

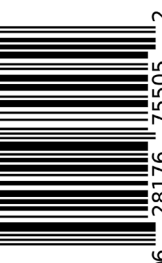


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**TWO NATIONS PADDLE**—Two canoes representing two nations, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, set off from Prairie Point in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Friday morning in a symbolic paddle between two nations once at war in this territory. The weekend was filled with Two Nations cultural experiences, from stories, dance and food. The event also coincided with National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations in Wiikwemkoong.

## Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee paddlers share friendly canoe trip in territory where they waged war many years ago

by **Jacqueline M. St.Pierre**, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter  
WIJKWEMKOONG—Two canoes moved across the morning water like prayers whispered in two languages. Paddles stirred

the shoreline silence, each stroke a syllable in a story long interrupted.

It was day two of the Two Nations Cultural Exchange—an event bringing together the

### Birch Island wants old rail right-of-way restored to band ownership, pristine state

by **Michael Erskine**  
BIRCH ISLAND—In 2019, Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) launched a lawsuit against CPKC (a railroad com-

pany that resulted from the merger of Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Limited), the federal government (and any other companies that hold interest) over the land beneath the rail

### Subway shop opening in Little Current

by **Ed Prudhomme**  
LITTLE CURRENT—A brand-new full-service Subway restaurant is set to open its doors in Little Current later this summer. This new establishment, to be located at the former K&T Variety at the corner of Manitowaning Road and Vankoughnet Street, will add to the growing range of dining options in the town, which has seen a significant expansion in eateries in recent months.

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Haudenosaunee of Six Nations of the Grand River and Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. Together, they paddled to Skulls Point, a site of layered history on Mnidoo Mnising—sacred ground for both nations, though claimed by neither in recent memory. Until now.

"This hasn't happened in generations," said Jackie Jameson, senior manager of tourism and community development for Six Nations Tourism. "Maybe ever. Our nations paddling together, as allies, to this place—it's powerful. Not just symbolic. Real."

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## Remembering Terry Fox, 45 years on

*Terry's brother's cycling team, with OPP escort, travelling from Little Current to South Baymouth*

ORILLIA—The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is proud to support the Terry Fox National Ride of Hope cycling team as it makes its way through Ontario communities, including Little Current.

The OPP will provide vehicle escort for Terry Fox's brother Darrell Fox and his cycling team, for the Ontario leg of the cross-Canada journey from June 20 to July 2.

Provincial Constable Berkley Parisien of the Manitoulin OPP detachment told The Expositor, "The riders will be leaving Espanola at 5 pm Fri-

day (June 27) and be arriving in Little Current at 6:45 pm. The Manitoulin OPP will be providing police escort (with one OPP car at the front of the cycling group and the second behind the riders on Friday, and again Saturday when the riders depart Little Current at about 8 am bound for South Baymouth to take the Chi-Cheemaun ferry to Tobermory)."

Cycling safety advocate OPP Provincial Con-

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## Manitoulin Health Centre recruits six new physicians for family health teams

*One new physician also joining Gore Bay clinic*

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) is thrilled to announce the addition of six new physicians to its local medical team, significantly enhancing healthcare services across Manitoulin Island in the months to come. This exciting development includes four internationally trained doctors joining through the Practice Ready Ontario (PRO) program, another physician relocating from Saskatchewan and a recent Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) graduate.

The PRO program streamlines the process for internationally trained physicians with postgraduate training and independent practice experience in family medicine and/or emergency medicine outside of Canada. These dedicated doctors will complete three years of their return-to-service commitment under this vital program allowing for some relief to the MHC doctor shortage.

"We are incredibly proud to welcome these talented physicians to our team," said Paula Fields, president and chief executive officer of MHC, in the release. "Their arrival marks a crucial step forward, in expanding access to quality healthcare for our communities on Manitoulin Island. The PRO program is a worthy initiative that helps us integrate skilled internation-

al physicians into our system and we look forward to welcoming them and their families."

MHC is pleased to welcome Dr. Akindele and Dr. Inyang, who have recently begun their family practices at the Little Current site. Joining the Minde-moya team in September or early October, will be Dr. Zang-

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## Manitoulin Canada Day roundup

by **Michael Erskine**  
MANITOULIN—Our nation will be 158 years young this July 1 and there are plenty of reasons to celebrate living in what is truly one of the greatest nations on Earth. Thankfully, Manitoulin communities have a wonderful lineup of events to take part in.

Gore Bay Royal Canadian Legion is hosting a pancake breakfast from 9 am to 12 pm on July 1 at Branch 514. Western Manitoulin Lions Club is hosting a free barbecue at the Harbourview Pavilion at 12 pm and Guardians of the Children are hosting a Pie-in-the-Face from 12 pm to 2 pm, also at the pavilion. The Gore Bay Spirit and Event Group are hosting games of all ages from 12 pm to 3 pm. Topping off the day will be fireworks (weather permitting) courtesy of the Gore Bay Fire Department.

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# The Manitoulin West Recorder



‘You hold it, I’ll spend it!’ Board Chair Dennis McGregor quipped as this photo was taken. From left, Auxiliary treasurer Marilee Hore, board chair Dennis McGregor, CEO Paula Fields and Auxiliary President Dawn Orr with a \$5,000 donation from the auxiliary to the hospital.

## Manitoulin Health Centre Little Current Auxiliary celebrates 80 years of service

**by Margery Frisch**  
LITTLE CURRENT—There was a happy buzz of excitement at the Anchor Inn on Wednesday, June 18 as the Little Current Hospital Auxiliary gathered to celebrate its 80th year of service to patient care at the hospital.

After welcoming all in attendance, Auxiliary President Dawn Orr said, “Established in 1945, the auxiliary has continued to offer their support through fundraising and providing numerous patients’ services such as free TVs and programming, care bags and gifts for special occasions, and a tuck cart room, to name a few. Tonight, we celebrate not only its accomplishments, but also each of its members over the last 80 years. Thank you all for your hard work, camaraderie and laughter shared. Each person has made this organization special,” Ms. Orr added, “Thank you also to our many supporters here tonight. NEMI Mayor Al MacNevin, Chair of the MHC Board Dennis McGregor, CEO Paula Fields, Director of Care Paula Ferguson and board members. We are honoured

you are here to share this special occasion with us.” Ms. Orr then went on to thank the organizers of the event, Carole Labelle, Marilee Hore and Lin Diebel. Diane Musgrove was asked to say grace, and delivered a beautiful, thankful prayer of gratitude.

Following a wonderful Anchor Inn dinner, Auxiliary Vice President Carole Labelle said a few words before introducing Marilee Hore, who gave a brief history of the organization. Speaking of her experiences both as a nurse in the hospital in the mid-60s, as well as her involvement with the auxiliary, she told little anecdotal stories.

“I started in 1965 as a fresh RPN coming out of school, and this was my first job, at \$210 a month,” said Ms. Hore. She spoke of the Sisters of St. Joseph, “They were strict,” she said, “but that was expected.” Of the hospital itself, “It was a big thing for Manitoulin to have this hospital,” she said. And of the auxiliary, “Through the years that I

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## Old Mill Heritage Centre launches celebratory book in honour of 100 years

**by Tom Sasvari**  
KAGAWONG—The history and the people involved in the first 100 years of the history of the Kagawong Old Mill and the evolution of the community are featured in a new book that has just been published.

“Absolutely, I thoroughly enjoyed putting this book together,” stated Rick Nelson, curator of the Old Mill Heritage Centre, last Wednesday, as he picked up the first 75 copies of the 250 being printed in the first edition of the book. “As a member of the museum board, we knew that that this year marked the 100th anniversary of the Old Mill and that we would want to have a book published providing its history.”

“I had a lot of help on this project, everyone in the community pitched in and helped,” said Mr. Nelson. “For example,

Nancy Vaillancourt provided historical information and helped steer me in the right direction.”

“It is important to have a book that relates the history of the Old Mill. After all, a 100th anniversary only comes around once every 100 years,” quipped Mr. Nelson.

As was noted in the book, the Old Mill was built in 1925 as a pulp mill and marked an important industrial milestone on Manitoulin Island. Mr. Nelson explained ‘Kagawong Old Mill Celebrating 100 Years’ is a tabletop book with over 100 pages of information and historic photos. “It is a combination: we provide historic information from newspaper records and photos, and from talking to descendants of people who worked there. And there are still people around who worked in the building, people like Bruce Gordon who told me a whole bunch of good stories that are included in the book. Elva Lloyd’s late husband worked there when it was converted to a Hydro One office.”

“The book provides the history of the Old Mill and life around Billings at the time when the mill started and pro-

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## Crystal Gazing

### Crystal Shawanda releases new album, ‘Sing Pretty Blues’

**by Michael Erskine**  
NASHVILLE—It has been a rocky road over the past couple of years—years filled with personal tragedy and loss, but Wiikwemkoong’s own Crystal Shawanda has come through the other side with an album of songs, ‘Sing Pretty Blues,’ that shot to number two on the Canadian top 50 blues albums list within minutes of its release and number 35 in the US (and climbing).

Ms. Shawanda’s journey began three years ago following her last album and was on schedule for release when her manager and agent of 14 years, Rob Pattee, passed following a courageous battle with cancer, then another childhood friend died from an overdose, then her nephew was lost just this past May.

“I needed some time to heal,” she told The Expositor. “The single was supposed to be released last spring, but I took some time off to mourn. It still hurts.”

The Wiikwemkoong songbird released a single back in January, and the full album is now available for download—or you can drop by 10-Mile Point Trading Post, which now has several copies of the album in stock.

‘Sing Pretty Blues’ is a collection of songs that channel hope, resilience and embracing all parts of oneself, even those that aren’t considered “pretty,” notes Ms. Shawanda. ‘Sing Pretty Blues’ touches on themes of loss and addiction, reflecting experiences from her life.

“As much as I wanted to keep moving forward, life happens,” she said.

She explains that “the title ‘Sing Pretty Blues’ was inspired by a conversation I had with a photographer as I was coming off stage. He said, ‘great show tonight, I think I got some good shots but it’s kind of hard because you don’t sing pretty.’ At

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## Janet Anning awarded top Ontario Public Service honours

**by Tom Sasvari**  
MINDEMOYA—Janet Anning, who worked as a victim services worker with the Victim Witness Assistance Program for 21 years (and with the Ministry of the Attorney General for 23 years) has received an Amethyst Award, the highest recognition within the Ontario Public Service (OPS).

“I was very overwhelmed to first be nominated for and then to receive this award,” Ms. Anning told The Expositor after receiving the award at a special ceremony held at the Elgin Theatre in Toronto last Tuesday night. “To be nominated for this award and to have some of my family and friends on hand for the presentation was very special.”

“I am very humbled and honoured,” stated Ms. Anning.

Ms. Anning was nominated for the award by her former



Janet Anning has received the prestigious Amethyst Award.

boss, Mylene Renaud.

