this story to date. That information can be found online at canlii.org by searching Rocca v Bayer, 2021.

As this case has strong ramifications for the future of agriculture, rural practices and the right to farm, The Expositor intends to follow developments in this (and perhaps subsequent or similar and related cases) closely in the future.

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...Spousal abuse: Island man shares story of family violence victimization

...continued from page 1 tend to reveal much higher levels of such occurrences, including a 2009 Statistics Canada study that said over the preceding decades, the rate of men who identify as victims of domestic violence stood just behind that of women.

A Manitoulin Island man said he never knew about male-victim family violence until he found himself in that position, dealing with an abusive partner who upended his life. He agreed to share his story with The Expositor, on the condition of anonymity, to help other people realize that this hidden problem is both widespread and devastating.

The story begins like many others: he met his abuser through a shared hobby and the two eventually began dating and began their family.

He and his partner had disagreements, as many couples go through, but these became more frequent over time. Disputes allegedly included disagreements over how the children should be raised, his partner preventing him from speaking with many of his friends and becoming upset when he said he was uncomfortable engaging in rough bedroom activity, eventually ending intimacy altogether.

"I wasn't allowed to see my friends. She played my entire family against me and so I was left in a world where I was alone. And that was the way she wanted it," he said.

By then, the partner had made clear her desire to separate but her husband continued trying to make the situation work for the sake of the children, he says. His partner reportedly began to have affairs at that time and was allegedly very controlling of all aspects of the man's life.

She began to tell others that he was depressed, suicidal and violent, and spending too much time on work, hobbies and raising the children instead of with her. They tried relationship counselling but that process met friction with different counsellors.

The relationship severed one night when, in the midst of an argument, the man went into a separate room to diffuse the tension. However, the room only had a single entrance and his partner followed him to the doorway, allegedly continuing to taunt him about how she was going to spread false stories that he was dangerous, unpredictable and a threat in order to ruin his life.

"This is when I made my mistake. I needed to get out of the room so I put my hands on her shoulders and moved her to the side so I could leave and get some air. As soon as I did that, she said I had just assaulted her and that my life was now over," he said. "I think she had been coached to know exactly how to get me to touch her ... she knew what she was doing."

Police soon arrived, put the man in handcuffs and took him for a short jail stay. He did not defend

himself at the time because he felt it was futile. Now, he wishes he would have spoken up about the conditions in which he had been living.

"If you are arrested, say something. I think the police will now investigate differently; I hope the police

gist.

All of the evaluations delivered clean reports and the Children's Aid worker who interviewed him recognized the signs that he was likely, in fact, a victim of family violence, not the abuser.

they want to believe. I'm not going to please everybody, that's not my business; I don't feel like I have to prove myself but thankfully, the community has been really supportive as a whole. I don't walk around hiding," he said.

edging that abuse can happen to all people.

In a coming edition of this series, this man will share what he's learned so far during his healing journey.

Victims of family violence are not alone. Men needing support should contact Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services

(mnvictimservices.ca; 705-370-3378) or Canadian Centre for Men and Families (menandfamilies.org; 1-844-900-2263). Women facing abuse can access support on-island through Manitoulin Family Resources (MFResources.net; 24-hour crisis line 705-377-5160). If the situation is an emergency, dial 911.



Male victim family violence is often underrepresented in statistics, advocates warn.

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will investigate differently, now that there's more awareness," he said.

His charges, in addition to the allegations of death threats, were from pushing, throwing a piece of food at his wife while telling her to shut up, and splashing water on her.

"After hearing year after year that I should just kill myself, that my life was useless, I truly believe she was hoping I would commit suicide that night," he said. "I made the mistake of fighting back instead of just leaving, but I had young children and I felt I had nowhere to go. My family had turned against me, I had no friends anymore; she completely isolated me."

After his release, he moved for a short time to another part of the province, where he had to undergo psychological evaluations and interviews with Children's Aid Society to determine what risk he posed. In order to get his job back he had to see a psychiatrist, a forensic psychologist and a clinical psycholo-

That worker's endorsement was a major step toward him being able to see his children again.