“Janet’s work with Indigenous communities has had a lasting impact on the individuals and communities she serves,” Ms. Renaud writes. “Her willingness to go above and beyond her pro-

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## Manitoulin Lodge’s Gloria Hall feted by long-time employer Jarlette

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORE BAY—Community members, volunteers, staff and representatives of Jarlette Health Services (JHS) acknowledged the tremendous efforts and work that Gloria Hall has done as an employee of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home at a community barbecue held at the facility last Tuesday, June 17.

“Gloria has been the heart and soul of the Manitoulin Lodge and the community,” stated Julia King, chief operating officer of JHS.

Harrison Jarlette, president JHS told the gathering, “I would first like to say thank you Gloria, for close to 39 years. The Manitoulin Lodge will not be the same without you.”

Mr. Jarlette said “I have been here many times over the years, coming up to Gore Bay my whole life with my family being involved in the Lodge (as its owners). On behalf of JHS, we really appreciate you, Gloria, for what you have done for the residents, staff and community. You have definitely gone above and beyond.”

“As JHS steps away from the Lodge and St. Joseph’s Health Centre takes over, we know it will be a good change for the community. If there is anything we can do to help the community, we will be there,” said Mr. Jarlette. He explained it was his grandfather, Alex Jarlette who was first involved with Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home. “This place has been a very big part of my life, and our family’s. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the years.”

A large number of residents and community members along

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## Concerned citizens attend public meeting for Gordon Twp. waste recovery plant

**by Tom Sasvari**  
GORDON—While the majority of about 40 people who attended a public meeting/presentation by WEST (Waste Energy) raised concerns with the proposal to build an advanced waste recovery plant on property that abuts the current transfer station located on Highway 542, at least two people voiced their support of the proposal.

“Unless I don’t understand the process, I wish this process was available to municipalities 35 years ago,” stated Peter Spadzinski, at a public meeting last week. “It provides the municipality a level of security for getting rid of its waste. It is a great system if it works the way you describe. It will be cost efficient and effective in getting rid of the township waste.”

“As was discussed at the last council meeting, the local municipalities could be held hostage with Dodge Haulage Landfill in Espanola



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Brinkmanship is a dangerous diplomatic tool in a nuclear age

The Donald seems to be taking a page out of his colleague Russian dictator Vladimir Putin’s playbook in a way that threatens the wellbeing of every person on the planet.

For nearly three-quarters of a century, American leaders have wisely refrained from becoming directly involved in Israel’s offensive moves, limiting their Middle East involvement with that country’s hostile neighbours to supplying arms and occasionally by the defensive shooting down of missiles aimed at Israel.

No more.

With its bombing of Iran’s nuclear facilities in an overt, and illegal, act of war that exceeded his constitutional powers, The Donald, he who promised “no more wars” under his watch (a major reason for his election last November), the POTUS has now inevitably embroiled his nation in what could easily become a forever war.

There is a good reason that the US never got involved in an Iraq-style regime change operation in Iran. It is a vast and well-supplied nation with huge resources. Now, The Donald seems to be channeling his inner Bush.

To be clear, Iran has actively antagonized the Israelis, supplying arms and expertise to its Iran’s proxies, Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon. Iran has threatened to wipe Israel off the face of the map and does just about everything in its power to make its dream a reality.

On the other side of the ledger, Israel has been and is currently engaged in a war of attrition with Iran’s proxies following the October 7 massacres that much of the world now characterizes as genocidal in effect, if not in fact as claimed by Israel. In those confrontations children and innocent bystanders are being bombed, starved and otherwise victimized as much of the Western world stands transfixed, locked into a Cold War stance that prevents them from intervening.

There were plenty of indications over the past couple of decades that the Middle East could become normalized, joining the rest of the world in peaceful commerce, as one by one many of Israel’s enemies set aside their own genocidal aims towards that nation.

The cut, slash and burn approach to diplomacy of The Donald might be acceptable in the dark underbelly of the kind of business he conducted in the private sector, but in the realpolitik world of multiple nuclear armed adversaries, it is nothing short of madness.

Just as the Russian invasion of Ukraine has cost millions of lives, both Russian and Ukrainian, no good will come of The Donald’s latest adventure in world domination.

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres hit the nail on the head when he said on the X social media platform that he was “gravely alarmed” by the use of force by the United States. “There is a growing risk that this conflict could rapidly get out of control—with catastrophic consequences for civilians, the region and the world.”

letters

Concerns about the new UCCM Tribal Police headquarters

Writer calls for a referendum of the band membership on the construction

EDITOR’S NOTE: This letter is addressed to the chief and council of Aundeck Omni Kaning and has been reprinted here at the author’s request.

Attention Chief and Council:

I’m writing in regards to concerns raised by members of the community in reference to subject properties (known as the Rowe Farm Properties, situated on Lots 20 and 21 Concession 7, Howland Township, Manitoulin Island) and the proposed activity in that area for a new UCCM Police Services building.

The lands in question were purchased in 1999 by previous Chief and Council of Aundeck Omni Kaning (held in trust) for our future use and benefit. The lands are currently under the “Additions to Reserve” process, to which, the lands are contiguous to the reserve.

As previous drafter of the “Additions to Reserve” proposals for the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation in 2003/2004, not much progress/activity has been made over the past 22 years on those proposals. With recent legislative changes coming into effect for the “Additions to Reserve” process by Indigenous Services Canada, the establishment of a new tracking system for “Additions to Reserve” proposals has reported minimal additions or progress. Such poor outcomes continue to cause unnecessary delays and while those lands sit idle, reasonable expectations for prospective community growth and development is stagnant and uncertain.

With recent significant excavation activity on the Rowe Farm properties within the past couple of days and weeks. The membership is wanting answers as to what is being built there and why? I was told by the current band manager that a new UCCM Police Services building project was being constructed on the property. I asked, “Why wasn’t I consulted on this? Why wasn’t the

community consulted on such a major ambitious project for a new police station?” Many in the community feel a sense of neglect and disrespect for not being consulted.

For those of you on Council who don’t know the current process of the “Addition to Reserve” process, it essentially follows a four phased approach that the federal government had instituted for First Nations across Canada and include the following: Phase 1) Initiation by respective First Nation and authorization; Phase 2) Assessment and Review process; Phase 3) Proposal completion; and Phase 4) Approval process and must meet all legislative criteria.

For lands to be added to the reserve, all of the conditions set out in the legislative criteria must meet the following: environmental considerations, survey(s) land to be set apart as reserve, duty to consult) process, public access, municipal service agreements, provincial government considerations, environmental site assessments as well as other specific considerations

While new federal legislation provides for the renewed approval process of Additions to Reserve to be more streamlined and comprehensive, the process continues to experience unnecessary delays in ministerial approvals.

Because all lands to be set aside as reserve or the creation of new ones, all additions are now subject to ministerial orders. In past practices, additions were the responsibility of the Privy Council whose primary fiduciary responsibility was to set out Orders in Councils for that purpose.

Since 1986, the Band (Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation) has made significant financial investments on land acquisitions. That’s approximately 1,100+ acres equivalent to 2/3 of the existing reserve. That requires lands to be added to the reserve.

I don’t understand why you as leadership would continuously give away our crucial

community space, when that space is needed to support future development, such as housing development, economic development, enhancing community spirit, building growth and critical infrastructure needed for that growth.

Having said all that, on behalf of all band membership, I formally request that community meetings be held to show accountability and transparency with the proposed police building project as soon as possible and that disclosure of any and all documents with regard to the Additions to Reserve process be afforded to them.

Proper consultation must always be afforded to us in all circumstances, but when the duty to consult, consultation and accommodation isn’t afforded to you as leadership, you complain and condemn the governments for non-compliance, and we suffer because of it. But yet, when consultation and accommodation isn’t afforded to the membership, they feel their opinions aren’t valued, become aggressive and they have every right to be because they’re not part of the decision-making process.

Therefore, I formally request that all excavations, site preparations, tree cutting, etc., be stopped and discontinued immediately and ensure that all legal requirements under the Additions to Reserve process have been met. We deserve better and expect nothing less from you as elected officials.

As leadership, you have a civic duty, a moral and legal obligation to consult with us. If the people of Aundeck Omni Kaning want a new police station in their space and on their lands, then let’s have a referendum and vote on it in accordance with our consultation protocol and as our band custom requires.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald J. McGraw  
Aundeck Omni Kaning Band Member



# First Nations leaders allege consent without veto is not consent

*First Nations policy analyst Russell Diabo and Grand Chief Linda Debassige weigh in*

**by Jacqueline M. St.Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**  
ONTARIO—On June 21, while communities across the country marked National Indigenous Peoples Day with cultural celebrations, some Indigenous leaders were once again drawing attention to concerns about the ongoing erosion of Indigenous rights through federal and provincial legislation.

In an interview, First Nations policy analyst Russell Diabo emphasized that the passage of Bill C-15 in 2021—Canada’s legislation to align federal law with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)—was fundamentally flawed.

“In 2021, the Liberal-NDP alliance refused to accept any amendments to Bill C-15 to fix the fatal flaws,” Mr. Diabo said. “That includes amendments proposed by Chief Ross Montour of Kahnawà:ke, representing the AFNQL (Assembly of First Nations Quebec-Labrador). Those were ignored.”

Mr. Diabo points to the Standing Committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, where amendments intended to strengthen the bill’s protection of Indigenous rights were voted down. The committee included NDP MP Leah Gazan and relied heavily on the testimony of Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, a former advisor to the Assembly of First Nations, who was later found to have falsely claimed Indigenous identity. Today, Ms. Gazan makes her platform on issues facing First Nations people, a near about face.

“They ignored real Indigenous leadership and instead prioritized someone who was later revealed to be a Pretendian,” Mr. Diabo said. “And they did it while rushing the bill through under so-called urgency.”

### Proposed amendments

In March 2021, AFNQL submitted a



Anishnabak Nation Grand Chief Linda Debassige speaks during a protest at Queen’s Park.

formal brief to the Standing Committee outlining a series of amendments that they said were necessary for the bill to be supported: Amend Section 2(2) to explicitly affirm that nothing in the bill limits or erodes Aboriginal and treaty rights protected under Section 35 of the Constitution; Remove non-derogation clauses that could weaken those rights; Move key preambular language into the binding sections of the bill—specifically the repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery; and include a provision requiring courts to apply UNDRIP in rulings related to Indigenous Peoples.

In their submission, AFNQL wrote:

“A bill of such great importance cannot be subject to instrumentalization with ‘urgency’ as its sole argument... We support the principles of UNDRIP. However, the AFNQL opposes Bill C-15 in its current form and has clearly indicated which amendments could make it more acceptable.”

The bill passed without any of the

AFNQL’s proposed amendments. It received royal assent on June 21, 2021.

### Grand Chief Debassige meets with Ford

More recently, concerns about the erosion of Indigenous rights have extended to the provincial level, specifically Ontario’s Bill 5—the Building Infrastructure Safely Act. This legislation, introduced by the Ford government, aims to accelerate infrastructure development in the province. However, many Indigenous leaders say the bill could sideline environmental review processes and undermine Indigenous consultation.

Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige of the Anishinabek Nation raised those concerns directly in a meeting with Premier Doug Ford in Toronto this spring.

“We told Premier Ford clearly that Indigenous consent is not a formality,” Grand Council Chief Debassige said in an interview. “Consent must include the ability to say no. Otherwise, it is not consent.”

She added: “Bills like Bill 5 are concerning because they reduce oversight and may allow development to move forward without adequate engagement with First Nations whose rights and lands are directly affected.”

Anishinabek Nation First Nations have consistently called for free, prior, and informed consent (FPIC) as defined under UNDRIP—not as an advisory role, but as a binding requirement.

Mr. Diabo clams it a repeated “pattern. He sees Bill 5 as a provincial continuation of the same legislative pattern set by Bill C-15 at the federal level.

“What we’re seeing is a pattern—fast-tracking legislation that impacts Indigenous lands and rights without adopting the protections Indigenous leaders are asking for,” he said. “It’s consultation without commitment.”

He added, “Whether it’s Trudeau or now Carney at the federal level, or Ford in Ontario, the government says it supports UNDRIP but refuses to legislate it as law with enforceable standards. That tells you where things really stand.”

### Section 35 and the threat of erosion

Section 35 of the Constitution recognizes and affirms existing Aboriginal and treaty rights. Both Mr. Diabo and the AFNQL argue that legislation like Bill C-15 and Bill 5 risks eroding those rights by failing to provide clear protections or legal mechanisms to ensure Indigenous laws and jurisdiction are respected.

“Section 35 is being legislated around—a piece at a time,” Mr. Diabo said. “If governments continue to pass legislation that assumes final say over Indigenous territories, what is left of nation-to-nation?”

### Looking ahead

Both Mr. Diabo and Grand Chief Debassige emphasized that the principles of UNDRIP remain important. But without implementation that includes veto power, court enforcement, and legal clarity, those principles risk becoming symbolic gestures with no practical effect.

“We’re not opposed to development,” said Grand Chief Debassige. “But it must be done in a way that respects our laws, our lands, and our leadership.”

As Canada continues to promote its commitment to reconciliation, these leaders are reminding the public that reconciliation without enforceable rights is reconciliation in name only.

“On Indigenous Peoples Day, we’re not asking for celebration,” said Mr. Diabo. “We’re asking for the truth—and the political will to act on it.”

## Line 5 tunnel plan raises red flags for Great Lakes water, wildlife and wetlands

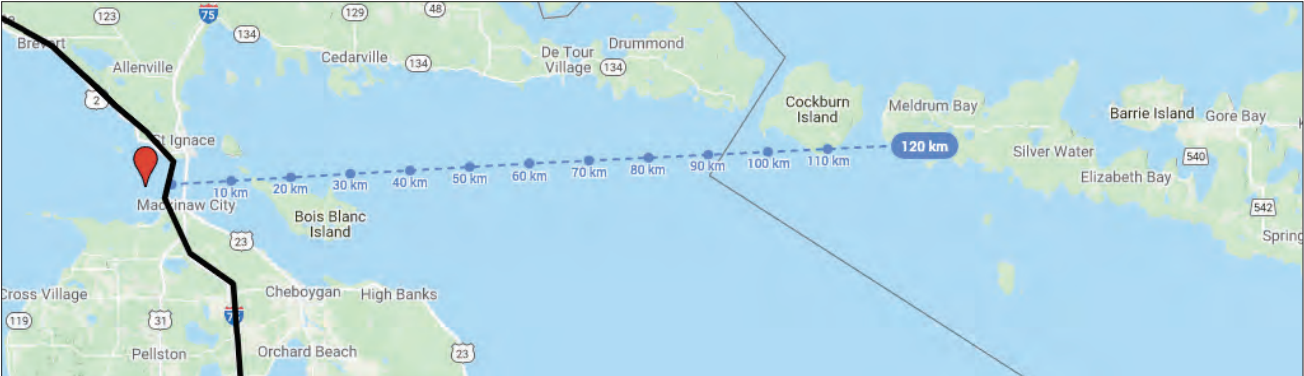
**by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter**

MACKINAC—A long-awaited federal analysis has landed with weight, detailing serious environmental concerns linked to Enbridge Energy’s proposed tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac. The plan: replace the aging twin pipelines of Line 5 with a 3.6-mile underground corridor carved through bedrock, carrying 20 million gallons of oil and gas liquids per day.

The US Army Corps of Engineers’ draft environmental impact statement, released Friday, acknowledges what many Anishinaabe Nations, scientists, and environmental advocates have long said: this is no simple upgrade.

### Wetlands, wildlife and water at risk

The report outlines direct, detrimental effects tied to the project—particularly during its six-year construction period. These include: permanent loss of wetlands and vegetation; disruption of groundwater systems; harm to bat habitats and aquatic wildlife from noise and vibration; obstructed recreational access due to traffic, light pollution, and crane activity; and reduced visibility of night skies at Headlands International



The issue over Line 5 might seem like something a long way off, but given the prevailing currents and the relatively short 120 km to Manitoulin’s shores means that any spill that takes place in the Straits of Mackinac could impact the Islands southern shores.

Dark Sky Park.

While some of these impacts may subside once construction is complete, others—like habitat destruction—may leave a lasting mark. And then there’s the risk of drilling fluids escaping into surrounding waters, which the Corps identifies as a significant concern.

### An old pipeline, a new tunnel and a shifting timeline

The tunnel proposal was first introduced in 2018 with an estimated cost of \$500 million. Initially projected for a 2026 permitting decision, the project was fast-tracked in 2020 after a Trump-era executive order called on agencies to prioritize energy infrastructure.

Now, the Corps anticipates a final decision by late 2025, with a separate approval still required from Michigan’s Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). That approval, however, remains uncertain.

Meanwhile, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel and Governor Gretchen Whitmer continue to pursue legal strategies to remove the existing pipelines from the Straits altogether.

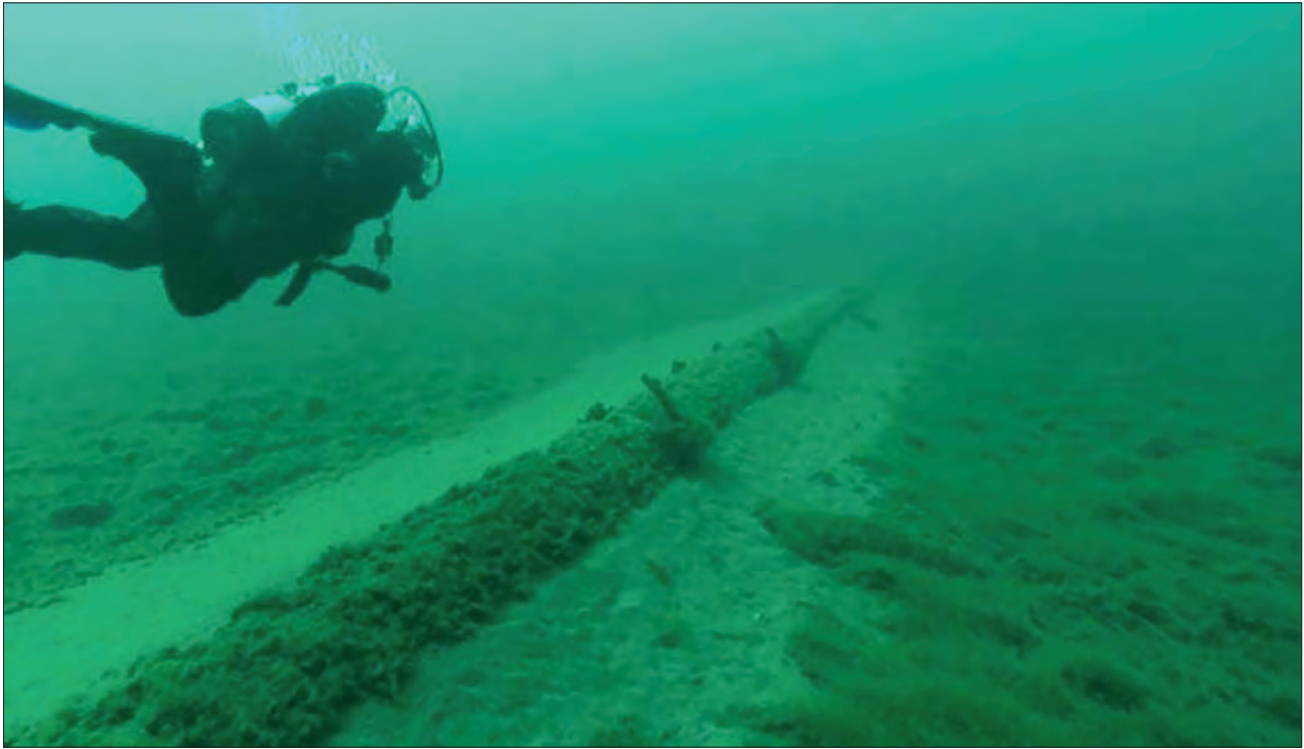
### Tension between safety and expansion

Enbridge argues the tunnel would offer a safer, modern route—protecting Line 5 from anchor strikes and reducing the risk of a major spill into the open waters of the Great Lakes. That risk is real. But so are the ecological trade-offs.

The Corps’ report makes it clear that: while the tunnel may lower the likelihood of a catastrophic leak, it also introduces new environmental burdens during its construction. And critically, it extends the lifespan of fossil fuel infrastructure at a time when climate science calls for the opposite.

This isn’t just a question of where oil flows—it’s about whether it should continue to flow through the heart of the Great Lakes.

The Army Corps’ draft analysis is now open to public comment. Input gathered over the coming weeks will help shape the final report, expected by autumn.



A diver inspects the state of the current Line 5 submarine pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac that has been struck a number of times by dragging anchors despite strict regulations barring the use of anchors anywhere near the line. The proposed tunnel-enclosed new pipeline would place the line hundreds of feet below the lake bottom, but impact many environmental concerns.



# Friends and Neighbours

*Providence Bay*  
*Alexia Hannigan*

Alexia here with your friendly Island time in Canada fly.

This beautiful community has such an ebb and intrinsic fluidity at this time of year. Like the spawning salmon and the migrating butterflies and birds; every person here has cyclical inner clock and inherent knowledge of how-to step-up and stop time while speeding up progress, ingenuity and good old-fashioned grit and determination. We are all home-steaders at heart up here after all, jacks and jill's of all trades and trivialities. Always there to look in on our neighbours, keep the gardens beautiful, the lawns mowed, the ball fields fenced and cleaned, the beaches tidy and the fires stoked, the land tilled, the trees pruned and the driveways filled. Everyone here is so crucial. We are so connected, so resourceful, so emphatically dedicated and devoted to making sure the tapestries, murals, beadwork, cross stitched quilts, woven quills, carvings, canvases and all moving parts and pieces that make Manitoulin Island so strong, sustainable, sacred, creatively inspired and culturally diverse. You can't make a good gumbo or stew without the roux- and that's you! So, thank you, Miigwechwendam Manitoulin Island for all you do. Time to flex a little for our visiting friends and neighbours, it's time for some good old-fashioned fun in the sun!

Here's what's happening:

Providence Bay fairgrounds/arena: Providence Bay "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams" fair committee and crew are going full tilt again, leading up to opening day this August! For updates, quilt raffle tickets and Lone Pine Stage tickets and information check out the Providence Bay Facebook page or visit <https://providencebayfair.ca>.

Providence Bay Hall: The annual Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club Canada Day yard sale taking place this Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29 from 9 am to 4 pm. Something for everyone, come down and say hello, lots of great stuff for home and garden up for grabs!

Canada Day cake and lemonade on Tuesday, July 1 from 5 to 7 pm at the hall.

Saturday, July 5 "songs of summer music bingo fundraiser" is sold out! Doors open at 7:30 pm, bingo starts at 8 pm, 19+ licenced event with proceeds and raffles in support of the Providence Bay Curling Club and Providence Bay Agricultural Society.

For the full Manitoulin recreational events calendar with class schedules for Providence Bay Hall, Mindemoya Hall and Spring Bay Hall visit: [events.centralmanitoulin.ca](http://events.centralmanitoulin.ca) or contact Alison Sloss at [asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca](mailto:asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca) 705-377-5726.

Providence Bay Curling Club: The youth and junior curling club has 50/50 tickets for sale! Check out the Providence Bay Curling Club and the Providence Bay Lions Club Facebook page for information, draw dates and winners!

The Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club is reaching out to the community and local businesses for sponsors or silent auction donations for our upcoming golf tournament.

We cordially invite you to participate in the third annual 2025 Lions Golf Tournament. This fundraising event supports the Providence Bay Curling Club youth and junior curling programs.

The first Western Manitoulin Girl Guides SEGPR. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 12 at Manitoulin Golf. To submit your team's registration contact Lion Chris Bryan at 705-348-0493 or email [chris\\_bryan84@outlook.com](mailto:chris_bryan84@outlook.com) to confirm your attendance, donations and sponsorship.

Providence Bay/Spring Bay Lions Club is still accepting last minute donations of gently used items for the annual Canada Day Yard Sale taking place this Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Providence Bay Centennial Hall Parking Lot. To arrange for pickup or drop-off of donations and items, don't hesitate to get in touch with Lion John at 705-377-7740.

Providence Bay Beach Boardwalk and

Discovery Centre is officially open next Tuesday, July 1 for Canada Day celebrations!

Kids games, face painting, live DJ music on the patio, storytelling, cake and lemonade at the Providence Bay Hall from 5-7 pm followed by Saving Grace live at 7 pm and Canada Day Fireworks at 10:15 pm at the beach. For Discovery Centre details and weekly events and updates check out the Discovery Center webpage or Facebook page. Open seven days/week from 10 am to 6 pm through July and August.

Providence Bay Beach is an amazing 2 km sand beach on Lake Huron coast that is open to the public. Play safe and enjoy the beautiful beaches, boardwalk and views!

Be sure to stop into Huron Island Time to say hello to Lance, grab some delicious snacks, an epic fruit smoothie or Farquhar's famous ice cream! Walk to the end of the boardwalk and say hello to the folks at the Providence Bay Tent and Trailer Park and get some selfies in front of Maxim's beautiful art murals!

Check out the Mutchmor Peace Café and Sandalwood Market, delight in local art, crafts, clothes, jewelry and enjoy a cup of coffee or an iced latté and be sure to snap a selfie in front of the South shore community bear mural

Reuse/Recycle: The Providence Bay Reuse Shed is open at the Providence Bay Transfer Station. For more information contact 705-377-5726. Visit the transfer station at 4077 Government Road. Summer hours are Thursday, Saturday or Sunday from 2 to 6 pm until the September long weekend.

The Lions Club bottle drive continues next to the arena. This program is open to the public and we encourage everyone to drop off their used bottles and cans. Your empties help fund great local initiatives.

The Heavens: Summer Solstice was Saturday, marking the official start of summer!

June 27, Bootid Meteor shower.

June 29, Saturn-Neptune conjunction.

July 10, full Buck Moon

Manitoulin Island is a dark sky reserve so find a dark sky spot, bring your telescope and enjoy the wonders of the cosmos.

The Friends: Happy birthday to all of you late bugs who are celebrating! Happy birthday to my sissy Wendy Friesen, cheers! A special shout out to all of the amazing coaches, teachers, mentors, refs, principals, elders and all of the knowledge keepers and wonderful souls who devote so much time and dedication to our community and to our young people so that they too have the courage and wisdom to lead, succeed and teach their children well.

Happy Canada Day, Happy Indigenous History Month, Happy Homecoming Weekend and Happy summer to all. It's time to switch into glide and change your clocks to Island Time!

*Kagawong*  
*Team Fergmeijer*

This is a landmark edition of the Team Fergmeijer column - our 500th! We pondered how best to celebrate this significant moment. One possibility was an all pun edition, but really, how would anyone be able to tell the difference? We also pondered doing a single sentence column, but our pun-chent for pun-chlines wouldn't let us stop at just one. So, here we are, doing what we do best - entertaining ourselves and hoping a few others out there also think we are the pun-nicle of humour. After all, a truly good pun is its own reword.

Hydro One has a brief planned outage for our area on Friday, June 27 in the wee hours of the morning. With luck we won't even know it's happening.

Have your say! The township is re-vamping how we use the landfill, drafting a new waste management bylaw. Council is keen to hear your thoughts and are accepting constructive criticism of the draft bylaw over the month of June. You can access the bylaw and the public at the township office or on the township's website ([www.billingstwp.ca/news](http://www.billingstwp.ca/news)). All comments must be submitted

in writing via the comment form or via email to [bylaw@billingstwp.ca](mailto:bylaw@billingstwp.ca). All comments must have your name and contact information included.

Next on the agenda... Steve Paikin will no longer be on the Agenda! That's right, our local history and political hero (only partly because we aren't old enough to remember Lester B. Pearson) is retiring. We are looking forward to seeing more of Mr. Paikin right here in Billings with all his extra free time. Because really, where else would anyone rather be?

Team Aelick's annual stroll for liver in support of Liver Canada is back! This Saturday, the 5k walk through the village starts at the Park Centre at 11 am. You can join the stroll, support from the sidelines and donate through their team page ([bit.ly/teamaelick](http://bit.ly/teamaelick)). Donations over \$20 qualify for a tax receipt.

Also on Saturday is the library's spring puzzle swap! From 10 am to 1 pm, bring your used jigsaw puzzles to trade for new-to-you challenges. No puzzles? No problem! The library has a large surplus of puzzles and the librarian prefers it when you take more puzzles than you bring.

The Kagawong Market season kicked off in fine fashion today (as per usual!). Thanks to Ethel and her merry band of volunteers who keep things running so smoothly. Stop by the Kagawong River Complex every Wednesday to experience the largest summer market on the Island!

When we were very young, we couldn't decide between being hairdressers or columnists. We ended up flipping a coin to see if it would be heads or tails. Have a great week!

*Barrie Island*  
*Enid Runnalls*

The sun is shining, the haying has begun and it is a beautiful day here on Barrie Island.

Last Saturday, Enid Runnalls and Lisa Robbins (Gore Bay) and Lisa's mother, Adeline Oslund (Richmond Hill) ventured out to the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah to view the Northern Ontario Art Association (NOAA) Exhibition and meet the artists at the opening. It was a wonderful event and has been extended there until June 28. Afterwards the girls met up with Kevin Robbins and Jim and Sandy Miller at the Queen's Inn in Gore Bay, where they enjoyed appetizers on the verandah. Such a lovely place to gather with friends!

The Manitoulin Swing Band (Paul Best, Doug Smith, Nicki Hinds, Jim and Joanne Smith, Wayne and Heather Bryant and Oliver Runnalls) played some old time favourite hymns at the Lyons Memorial United Church on Father's Day Sunday in Gore Bay. Father's around Barrie Island were celebrated in various ways: barbecues, family picnics, etc.

The blue flag iris bloomed around mid-June, as it does every year. Carolyn Lane-Rock shared a childhood memory: every year on their Grandmother Amelia Baker's birthday she and her siblings (Julia, Gloria, Ted and Grace) would go out to look for blooming iris and that's how she remembers when they bloom. Enid and Scott spotted some the other day and the next morning Enid got her paints out to capture the scene. You can see some of what she painted on her instagram and Facebook feeds.

On Tuesday afternoon, Sandy Miller and Oliver Runnalls joined Barb Runnalls at the Manitoulin Lodge at a tea for Gloria Hall to recognize her retirement and contributions over years of dedicated service to the residents of the Lodge. Another larger event is planned there on Friday, June 27 from 2 to 4 pm and the community has been invited.

We are moving into the last week of school before summer. Mrs. Wright who teaches at C.C. McLean Public School tells me that the children are very excited about the upcoming break and she has lots of fun learning activities planned for the last few days of school! Barrie Island's little school girl, Kaylee, will be looking forward to long sunny summer days on the farm, as will the Miller boys (Arie and Isaiah)! Eli and Micah will be excited to play with their cousins who

will soon be here to visit.

Please contact me with any news you'd like to share!

*Silver Water*  
*Karen Noble*

On Friday, June 13, Albert Meijer and I went to Gore Bay to shop for the funeral luncheon on Saturday. There is lots of construction in town for now.

On Friday evening several of us went to Meldrum Bay for euchre and had a great time.

On Saturday morning, a group of ladies got together at the community hall to get the trays ready for the luncheon at the funeral home for Pearl Thompson. Myra Duncanson, Brenda Carter and I took all the trays to Gore Bay and got set up. It was nice to meet some of Erwin's relatives.

On Sunday, Albert and I went to Meldrum Bay for lunch. I stayed to play in the euchre tournament with Myra Duncanson. Congratulations to Natasha McVey and Steve Gugelyk for winning first place; Mike and Brenda Swank won second prize; third place went to Janice and Gene Cada; there were lots of winners of 50/50 draws and prizes.

On Monday, I worked from home for a while. When the work was done, I got ready to go to Leila McDonald's funeral at the Silver Water Cemetery. At about 11:20 am, the fire radio announced that there was a fire at the Duncanson Mill. Albert had gone to mow a lawn so I took the car to let him know but he had already left and he ended up getting back home before me. He went to the fire and I went to the funeral. Luckily the fire was contained easily and did not spread. There was a luncheon at the Silver Water Hall afterwards.

Monday evening, I took DonnaKay McDonald, Myra Duncanson, Heather Wilson and Ken Duncanson to euchre at the Burpee/Mills Complex There were 10.5 tables.