As he began to understand the magnitude of what had happened, and that men could be victims of family violence, he found more support through community members and a former partner of his now ex-partner, who all described noticing similar patterns.

He used this knowledge to formally register with the police as a victim of family violence after his ex-partner soon broke their custody agreement. Since that time, he says he hasn't had the same issues.

The man now identifies as a survivor of domestic violence but worries about his children. According to a court affidavit from the man's father, the kids seem stressed when she picks them up from his care.

Some community members remain doubtful of his experience, a fact he accepts that he cannot change.

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The Slash’s famous shoe tree no more

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—This past fall, municipal crews in the Township of Tehkummah had to destroy a Manitoulin landmark as the famous ‘shoe tree’ along Lakeshore Road had rotted and was threatening to fall onto utility lines in the area.

“We had to take it down in the early fall. It was going to fall over; she was pretty rotten,” said Tehkummah roads superintendent Kevin Dunlop.

The tree had begun to lean more and more in recent years and people living by the tree had tied a rope to the trunk to prevent it from falling on the power lines. This, however, was not enough to stop the decay and after a mid-November wind-storm, neighbours made the difficult decision to call the township to have the tree removed.

The shoe tree dates back to 1993 when a Lakeshore Road resident found a pair of green rubber boots at the South Baymouth landfill and decided to nail them onto the tree.

The family that began the shoe tree did not wish to be named but said they never expected that the tree would have become such an attraction.

“So many people stopped by. Some added their own shoes to (the tree) and others just dropped their shoes at the bottom of the tree and they were put up,” the family members told The Expositor. “I wouldn’t even venture a guess as to how many pairs of shoes were there.”

Over the years, various shoes came and went as people added new ones and the oldest ones began to rot and fall off.

In recent years, some of its branches began to fall off and the tree grew fewer and fewer leaves each year.

“We were quite surprised that it lasted as long as it lasted, because that’s many years for a tree with shoes on it,” the family said.

In their travels down the road, they would often see people stopped at the tree.

“We didn’t put any real meaning into the tree ourselves. We were just so surprised that so many people knew where it was and a lot of them had been by, they said, just to see it,” said the family members.



one of Manitoulin’s most uniquesights, the Slash shoe tree, has gone the way of the Cup and Saucer gum tree—both are no longer in existence.

The shoe tree’s demise took all of a half hour.

“We couldn’t save the shoes. They went to the landfill and were buried. They were all nailed on, so it would have been hard to take them off,” Mr. Dunlop said.

“It was just a very sad day that it had to be taken away. I’m sure it will be missed by many people who stopped by and took pictures,” said the family.

The family members said they had no plans of their own to create a new shoe tree and continue the landmark’s legacy.

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Northeast library launches seed bank

LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (Northeast Town) Public Library has expanded its collection to include a seed library, allowing library card holders to borrow open-pollinated, heirloom seeds adapted to growing on Manitoulin in exchange for returning the seeds of those plants back to the library after the growing season.

“I had considered (launching a seed library) previously as something that would be good for the community, but I didn’t know it was already being done with libraries generally. When I got this job, I thought about it again and decided to start collecting seeds myself from that season and whoever else was willing to donate last fall,” said Northeast Town Public Library CEO Kathy Berry.

The seed library had an introduction last October with a virtual workshop explaining the service and the process of growing and saving seeds: the seed bank officially opened in late March.

Tehkummah and Debajehmujig Storytellers both operate annual seed swaps, with the latter maintaining a year-round seed bank and the former keeping its leftovers from the yearly event in its library for people to pick them up if they miss the event date.

Little Current’s seed bank features seeds on a spectrum between decorative plants like flowers, ornamental and food-bearing plants like climbing beans and amaranth, and edible varieties like beans and radishes. A full list is posted on the seed lending library at the Northeast Town Public Library website.

Many of the starter seeds in the collection came from Northeast Town-based Grass Roots Garden Club, using the leftovers from its annual seed exchange. Club organizer Jean Narozansky of Pepper Point Gardens in Sheguiandah said it was great news that there would be a permanent seed



The seed library, as well as books on gardening, is available at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library.

exchange installation at the library.

“A seed library is wonderful because it will preserve the variations in every species,” she told The Expositor. “There’s so many very large seed companies that dominate the market and they are not really honouring the traditional seeds. It’s harder to find heritage seeds now.”

Community-level seed exchanges deal in heirloom or open-pollinated seeds, which broadly refer to plants that are naturally pollinated, rather than hybrid varieties bred by companies to achieve a desired outcome. Hybrid seeds will generally still grow a plant but not produce food, if saved and planted in a following year; whereas heirloom varieties are those that have grown naturally for generations.

Ms. Berry said the focus is on seeds that have grown on Manitoulin Island for at least one generation and have adapted to the local climate, to improve the chances for their success.

There are opportunities for the young ones to get involved, too—library staff

used the marigold seeds they had on hand to create marigold growing kits for kids. These have been popular but as of the beginning of April, the library still had 15 kits left.

To ensure there are seeds for years to come, everyone who takes seeds is asked to return at least three times as many at the end of the growing season.

“There’s a food security element because we will have seeds that have been grown on the Island for generations, and also just the community benefit of people sharing and exchanging,” Ms. Berry said.

Anyone who wishes to use the seed bank should call, visit or send an online message to the library to inquire about availability. The service is included with one’s library card, which is free for all Northeast Town residents and \$30 per year for those from other municipalities.

Visit the Northeast Town Public Library website at nemi.olsn.ca for more details about the program and a list of varieties currently in the seed bank.



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Found it! Ember McCulloch points to the egg she discovered in Sheguiandah, one of five stops in the Northeast Town Easter egg hunt.

RIGHT: The Bunny Hughson directs Easter traffic.



The Easter Bunny paid a visit to Les and Delmer Fields in Manitowaning on Easter Weekend.



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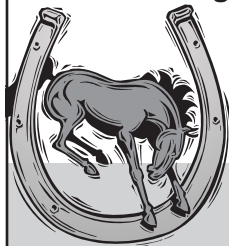


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Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756, Ext 238 if there are any questions. All welcome.

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

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**Legion Events**

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**Sea Cadet Events**

Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is Monday nights at Mindemoya Community Centre (Hwy 542, beside Mindemoya municipal office) beginning at 6 pm. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350.

**coming events**

Lyons Memorial United Church has invited the Canadian Mental Health Association and Sudbury Manitoulin Mental Health and Addiction Services to offer three one-hour lunch and learn education sessions in April via Microsoft Teams. These sessions are open to anyone who is interested. Please send an email to the church at lyonsmuc@bellnet.ca and the links to these will be forwarded to you. Wednesday, April 14, 12 pm to 1 pm, Mental Health 101 - (understanding mental health, mental illness, stigma, language, anxiety and depression). Wednesday, April 21, 12 pm to 1 pm, supporting your Mental Health during COVID-19 - (tips that will help participants cope with the pandemic). Wednesday, April 28, 12 pm to 1 pm, Understanding Your Care Options - (this session will specifically address those care options and supports that are available for people who live on Manitoulin).

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Required Competencies:

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

Qualifications and Work Experience:

- Experience incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual practices in order to meet the needs of individuals, families and communities
- Knowledgeable and respectful of Anishinaabe customs, culture and language
- Minimum of three years' related experience as a Registered Nurse or Registered Practical Nurse, currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario in good standing
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Deadline: Friday, April 9, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Submissions:

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Human Resources
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- Help to prepare the administrated assessments.
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- Help assist teachers and student teachers.
- Knowledgeable in literacy and numeracy practices.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Experience working in a school setting an asset.
- A valid Early Childhood Educator Certificate would be an asset, but not necessary.
- Must have knowledge and/or experience of the culture, tradition, history and customs of the Anishinaabe.
- Understanding and fluency of Odawa or Ojibwe language is an asset or must be willing to learn the language.
- CRC/CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screening.