On Tuesday there was Kits and Quilts in Meldrum Bay from 10 am to 12 noon. There will be no session on July 1, resuming on July 15.

Heather Wilson, Gladys Duncanson and I had a swim Tuesday afternoon. The water is finally starting to warm up.

Tuesday evening there was fire practice at the fire hall with 14 people attending.

On Wednesday, I went to work in Gore Bay and did some errands before heading home.

Gladys and I had a swim on Wednesday afternoon.

Thursday there was euchre at the Silver Water Community Hall with five and a half tables.

There were many reports this week of fawns. We saw one on the way to Burpee on Monday near Eric and Lila Townsend's home. Myra Duncanson saw one in the field behind her house. Doug and Brenda Carter had pictures of one on Sunday not far from our driveway.

The vendor markets in our yard will be on Saturday, July 5 and Saturday, July 12. There will be no market on July 19 because that is the scheduled metal recycling bin at the fire hall. Stay tuned for details.

The Canada Day picnic in Silver Water will be on Saturday, June 28. The theme is "in the garden."

Happy Birthday to Aileen Noble on June 26.

Happy Canada Day!





# ...Crystal Shawanda releases new album

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first, I thought ‘what do I do with that?’”

Ms. Shawanda said that she decided to take the photographer’s assessment of her style as a compliment. “He was right,” she said. “I don’t sing pretty. I work way too hard for that. I sing my heart out, to everyone listening.”

Anyone witnessing Ms. Shawanda’s powerful stage presence and vocal delivery could have no doubt of that.

While she is emoting that she too feels the weight of life’s burdens onstage, she does not take time to consider how she looks. “I just need to get it out of me and into the universe,” she said. “I want to inspire others to do the same.”

“Healing isn’t always pretty,” said Ms. Shawanda, describing ‘Sing Pretty Blues’ as “a sonic adventure, through the fibers of blues and southern country soul, with a nod to Stax, Chess records, and Motown. The songs have a commonality of strength, in deciding who you are, what you believe, and what you won’t put up with. This album is about reclaiming and embracing who we are, all the parts of us, even the parts that aren’t pretty.”

This album even has a cover of Black Sabbath’s ‘Changes.’

Other 11 songs on the album include ‘Preaching Blues,’ ‘Stop Funkin’ Me Around,’ ‘Would You Know Love,’ ‘I Gave Up Everything,’ ‘Sing Pretty Blues,’ ‘Don’t Let Me Be Lonely,’ ‘If That’s All It Takes,’ ‘Wait-



Sharon and Bruce Wigle of Ten Mile Point Gallery flank Crystal Shawanda and daughter Zsa Zsa at the gallery. Crystal's new album can be purchased here.

ing for My Lover to Call,’ ‘Honey Bee,’ ‘Too Far To Turn Around’ and ‘Dirty.’ The album is available wherever you download your music, including Spotify and iTunes—as well as at 10 Mile Point.

Ms. Shawanda will be playing with William Prince at the Wiikwemkoong Arts and Music Festival on August 1 at Thunderbird Park.

# ...MHC Little Current Auxiliary celebrates 80 years

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was in it, I remember the Christmas bazaars that they would have, and the patients would make things; the nuns would have the patients making things.” Ms. Hore ended by thanking the present board and administration of the hospital, “for keeping this hospital running as well as you are doing, with what you have to put up with today. And we hope that, with each and every donation that we make to you, that we can keep it going, and help you along.”

Mayor MacNevin was next to step up and said a few words. “Who would have believed, in 1945, after World War II, victory in Europe, would have spawned an organization that would literally hunt you down if you didn’t buy a ticket on the main street?” laughter filled the room. “But I do appreciate all the work you do in support of health care.” Mayor MacNevin soon got down to the business of presenting the hospital auxiliary with several congratulatory certificates, first being from the town of NEMI. “We, as a council, would like to congratulate you and thank you for your 80 years of caring and patient services to the health centre. To president, and fellow councillor, Dawn Orr, this is going to you.” On behalf of MPP Bill Rosenberg and the Provincial Government, he presented another certificate, followed by still one more from the Federal Government, on behalf of MP Jim



Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin offers congratulations to Manitoulin Health Centre Little Current Auxiliary President Dawn Orr in honour of the organization's 80th anniversary.

Belanger.

MHC CEO Paula Fields shared a few of her own anecdotes of when she began at the hospital, first as a student nurse, under many of the women in the room, now members of the auxiliary. “On behalf of the Manitoulin Health Centre, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations and even deeper gratitude for everything you have done—and continue to do—for our hospital and our community,” Ms. Fields said. “Beyond the dollars raised, and you’ve raised many, it’s the spirit behind your work that means so much. You remind us that health care is not just about medicine and machines, it’s about community. It’s about people coming together to make sure that no one is left behind.”

“Your contributions have helped us purchase essential hospital equipment—that quite literally saves lives. And your support continues to strengthen our ability to deliver care that is compassionate, local, and reliable,” Ms. Fields said. She went on to say that the values of respect, passion and truth, which drive the Manitoulin Health Centre, are exemplified in the auxiliary.

“So today, as you celebrate 80 years of remarkable service, know this: You are part of the foundation of our hospital. And every nurse, physician, employee and patient is better off because of what you’ve built.” Ms. Fields got a little emotional as she said these words, as did the auxiliary members.

Dennis McGregor, chair of the Board of Directors also offered his heartfelt thanks for the work the auxiliary does and, before they would let him return to his seat, Ms. Hore was up again and, as treasurer of the auxiliary, was happy to present the board chair and CEO with a cheque for another \$5,000. Prefacing the presentation with thanks to the organizers of the High Tea, Patti Aelick and Tooti Blake, and its success, which allowed for this additional cheque to be presented.

Board and management were extremely grateful, and it was an opportunity for Ms. Fields to explain that they have not yet met their goal in their fund-raising efforts. “Unfortunately, we haven’t met our goal of \$350,000 for the infusion pump campaign. We had planned initially to end the campaign the end of May, but we’re going to keep it through the summer with a soft campaign, keep it going, reach out through social media, with the tourists who need our care as well. We’re now hoping we reach our goal by September. Thank you very much, miigwetch.”

Former presidents who were present at the celebration—Debbie Heise, Dianne Musgrove and Marilee Hore—received flowers, donated by Har-Cor Greenhouse. Former presidents, Laila Kiviaho and Dave Sylvester, unfortunately, were absent from the festivities.

Ms. Labelle ended the event by saying, “We’re a great group and we’re going to continue to do great things.” And there’s no doubt about that.

# ...public meeting for waste recovery plant

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closing soon,” said Heather Jeffkins. “If your (WEST) proposal handles all our waste, and at some point the contract with the municipalities ends, you could then charge what you like for taking the garbage materials.”

“The proposal is for a 20-year fixed contract,” said Mathieu Gagnon, chief executive officer and founder of WEST. “We would be happy with a 40-year contract. After 20 years the agreement would be renegotiated with the township and other municipalities, based on the volume of

waste being collected. The municipality would be able to reconsider. There is no financial risk to the municipalities, and the municipality can keep doing what they are doing at that time if we can’t live up to the requirements in place.”

“It seems to be a very good system, and if it doesn’t work out, what have we lost?” asked Mr. Spadzinski, later in the meeting.

“Would you want it in your back yard?” asked Ms. Jeffkins, to which Mr. Spadzinski said he would.

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## Island artist featured in solo show

GORE BAY—"I am really excited to have this show, it is quite an honour to have a solo show," said artist Linda Williamson of her solo show, 'Grounded,' at the Gore Bay Museum. "The Gore Bay Museum is such a beautiful place. Nicole Weppler has done an excellent job with museum."

"The Expositor reported on my last solo show, at the Sheguiandah Museum in 2021," Ms. Williamson told The Expositor. "And the last time I had an exhibition at the Gore Bay Museum was in 2005, so it's been 20 years."

Ms. Williamson's show 'Grounded,' "includes all landscape works," she said. "There are 32 works of my art in this show."

"In the last while I've been creating a lot of larger works, in this show I will have five paintings 30x40 in size," said Ms. Williamson. "In the past I have occasionally done larger paintings." When asked if it is harder to create larger paintings she quipped, "it means a lot more work."

"Some of the paintings in this exhibition are of the Benjamin Islands, Killarney and some from around Manitoulin Island. There is a mix of the three areas represented," said Ms. Williamson.

Ms. Williamson works mostly in oil on canvas, or mixed media. "I have a mixed media work, Fossil Hill, a painting looking towards Sheguiandah in the winter. It represents all the fossils on Manitoulin Island. It is done looking out east towards Sheguiandah."

"About half of the paintings in this show are recent, with others a little older, but all the pictures are fairly new," continued Ms. Williamson. "Some of the paintings I had at the 2021 show in Sheguiandah. Ms. Williamson explained, "I've been collaborating with Shannon Farquhar who lives in Mindemoya and did a still life of the Northern Lights. Images from Killarney are all in this show as well."

"I had a plein air art session at the dock at Providence Bay, with my painting focusing towards the south," continued Ms. Williamson.

Ms. Williamson's career has spanned 31 years, and full-time since 2007. She lives in Mindemoya on Big Lake where she operates Lynsart studio/gallery. She describes herself as mainly a self-taught artist and credits her talent to her parents' influence. "My mother, Blanche McDermid, was very creative in her youth and my (late) father Duncan McDermid was a true craftsman who built kitchen cabinets and furniture."

A Northern Ontario Art Association (NOAA) curated artist, a number of the paintings contained in this exhibition were featured in the 2021 edition of that organization's popular travelling show.

Ms. Williamsons work has been accepted in over 80 exhibitions, 35 juried group exhibitions, 49 non-juried exhibitions and has had four solo exhibitions. Her art can be viewed at Mutchmor Gallery in Providence Bay, the Sudbury Art Gallery sales and rental program, The Manitoulin Fine Arts Association website.



Manitoulin Island artist Linda Williamson is shown in photo with one of the works on display at her solo show at the Gore Bay Museum.

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...Old Mill launches celebratory book

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vides a glimpse of its 100 years of evolution as well as that of the town,” continued Mr. Nelson.

The building actually started out as a pulp mill and then evolved into a hydro generating station, said Mr. Nelson. “The book provides a look back to when the building was actually constructed, before construction, and how the community looked before, during and after the mill was built.”

Construction of the two-storey pulp mill in Kagawong began in the spring of 1925. At that time, it would have been the only pulp mill on Manitoulin Island. By December of that year, the first pulp was produced, ground from spruce and shipped by boat to Wisconsin to be made into paper for Sears-Roebuck catalogues.

The spruce pulp was the key to the mill construction in Kagawong. Spruce was abundantly available and was needed to give the Sears-Roebuck catalogue pages a shiny finish.

To supply power for the mill, water was diverted from the Kagawong River via a canal. Water flowed from the upper village down the hill by way of a large wooden flume, into the building, thus offering the necessary means to provide hydro. Waterpower also turned two large millstones which ground logs into pulp. The pulp mill only operated for five years before the depression forced its closure.