Location: Sheshegwaning First Nation St. Joseph's Anishinabek School

Salary Range: Based on experience and qualifications

Deadline to Apply: April 13, 2021 (NOON)
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Interested applicants may forward their resume and three written references marked confidential to:

Jessica Sampson
Human Resources Director
Sheshegwaning First Nation
1079A Sheshegwaning Road
Sheshegwaning First Nation, ON
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Jessica@sheshegwaning.org

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



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PROGRAMS COORDINATOR – TEACHING AND LEARNING
Contract Term: May 2021 – March 2023

PROGRAMS COORDINATOR – TEACHING AND LEARNING

Classification: PSC3 Team Leader Operational Support/Salary Grade Band F

Under Hire Level Salary Range:	Qualified Level Salary Range:	Advanced Qualifications Salary Range:
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Position Objective:

Under the direction of the Dean of Post-Secondary Education, the Programs Coordinator - Teaching and Learning ensures lifelong learning programs of Kenjgewin Teg designed for teachers and educators include Anishinaabe traditional knowledge and are delivered in accordance with the organization's quality assurance standards and procedures. As a critical position supporting growth of Kenjgewin Teg as an Indigenous Institute in Ontario, appreciation and/or practice of Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin in teaching and learning perspectives is critical.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Minimum of diploma within the teaching and learning sector; or proven work-related experience in a coordinator capacity;
- Minimum of two (2) years of program coordination experience;
- Program management and/or program budget planning experience;
- High level of proficiency with the Microsoft Office software suite; and
- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishinabek traditional knowledge; Kendmoowin – Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bimaadziwin.

Interested Individuals are strongly encouraged to contact Human Resources for the full Job Description and additional qualifications/skills at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca.

Application Deadline: Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 12 noon

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

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

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

Kenjgewin Teg
"HR –Programs Coordinator – Teaching and Learning"
c/o Director of Operations
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Kenjgewin Teg team members work collaboratively to inspire students to find their gifts to further success in the world! We are currently recruiting for the following five (5) positions:

Dean of Pathways, Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training, Social Worker, Academic Technologist, and Health and Wellness Program Coordinator

DEAN OF PATHWAYS – Full-Time
Classification: EX2 Division Manager/Salary Grade Band M

UnderHire Level Salary Range: 68,497 – 76,108 – 83,719	Qualified Level Salary Range: 78,733 – 87,480 - 96,229	Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 88,967 – 98,852 – 108,738
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Position Objective:
To act as an academic and student services leader by providing programming delivery supervision, coordination, administration, and financial budgeting, while monitoring and reporting on key achievement and program deliverables including data management; ensuring integrity of wellness programs and services that are in alignment with Anishinaabe Aadziwin Learning (AOLo) theory and instructional method.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must possess a minimum Bachelors of Education;
- A member in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers;
- Minimum of five years’ substantial experience in a management role; and
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DEAN OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING – Full-Time
Classification: Manager M3 Program Head/Salary Grade Band L

UnderHire Level Salary Range: 64,468 – 71,631 – 78,793	Qualified Level Salary Range: 74,101 – 82,334 – 90,567	Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 83,734 – 93,038 – 102,341
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Position Objective:
The Dean of Post-Secondary Education (PSE) and Training will be responsible to provide strategic leadership and supervision of post-secondary programs in collaboration with employees and external partners, ensuring all students and community are provided with education and support services in a welcoming, learning environment. The Dean of PSE and Training will also ensure an organizational-wide marketing strategy that ensures the organization is represented in a consistent, professional manner through policies and guidelines.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Possess an undergraduate degree in education or business; and
- Minimum of four years of management experience in an adult learning environment, preferably in the Indigenous education sector.