In the early 1930s the Old Mill was converted into a hydro-electric power plant and was the sole source of electricity for Manitoulin Island. Increased demand for hydro finally led to its closure in 1962.

Thirty years later local volunteers restored the building for community use. Today the Old Mill is a multi-functioning building housing the township municipal office, Edward’s Art Studio and the museum known as the Old Mill Heritage Centre.

Mr. Nelson is setting up a display of the books at the Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum. As part of the book Dianne Fraser, a long-time member of the Museum



Old Mill Heritage Centre curator Rick Nelson with his new book Kagawong Old Mill Celebrating 100 Years.

committee wrote a foreword for the book. “We also included a lot of congratulation messages that we have received, including Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Barb Hannah, granddaughter of former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, Billings Mayor Bryan Barker, Alicia McCutcheon, publisher of The Manitoulin Expositor, author/journalist Steve Paikin, Mark O’Neill CAO of the Canadian Museum of History, author/journalist Mike Strobel, Andrew Cohen journalist, professor, and author of a book on Lester B. Pearson.” The book also provides wonderful photographs from locals Patrick Kiley, Pat Hess, Craig Jackson, and beautiful sketches from Jenna Carter.

OJ Graphics printed the book with graphic design provided by Kendra Edwards.

The museum committee is also hosting a gala the third Saturday in July at the museum and will be talking and sharing its plans for the development of the Mariners Park, as well as having people with links to the Old Mill on hand, said Mr. Nelson, indicating more information will be provided on the gala after scheduling is firmed up.

As well for the annual History Day in Kagawong celebrations in August, the museum committee will be focusing on the anniversary of the Old Mill. There

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# ...rail right-of-way restored to band

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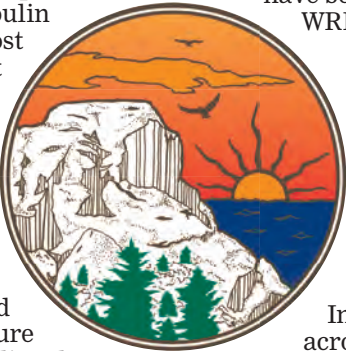
line that served Manitoulin up until 1980, when the service ended.

The tracks leading to Manitoulin were ripped up and the land eventually sold to another company (although CPKC still holds title). At the time of decommissioning the rail line, the land was offered to the municipalities of Espanola and Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands for the cost of the steel in the line, but both declined the offer.

At the time, Northeast Town Mayor Ken Ferguson noted in his council's decision that "we are not in the real estate business."

The band contends that the federal government had a fiduciary duty to ensure that the land was remediated and returned to WRFN once the rail-way no longer had any use for it.

"Canada is at least in part, if not wholly, on the hook for the failures to have done that already and needs to ensure that it gets done now," the band's lawyer Kate Kempton, senior counsel at Woodward and Company, who specializes in



Indigenous rights, told the media.

An environmental assessment of the rail line bed has been completed, and the band is formulating a clean-up plan that they intend to be part of the negotiated settlement.

A statement from CPKC said the company is committed to working toward a resolution with the band and that they have been in communication with WRFN.

All other parties in the suit are remaining close about the negotiations, citing that those proceedings are part of ongoing legal matters.

WRFN's concerns about the decommissioned rail line are echoed in many First Nation and Indigenous communities across Canada—also including power lines, highways and even canals.

Ms. Kempton noted that the deals negotiated with those communities when those corridors were established were not in their best interests and that a number of them have turned to the courts for redress.

# ...MHC recruits six new physicians

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neh and Dr. Khansari. All four physicians will hold hospital privileges.

In addition to the PRO physicians, MHS is also excited to welcome Dr. Yazdani, who will be relocating to Mindemoya from Saskatchewan in August, and Dr. Boucher, a recent NOSM graduate who will be starting in Little Current in July. Both are eager to begin serving the Manitoulin community.

The arrival of these new physicians is an important step forward, our recruitment efforts will continue as we work to fill the remaining positions at both sites.

Manitoulin Health Centre encourages the entire Manitoulin community to extend a warm welcome to our new physicians and their families as they settle and integrate into our island community and lifestyle.

The MHC news follows the recent news that the Gore Bay healthcare community will also be welcoming a new addition to its team of physicians at the Gore Bay Medical Centre. Dr. Irfan Shahwani will join the Gore Bay medical team later this summer or early this fall.

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# ...Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee paddlers share friendly canoe

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Before the French, before the Crown, before treaties carved the map into parcels and politics, the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek had their own conflicts over the islands of Mnídoo Mnisíng. Skirmishes. Shifting alliances. What settler historians once called the “Beaver Wars” were, in truth, wars of survival and sovereignty—two sophisticated nations wrestling for control of the fur trade routes that threaded through this territory like

veins. In the end, the Anishinaabek held the land. But no nation walked away unchanged. Now, centuries later, two of the largest and most politically powerful unceded nations in the province are writing a new chapter—not with weapons or wampum, but with food, ceremony and shared water. The paddle was not recreation. It was ceremony in motion. Knowledge carriers from both nations travelled in the canoes. They brought stories in the lan-



The Wiikwemkoong contingent of paddlers arrives back at Prairie Point after a joint paddle with their Six Nations friends.

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guage, songs that carried teachings and gifts rooted in the land. A chef from Six Nations served a meal that blended both nations' traditional foods—a dish that quietly honoured the Dish With One Spoon treaty, an old agreement reminding all of us: the land is shared, and so is the responsibility to care for it. “We gave thanks for the strawberries this morning,” said Ms. Jameson, referencing the strawberry ceremonies currently underway at Six Nations. “And we talked about harvest season coming up. That’s relationship-building. That’s what it looks like—on the land, through language, over food.” The event was co-or-

ganized by Six Nations Tourism and Wiikwemkoong Tourism—two of Ontario’s most dynamic Indigenous tourism teams. The collaboration is already growing roots. In the fall, they’ll carry this experience across the ocean to Berlin’s Food Week, where the Two Nations Paddle will become a Two Nations Plate, bringing Indigenous culinary sovereignty to a global audience. But the deeper work—the work of cultural revitalization—is happening right here. On this island. On these waters. “To be in the presence of our knowledge carriers—to hear those stories firsthand, to sit in those teachings—it’s a privilege,”

said Ms. Jameson. “Our young guides were with us today. They’re going to carry these teachings forward. That’s how nations strengthen. That’s how memory survives.” As the sun moved westward, final preparations began for the weekend powwow, where Haudenosaunee smoke dancers and Anishinaabe woodland dancers will share the arena. The energy from the paddle—its quiet reverence and steady rhythm—will carry forward into the dance circle. And in a time when provincial and federal governments are pushing forward legislation that fragments land and communities, when Indige-

nous rights are under calculated assault, this act of coming together—on purpose, with purpose—is medicine. “There’s been a lot of talk about the good mind,” Ms. Jameson said. “About laughter, about gratitude. We don’t even know yet what we’re building here. But it’s something powerful. Everyone who was out on that water today felt it.” This is treaty. Not the dusty kind in archives—the living kind. The kind you taste. The kind you sing. The kind you paddle toward, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart.

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## Alexandra Wilson-Zegil

The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and summer break is just around the corner. The only thing in the way? Exams! But not for much longer. The regular school year officially ended on Friday, June 20, with exams starting the same day. The exam season ends on Wednesday, June 25, and that is when all students are officially out of school. Best of luck on exams, Mustangs!

The last week of school saw the quieting-down of hallways and the completion of culminating projects. The guidance office, in an effort to ensure all students are provided for this summer, was handing out care kits for students that included items like deodorant, toothpaste, body wash, feminine hygiene products and more. Thank you to all of those who contributed to these kits!

Finally, a note from the author:

Writing this column has been my job for the past three years, though it has turned into more of a ritual for me, something to keep me grounded when life was hectic. Throughout my time with The Manitoulin Expositor, I've had the opportunity to get to know my own school and its students better. Something equally as special also happened: I got out into the community to cover events that are important to them. For that, I will always be grateful.

It is now time for me to graduate and pass the role on! I initially started when I was in Grade 10, very excited about this job, but somewhat unsure. Now I'm leaving this position with memories and lessons that I will carry with me to McMaster University next year, where I will be studying Leadership and Civic Studies, and Political Science. I hope to continue pursuing writing and journalism in university and throughout my life.

Lastly, a big thank you to everyone



Alexandra Wilson-Zegil, right, is joined by her father as she holds the flowers sent to her graduation ceremony by The Expositor.  
photo by Margery Frisch

who reads my column. It always made my day when I would run into someone and they'd say, "you're the girl who writes for the newspaper!" You truly made this job feel like what I was doing mattered.

So, as I send in an article to the Expositor for the last time (?), I will leave you with what I said during the MSS graduation this year: "if you approach life with a narrow perspective, you'll miss out on the whole picture." Not only does this sentiment come in handy for reporters, it makes your life a lot more interesting.

And so, for the last time, go, Mustangs, go!

EDITOR'S NOTE: We at The Expositor wish to thank Alex for her years of being our Kid in the Hall. You were a pleasure to work with and to watch grow into the incredible young woman you have become. Keep shining, Alex! We can't wait to see where you will go!

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## ...Janet Anning awarded top Ontario Public Service honours

fessional responsibilities, coupled with her dedication to volunteering and advocacy, demonstrates her deep commitment to justice, equity and inclusion.”

“Janet’s personal qualities have earned her the trust and respect of the communities she serves and her advocacy for marginalized populations has helped to break down barriers and promote social change,” she continued. “Through her work, Janet is not only providing immediate support to those in need but also contributing to a broader movement for justice and healing in Indigenous communities. Her efforts serve as an inspiring example of the power of compassion, dedication and advocacy in creating a more just and equitable world.”

“Janet Anning is a dedicated and compassionate victim/witness worker who is known for her tireless commitment to assisting those affected by crime within the district of Manitoulin Island. The Victim Witness Assistance program is a vital component of the justice system, providing supports for individuals who have experienced or witnessed crimes. These services assist individuals navigate



The Amethyst Award is Ontario’s top public service honour.

the complexities of the legal system, ensuring they have the emotional and informational support needed to participate effectively in court proceedings. In the context of Indigenous communities, where there is often an history of mistrust towards the justice system due to historical initiatives and systemic racism, her role becomes increasingly critical,” explained Ms. Renaud.

“Her work spans various First Nations communities, including Wiikwemkoong, Aundeck Omni Kaning, M’Chigeeng and Sheguiandah. Beyond her official duties Janet has a strong commitment to volunteering for the Special Olympics and advocating for marginalized populations. Her sense of inclusion, excellence and integrity make for a beacon of hope and support for the communities she serves.”

Ms. Renaud explained, “As a victim/witness services worker, Janet serves as a bridge between the justice system and the indigenous communities she works with. For many individuals, especially in marginalized populations, the legal system can be intimidating and alienating. Janet’s empathetic and culturally sensitive approach helps alleviate those fears, empowering her clients to engage with the process and seek justice.”