SOCIAL WORKER – Full-Time
Classification: Specialist SP2 Program/Service Delivery Specialist/Salary Grade Band G

UnderHire Level Salary Range: 45,306 – 50,341 – 55,375	Qualified Level Salary Range: 52,076 – 57,862 – 63,649	Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 58,846 – 65,384 – 71,922
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Position Objective:
The Social Worker provides school-based mental health services and support to students of Kenjgewin Teg. This position works as part of the Student Services Team, and will liaise with external resources, in support of student needs.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must possess a minimum Bachelors of Social Work;
- Registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers;
- Minimum five years’ work experience in the social work field;
- Mental Health First Aid;
- SafeTALK; and
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ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGIST – One Year Contract
Classification: Specialist SP4 Business Development Specialist/Salary Grade Band I

UnderHire Level Salary Range: 51,146 – 56,829 – 62,512	Qualified Level Salary Range: 58,789 – 65,321 – 71,854	Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 66,432 – 73,813 – 81,194
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Position Objective:
An experienced academic technology professional. This is a highly visible role with demonstrated experience in designing instruction, coaching and staff development and providing thought leadership in state of the art uses of technology in education. The Academic Technologist will lead the roadmap for a successful implementation of innovative technology solutions for Kenjgewin Teg Staff and Students.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must possess minimum diploma in technology or degree in education;
- Minimum of three years’ experience with instructional technology supporting faculty within a learning environment or minimum three years’ experience classroom teaching experience; and
- Knowledge and experience designing learning opportunities in the Brightspace LMS and use of Microsoft Education ecosystem including the management of those environments.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM COORDINATOR – Contract to December 2022
Classification: Program Services PSC3 Team Leader Operational Support/Salary Grade Band F

UnderHire Level Salary Range: 41,106 – 45,673 – 50,240	Qualified Level Salary Range: 47,248 – 52,498 – 57,748	Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 47,934 – 59,322 – 64,935
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Position Objective:
Under the direction of the Dean of Post-Secondary Education, the Programs Coordinator – Health and Wellness ensures lifelong learning programs of Kenjgewin Teg designed for health professionals include Anishinaabe traditional knowledge and are delivered in accordance with the organization’s quality assurance standards and procedures. As a critical position supporting growth of Kenjgewin Teg as an Indigenous Institute in Ontario, appreciation and/or practice of Kendmoowin - Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin in health and wellness perspectives is critical.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Diploma within the health and wellness sector, or proven work-related experience in a coordinator capacity;
- Minimum of two years of program coordination experience;
- Program management and/or program budget planning experience;
- High level of proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite of software; and
- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishnabek traditional knowledge; Kendmoowin – Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bimaadziwin.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS AT humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 12 noon

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

Applications can be received marked confidential through email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca, or by mail, to:

Kenjgewin Teg
“HR – List Position Title”
c/o Director of Operations
374 Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M’Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0

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

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation tradition of smudging.

Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.



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CAO/Clerk Treasurer
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Gore Bay, ON P0P 1H0
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Manitoulin Family Resources

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) is in the planning stages of a project to build a new and expanded (3,500 sq. ft.) Food Bank and Thrift Store. Project construction is expected to commence in the spring of this year. The tender documents will provide a General Contractor with a scope encompassing all aspects of the project’s construction.

Contractors with appropriate capability are invited to contact MFR to be included on the bid list for this important community project.
Please respond by email, telephone or in writing by 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2021.
Contact information:

Manitoulin Family Resources
Attention: Denise Leblanc
PO Box 181
Mindemoya, ON
P0P 1S0
705.368.3400 ext 243
705.370.4796 fax
dleblanc@mfresources.net

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

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Friends of the Mindemoya Old School needs members to help us repurpose this solid, historical building. \$10/year for single members, \$20 for family, renewable each January. E-transfer payment to mindemoyaold-school@gmail.com or send cheque to FOMOS, Box 146, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0. Please specify **MEMBERSHIP**. For more information, MindemoyaOldSchool.ca. 47c

Engineers give Tehkummah thumbs-up on landfill expansion, thumbs down on aging township buildings

by Warren Schlote
TEHKUMMAH—Two engineers' reports submitted to the Township of Tehkummah in recent months offer mixed news to the township, with engineers determining that its landfill can withstand expansion if given ministry approval, but an assessment into the state of two municipal buildings recommended hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of potential upgrades.