“Janet’s work is deeply collaborative, involving partnerships with police services like the Ontario Provincial Police, United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Island and

Wikwemikong Tribal Police,” wrote Ms. Renaud. “Her close cooperation with these law enforcement agencies ensures that victims and witnesses receive comprehensive support during the justice process. Additionally, Janet works alongside the Crown’s office, ensuring that legal proceedings are handled with sensitivity and attention to the needs of individuals.”

One of the key aspects of Janet’s work is her ability to build trust with her clients. Trust is crucial in victim witness services, particularly in Indigenous communities where historical trauma, such as the legacy of residential schools and ongoing systemic discrimination, has led to deep-seated mistrust of government institutions. Janet’s dedication to her clients, her honesty and her commitment to putting their needs first have made for a trusted figure in the communities she serves, wrote Ms. Renaud. “She understands the importance of cultural respect and works diligently to ensure her services are provided in a way that honours the tradition and values of other First Nations people.”

“Janet consistently volunteers her time and energy to support various community initiatives. Her investment in (Manitoulin) Special Olympics and her advocacy for marginalized populations highlights her deep commitment to creating a more exclusive and just soci-

ety,” wrote Ms. Renaud. “The Special Olympics is an organization dedicated to providing sports training and competition opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Janet not only helps create positive experiences for participants but also contributes to breaking down barriers and challenging stereotypes about individuals with disabilities.”

“Janet embodies the core values of exclusion, excellence, and integrity, making her an invaluable asset to the Ontario public service,” wrote Ms. Renaud. “Her commitment to inclusion is evident in her approach to working with diverse communities, particularly Indigenous populations. Her work with First Nations communities reflects her dedication to fostering an inclusive environment where every voice is heard and respected.”

The Amethyst Awards are presented annually by the Ontario Public Service to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements, professionalism, and passion of Ontario public servants. These awards are considered the highest recognition within the OPS and are presented in a special ceremony. The Amethyst Award winners are individuals or teams who have demonstrated excellence and service in their roles.

David Corbett, deputy Attorney General read the nomination citation forwarded for Ms. Anning’s nomination at the ceremony, and the award was presented by Michelle Emanuele, secretary of the cabinet of Ontario.

Four individual awards were presented in the industry category with 16 group awards and two lifetime awards.

## ...Old Mill launches book

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will also be musical entertainment provided by the Manitoulin Swing Band.

“It took months to put together the book. It was my winter project,” Mr. Nelson told The Expositor.

The book will be sold at the Old Mill Heritage Centre Museum, and at the market in Kagawong this summer.

The new book is \$40 including taxes, said Mr. Nelson. He pointed out he currently has 75 copies of the book, with 250 having been printed in the first edition. “They are going to go fast, so people better purchase one as soon as possible.”

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## ...Remembering Terry Fox

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stable (PC) Adam Belanger forms part of Darrell (Fox)'s core team of eight cyclists. PC Belanger will cycle with the team for the entire 32-day, 7,000 kilometre cross-Canada ride as they raise funds for cancer research and pay tribute to the 45th anniversary of the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope.

The OPP has been a longstanding supporter of the Terry Fox Foundation since the historic Terry Fox Marathon of Hope in 1980, when the OPP provided vehicle escort and assistance as Terry ran across Ontario as part of his Canada-wide run to raise funds for cancer research.

While there are no planned road closures as Mr. Fox and his team cycle through Ontario, the OPP asks drivers to be extra vigilant when travelling on roads and in communities in which the team is present. Drivers should expect an increase in pedestrians and cyclists as they gather, walk and ride on the roadside to show their support for the team.

To track the location of Mr. Fox and his team in real time, go to [terryfox.org/terry-fox-national-ride-of-hope/](http://terryfox.org/terry-fox-national-ride-of-hope/) and click on the Track the Riders link.

"The OPP thanks the motoring public and other road users for their support and cooperation while officers ensure safe traveling for the Ride of Hope cycling team and the safety of those who come out to support them."

## ...Subway shop opening

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The owners, who asked to go unnamed at this time, tell The Expositor that the sandwich chain will welcome patrons by late August.

This location is set to be a full-service eat-in restaurant. The opening of this new Subway is also expected to help the local community by creating new employment opportunities, with hiring efforts gearing up for a variety of positions, from sandwich artists to potential managerial roles.

Stay tuned for updates in the coming weeks, including hiring information and an official opening announcement.

# Will be upwards of two years before new swing bridge construction begins, Northeast Town learns

## Municipality expresses displeasure with Lacloche billboards

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—During the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Island's annual meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) Northeast region held recently, the mayor and CAO were given a somewhat clearer idea of timeframes for the new swing bridge.

Mayor Al MacNevin told The Expositor that the municipality has so many ongoing concerns involving MTO that for a number of years, an annual meeting has been held with top officials. At this year's meeting, the swing bridge was again top-of-mind.

At this meeting Mayor MacNevin and CAO Dave Williamson were again told, as this newspaper has reported previously, that a general contractor would be hired for the new swing bridge project by year's end.

"Our CAO pushed that further and asked when they

(MTO) would start entertaining detailed designs and construction might actually begin," Mayor MacNevin said. "We were told two years."

"I get that it's a complex project, but I don't get the length of time," he added.

The mayor and CAO also brought up concerns with the length of green lights on the swing bridge, particularly in the summer season, and why not a move back to manual controls during peak busy times. Mayor MacNevin said each time the issue is raised MTO officials seems reluctant to entertain the idea. The control booth, central and high above the bridge, is staffed during the summer months, dawn to dusk, should the bridge need to be swung open, on the hour, for boat traffic to pass through. In the fairly recent years, the

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# ...Will be upwards of two years before new swing bridge construction begins

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staff would also control the length of the green lights as they can see lineups at both bridge approaches from this vantage point.

The meeting also discussed the issue with enforcement during half-loading season, to which the MTO replied that letters have been sent to the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police detachment offering the

police service use of its portable scales for a joint enforcement blitz.

Lastly, the proliferation of billboard signs on Lacloche Island was also raised at the meeting. Mayor MacNevin shared with council earlier this month that approximately 12 years ago, MTO approached the municipality about offering up sign space for lease on Lacloche Island. The municipality firmly rejected the idea, pointing to the pristine beauty that the travelling public enjoys in the leadup to Manitoulin. They had full agreement from the Fielding/Wallace family, which owns all of Lacloche Island, and the MTO agreed at the time to keep it status quo. Starting last year, however, signs have begun to crop up at a high rate, causing some members of council to raise concerns.

The Fielding/Wallace family has also approached the municipality, asking for its assistance in finding the correspondence with MTO from over a decade ago.

Councillor Laurie Cook called the billboards an “eyesore.” The mayor agreed.

“It is ugly,” he said. “And it completely disrupts the pristine beauty of Manitoulin and the leading up to it. They seem to be hell bent to put up as many as they can.”

The municipality will be writing MTO to express its concern with the billboards and their placement along that stretch of Hwy 6.

The Expositor reached out to Jeff Wallace for comment, but had yet to hear back by press time Monday.

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# ...Gloria Hall feted by long-time employer Jarlette

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with the Jarlette representatives and staff of Manitoulin Lodge were on hand for the celebration.

Heather Weatherbee, behavioural support manager of the Lodge welcomed everyone to the event stating, “Good afternoon and thank you for being here to celebrate someone who has been a staple of Manitoulin Lodge for the past 39 years.”

Jaime Lynn-Kalmikov, administrator of the Lodge congratulated Ms. Hall on her pending retirement at the end of June, and noted, “Gloria was here almost 39 years, and I don't think she ever took a holiday.” She also encouraged everyone present and in the community to attend an open house taking place at the Lodge to recognize Gloria for her wonderful service to residents and their families. This event is scheduled for this coming Friday from 2 to 4 pm.

After the barbecue outside, everyone was invited inside to the common room which was adorned with ‘Happy Retirement’ balloons and cake to help Ms. Hall celebrate the event.

“I would like to thank everyone for being here today,” said Ms. Hall. “This was a surprise and a real pleasure.”

“I have really enjoyed working here at the Lodge for almost 39 years,” stated Ms. Hall. “Anything I have done has been for the residents, families, community and members of staff,” said Ms. Hall. “It is important to do what you can and make a difference today, because you may not have the opportunity to do it tomorrow.”

Ms. Hall said she had enjoyed a dinner that she and members of her family, Julia King and Harrison Jarlette, both of Jarlette, had at the Watersedge restaurant



Harrison Jarlette, president of Jarlette Health Services, left in photo, is shown with Gloria Hall, at a community barbecue held at the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay last week. The event was held to recognize Ms. Hall, who is retiring from the Lodge after close to 39 years, at the end of June.

earlier in the week.

Kathi Haines then made a presentation to Ms. Hall. “We have a very small volunteer committee here at the Lodge. On half of the volunteer committed we have a gift and card to present to Gloria for being such a great leader for so many years. I don't know when this lady every sleeps, she is always helping someone. We congratulate her for everything you do and have done over the past 39 years.”

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- 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Double Barrel - Country Rock Band
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Saturday, June 28th Festival 11 am to 1 am

- 11:00 am to 11:30 am - Homecoming Weekend Parade! Canada Theme! Downtown Mindemoya. New Route Meneray Towing to Mindemoya Hall. To Register Call Karlene at 705-869-7695.
- 11:00 am to 6:00 pm - Central Manitoulin Market in the Mindemoya Arena. Up to 60 Vendors Selling Handmade and Direct Sales.
- 11:00 am to 12:00 pm - DJ'd Music
- 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Homecoming Bouncy Castles, Games and Prizes Beside the Lions Pavilion. Free entry.
- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm - Silver Peak - Rock Band
- 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm - DJ'd Music
- 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm - Ice Cream Eating Contest on the stage. Ice Cream donated by Buttercup Ice Creamery. Prize donations by Rylan's Clothing.
- 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm - Events on the Main Stage
- 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm - DJ'd Music
- 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm - Studebaker Props – Rock Band
- 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Amateur Rib Cookoff Awards Main Stage
- 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Professional Ribber Competition Judging and Awards. Main Stage.
- 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm - DJ'd Music
- 9:00 pm to 10:30 pm - Appetite For Democracy - Guns N Roses Cover Rock Band
- 10:30 pm to 1:00 am - DJ'd Music

Sunday, June 29th 11 am to 11 pm

- 8:00 am to 11:30 am - Mindemoya Classic – Run, Paddle, Pedal Triathlon. Off site at the Lake Mindemoya Government Dock at 524 Ketchankookem Trail. The Mindemoya Classic is a run, canoe and bike triathlon for singles or teams of two or four.
- 10:00 am to 5:00 pm - Central Manitoulin Market in the Mindemoya Arena. Up to 60 Vendors Selling Handmade and Direct Sales.
- 11:00 am to 1:30 pm - DJ'd Music
- 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm - Dustin Martel Band
- 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm - DJ'd Music
- 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Tristen Hall and the Talent
- 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm - DJ'd Music
- 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Cole Hughson and George C. Williamson
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- 8:15 pm to 10:15 pm - Outlaw State Of Mind - Chris Stapleton Tribute
- 10:15 pm - Fireworks Show
- 10:30 pm to 11:00 pm - DJ'd Music



Monday, June 30th 11 am to 6 pm

- 11:00 am to 12:00 pm - DJ'd Music
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# THE SKY: New Quilts by Judy Martin to be on exhibit at Art Gallery of Sudbury

SUDBURY—The Art Gallery of Sudbury is pleased to announce that a beautiful installation of new quilts by artist Judith E. Martin of Manitoulin Island will be on exhibition at its exhibition space at 174 Elgin Street in downtown Sudbury until August 30.