In "great news for the township," DST Consulting Engineers delivered a hydrogeological assessment regarding the potential expansion of the South Baymouth landfill, which determined that the site would be suitable for an expansion. DST also submitted a landfill site design and operations report that would enable the township to get use of its landfill for at least two more decades.

"In my experience with other landfills on the Island, we have a generous amount of space surrounding it in the attenuation zone, which provides us the ability to be able to do this, to expand and to continue using it," Tehkummah clerk-administrator Silvio Berti said at the March council meeting.

The hydrogeological assessment looks at the landform and water flow through the area, both surface-water and groundwater, to determine if there are any risks for harm with a given land use.

"Hopefully, we can get the general public who use it to continue to recycle and

keep what they put in the landfill in the back of their mind; that, ultimately, the less you put in, the longer it will last and the less cost it'll be for the taxpayers," he added, noting that some Island municipalities have begun to fill their dumps and now face increased costs to ship their garbage off-Island.

The current landfill, begun around 1960, is at its current waste volume limit of 18,410 m3 and engineers have prepared plans to expand its waste holding area to 39,055 m3. This will give it capacity until 2043, according to estimated waste projections.

The landfill area footprint will grow from 0.6 to 1.3 hectares but the site will remain below the 40,000-cubic-metre threshold of a small-scale landfill. This exempts it from the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Act.

Tehkummah can continue to use its landfill status quo until the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) grants or denies approval.

"It sounds as though our (municipal crews) will be able to do a lot of the work as far as getting the place ready for expansion?" asked Reeve David Jagard.

Mr. Berti said yes, that much of the work involves jobs such as clearing the perimeter and building berms with the existing soil, but all the work would have to follow guidance and be inspected.

Council voted to receive the hydrogeological assessment report and the expansion's design and operations report.

In the same meeting, council received a report from another engineering company that assessed the state of Tehkummah's municipal building and its public works garage. These reports offered non-binding suggestions for improving problem areas with both buildings, which would cost the township hundreds of thousands of dollars if it were to act on all of the identified items.

In the municipal build-

ing, engineers found interior surfaces are largely older than their expected service lives but are performing well, the slab for the backup generator installed last year does not appear to have been designed or properly constructed, the mechanical system of the boiler and piping is past its service life and the building could benefit from adding more air movement, as the only current system is the Lifebreath unit that does not run in the summer.

Most of the building's plumbing is past its service life and the electrical panels and breakers, while they serve the building's current needs, are old and should be replaced.

Engineers could not determine what the fire hall's propane generator provides power to and it recommended upgrades to more efficient interior lighting.

In response to the concrete generator slab, Mr. Berti said the township often avoids hiring engineers for projects in order to save costs and get work done faster, but this is an

example of why suggestions about completing reports should be raised beforehand. Councillor Michael McKenzie noted that he had expressed concerns before the concrete went in.

Completing all of the recommended upgrades in the municipal building's report would carry a rough cost of \$216,500, based on preliminary estimates.

On the public works garage, which has been known to have issues for some time and is labeled as poor to very poor condition, engineers found many of the major interior and exterior systems have gone beyond their expected life and have performance issues, the electrical system is adequate but old and should be updated if any renovations take place, lighting is poor and should all get swapped to LEDs both inside and out, and ventilation standards are at the minimum requirements, which is a health and safety concern. The concrete block wall in the tractor storage area showed signs of potential mold growth.

While the report's findings were troubling, they were expected, Mr. Berti told The Expositor.

"I've indicated from being in (the building) that it needed to be addressed. It's an old building and they don't last forever, so it's ultimately time to make some repairs or modifications," he said. "We have put money in the budget to get the building designed and we will be looking for funding to do it, but ultimately we can't do it until we get the funding."

in memoriam

HARASYM—In loving memory of our precious baby boy, William James Morris Harasym, who left us on April 10, 2004.

In the golden street of Heaven

As the happy children play, Gentle Jesus watches o'er them

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In our Father's home above, Our William is happy

In the sweetness of His love. Lovingly remembered by mom Marilee, brother Landen, sister Hailee, Grandpa and Grandma Harasym, Aunt Mallory and Uncle Mitchell

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Death Notices

CHRISTINE SARAH ELLIOTT



Christine Sarah Elliott, our dear mother, peacefully began her Spirit Journey on March 31, 2021 at the age of 91. Originally from Aundeck Omni Kaning, she lived her later years in Neyaashiinigmiing. She has reunited with her devoted husband, Francis "Frank" Elliott.

Beloved mother of Sandra Sheppard (Merwyn), Calvin Corbiere (predeceased), Mary Dantouze (David), Rod-erick Corbiere (Annis), Donna Prii, Sharon Corbiere (predeceased), Kenneth "Oscar" Corbiere (Deanna) and Frank "Tiger" Elliott. Proud grandma of Daniel, Rebecca, Tara, Jeff, Cheryl, Matthew, Mark, Lois, Rheanna, Faith, Elizabeth, Sam, Chris and Isabella and great-grandma to 13 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by her parents Frank and Ruby Abotossaway and her siblings Earl, Stuart, Corella, Nolan, Lorne, Clayton, Rita, Glen, Gerry and Greta. Mom loved knitting, reading, jigsaw puzzles, gardening and her soap operas, all the whilst drinking very weak tea. A celebration of her life is planned for summer 2021. Donations to "Friends of Gateway" at Gateway Haven where Mom spent her final years would be appreciated. Private family arrangements have been made through the Thomas C. Whitcroft Funeral Home & Chapel, 814 Bruce Rd. 8, Sauble Beach (519) 422-0041. Condolences may be expressed online at WhitcroftFuneralHome.com.

EUGENA "GENA" KYDD MULLEN NUMAN



It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Gena Newman of Little Current on the morning of March 30, 2021, at the age of 51. Mother, wife, grandmother, auntie, little sister and best buddy. She will be lovingly remembered and very much missed by her husband Perry Newman; son Tyler (Meagan); grandbabies Anthony and Krystyna; sisters Rhonda (Paul), Tracey (Michael), Kim (Andy); Winston and Bella, and numerous friends and relatives. Youngest daughter of Eugene "Gene" and Peggy Mullen (deceased). There are not enough words to truly capture and honour the spirit of sweet Gena. She was beautiful, loving, supportive, feisty, loyal and relentless. Wonderfully adventurous, bright, funny, kind, witty, unique and complex. Yes, she was all that, and a bag of chips! Ask any of her friends. She had many hobbies and passions. Family was first and the finer things in life were a close second. Gena loved travelling. The longer the road, the happier she was. That girl could drive. She also enjoyed all water sports, roller skating, music, dancing, gardening, cooking, horseback riding, goofing around, games and very long sunny days on a warm sandy beach. Toes in the sand and a drink in her lovely little hand. Her zest for life was truly palpable. Gena lived graciously and courageously until the very end. She was a true warrior, our very own little Wonder Woman. Justice for all (that was her motto). A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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TENDER 2021-02

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) requires the removal of an existing 800 sq. ft. (approx.) portable building located adjacent to 27 Forest Street, Mindemoya in the spring of this year. The tender documents will provide a Contractor with details, alternatives and requirements encompassing all aspects of the building removal. Contractors with appropriate capability are invited to contact MFR to be included on the bid list for this important community project.

Please respond by email, telephone or in writing by 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 9, 2021.

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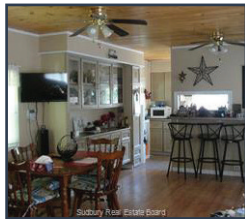
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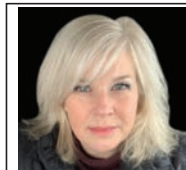


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