The exhibition, entitled ‘The Sky: New Quilts by Judy Martin,’ comprises

hand-stitched textile art works and one sculptural component.

From her home on Manitowaning Bay, Judy Martin gazes daily at the vast blanket of sky stretching over the water. Each work is a prolonged durational work of time, labour and design, taking inspiration from the reassuring continuity of the cosmic circles and unseen stars above



Fibre artist Judy Martin of Sheguiandah latest quilt exhibition is being exhibited at 174 Elgin Street in Sudbury.

years, Judy and her husband Ned have continued to live far from the urban life, on Manitoulin Island.

Many works in the exhibition will be installed from the ceiling. From the artist’s perspective, quilts are sculptural, and, ideally, both sides will be able to be seen by the audience.

“We at the Gallery are honoured and thrilled to offer this opportunity to

when the connection to my interior self feels the strongest. During this quiet time by my window, I keep a journal beside me for any reflections that rise up. There is no rush. I give a generous amount of time to each of my quilts. Sometimes a strong emotion such as sorrow or rage initiates a large piece; other times it is the material itself that inspires me. In both cases

also helps me to navigate this uncertain world.”

“My newer quilts usually rely on cosmic circles or waging horizon lines,” continued Ms. Martin. “I try to craft them well and send them out into the world as emissaries of strength and love. Continuing to make quilts is a spiritual practice for me.”

Her large format textiles are included in several Ontario public art collections (Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Cambridge), the Canada Council Art Bank and the International Quilt Museum (Lincoln, Nebraska). Her work has been exhibited in more than 16 solo exhibitions and 49 group exhibitions across Canada, the United States, the UK, France, Germany and Japan. She holds an Honours Bachelor of Fine Arts, from Lakehead University Thunder Bay (Chancellor’s Medal) and Bachelor of Arts, Embroidered Textiles, First Class Honours, Middlesex University, London, England. Judy Martin has been recognized with more than 13 grants and awards.

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Circles are a recurring theme in Judy Martin’s fibre artwork.

Each work is completely unique, involving multiple uses of materials, including linen, silk, cotton, wool and multiple techniques including natural dyeing and over-dyeing, painting, embroidery, and hand-stitching.

The artist grew up on a large rural property in Northwestern Ontario. Long solitary summers spent in the shade of willow trees with art supplies and books nurtured an inner dream world that has since become her main subject. For the last 30

see Judy Martin’s gorgeous textile works and to learn more about her meditative art practice,” said Demetra Christakos, the gallery’s director/curator.

“Everything about her work feels both intuitive and deeply intentional. We sincerely hope the experience of the exhibition is as contemplative and restorative as the artist intends,” said Ms. Christakos.

Ms. Martin explained, “I like to hand stitch first thing in the morning

I start with what I know and then trust that the process of working with my hands will reveal the next steps.”

“The reverse side of my quilts are as well-crafted as their front sides, and often have their own titles,” explained Ms. Martin. “When a quilt is completed, I usually know what it is about but not always. I used to make story quilts, but these days I think that my works are poems. Working with my hands helps me to discover the immensity within me and

Ms. Martin has a large international following of quilting and hand-stitching practitioners and lovers of textile art across the globe. The artist shares information about her art practice and work in textiles through her website, judithemartin.com, through her blog, judys-journal.blogspot.com, and through her Instagram, @judithemartin.

Ms. Martin will be at the gallery for a meet the artist in person event on Thursday, July 10, from 5-7 pm.

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# ...Manitoulin Canada Day roundup

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ed bicycle parade starts with registration at the pavilion at 11 am and the parade sets out at 11:30 am. From 12 pm there will be free hot dogs, courtesy of the Assiginack Fire Department, accompanied by a huge assortment of fun activities including bouncy castles and games for all ages. At 2 pm, there will be a movie (The Day the Earth Blew Up) complete with popcorn, and a scavenger hunt talks place from 11 am to 2 pm, pick up your forms at the

town office and register at the pavilion (scores of 8/10 or better go into a prize draw)—and best of all, it's all free! Central Manitoulin will be hosting several events in Providence Bay on July 1, starting at 2 pm. From 2 pm to 5 pm it's face painting, from 2 pm to 4 pm it's kids' games on the beach, from 2 pm to 5 pm there's DJ music on the patio, from 5 pm to 6 pm there is storytelling with Naomi, from 5 pm to 7 pm it's cake and lemonade at the hall and from 5 pm to 7 pm followed

by live music (Saving Grace, celebrating Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers) until 10 pm. At 10:15 pm, fireworks are scheduled to take place. Of course there are also a host of events that are part of Central Manitoulin Lions Club Homecoming Weekend and Ribfest taking place in Mindemoya, starting Friday June 27 and running through to Monday, June 30. Note, the annual Mindemoya Classic swim, cycle and paddle triathalon, sponsored by Breakaway Sport and Cycle, takes place Sun-

day, June 29 with a 9 am start time at the Government Docks in Mindemoya. South Baymouth kicks things off with the annual giant yard sale, parade, the John Budd Park United Church fish fry and fireworks at the marina being just some of the things taking place on Saturday, June 28. Okay, that's hitting the ground early, we admit, but thanks to the South Shore Firefighters Association, the Little Schoolhouse Museum, St. Andrews by the Sea and a host of volunteers the South Baymouth celebrations are something not to be missed.

Downtown Little Current will celebrate on July 1 and the downtown street will be closed, with vendors, live music, the Junk in the Trunk community yard sale, plenty of kids' activities taking place, and yes, there will be cupcakes. Festivities begin at 11 am and continue until 4 pm and include a Best Dressed Canadian contest sponsored by The Expositor. As has been the custom, O Cana-

da will be sung in both English and Anishinabemowin at noon. Manitoulin Centennial Manor annual barbecue, yard and bake sale will also be a happening spot. The yard sale starts at 8 am and the barbecue at 11 am. The annual 5k run—U16, Open and Masters (+50) and the 1k kids run starts and ends at Low Island, with registration taking place at 8:30 am in-person. Sponsored by Breakaway Sports and Cycle, there will be lots of awards and draws to be won. You can register early online at breakawaymanitoulinevents.ca/2025-events.

The Ice Lake annual Canada Day Community

Picnic takes place at 274 Pleasant Valley Road, and it promises to be truly pleasant, starting with a pot luck lunch at noon (bring your own plates and cutlery) and followed by an auction, kids' games and concession stands. The volunteer firefighters and Ice Lake Picnic Grounds are offering up a real "old fashioned" country picnic where you can meet up with old friends and perhaps make a few new ones.

Island First Nations communities do not celebrate Canada Day, observing instead National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

# CANADA DAY

## IN PROVIDENCE BAY

### TUESDAY, JULY 1ST, 2025

#### AT THE DISCOVERY CENTRE

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2 - 4 PM - KIDS GAMES ON THE BEACH

2 - 5 PM - DJ MUSIC ON THE PATIO

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# Notice of a Meeting of Members

A Meeting of Members of DE-BA-JEH-MU-JIG Theatre Group will be held on

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 5:30 pm

in the Wikwemikong Council Chambers, 19A Complex Drive, Wiikwemkoong

for the purposes of:

- Receiving financial reports.
- Approving a Notice of Amendment to change the name of the Corporation to Debajehmujig Storytellers.
- Approving a Bylaw.
- Nominating and electing Directors.

Membership in the Corporation shall be available to persons interested in furthering the Corporation's purposes, and who apply for and are accepted into membership in the Corporation by resolution of the Board. Each member shall be entitled to one vote at the meeting.

Richard Lathwell, President  
Lynda Trudeau, General Manager

## Application for CONSENT Under Section 53 of the Planning Act To be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 7 pm

**File No.:** Con 2025-05  
**Applicant:** Trent Bond and Michelle Ritchie  
**Legal Description:** Lot 19 31R232 Part 1 and 2  
**Civic Address:** 10 Meredith Street West  
**Official Plan:** Residential  
**Zoning:** Residential

**PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATION**  
Purpose of this application is for the creation of a new building lot

**CONSENT IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING:**  
The consent is required for the creation of a new building lot – concurrent zoning application is also submitted to allow for a multi-residential unit.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE MATTERS MAY ATTEND** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands public meeting concerning this application. If you have specific comments regarding this application, you may submit a letter to the Secretary-Treasurer of the planning authority prior to or at the meeting.

**IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND** this Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceeding.



**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of the Decision of the Planning Authority in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning Authority at the address shown below.


**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY THAT FILES AN APPEAL** against a decision of the Approval Authority in respect of the proposed consent has not made a written submission to the Approval Authority before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.


**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** regarding this application is available to the public for viewing at the Municipal office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; or you may contact Ms. Pam Myers, Clerk at (705) 368-3500 ext. 228.


Dated: June 25, 2025

Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands  
14 Water St. E., P.O. Box 608  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0



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## Manitoulin Health Centre Corporation Notice of Annual Meeting

Manitoulin Health Centre will be holding its Annual Meeting at the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation in M'Chigeeng on

**Thursday, June 26, 2025 beginning at 6 pm.**

Members of the Corporation and the General Public are invited and welcome to attend, but only members will be able to comment or ask questions during the meeting.

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 Notice

## THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

10 Meredith Street  
TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will hold a public meeting on **July 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current.** The purpose of this public meeting is to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act for the property located at 10 Meredith Street West, 31R232 Part 1 & 2 Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. The attached key map shows the affected property.

The effect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment special exception R1-17 to allow for a multi-family residential unit in a residential zone.



ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed By-law Amendment.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands before the proposed By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the proposed By-law Amendment, describing the affected property, a Key Map showing the location of the affected property to which the proposed By-law Amendment applies, and a copy of the complete proposed By-law Amendment is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipal Office, 14 Water Street East, Little Current.

DATED at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands on 2025-06-25  
Ms. Pam Myers Clerk  
Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands  
14 Water Street East, P.O. Box 608  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0  
Ph.:(705)368-3500





# Death Notices

## BRYAN E. OLNEY

January 3, 1938 - June 13, 2025



In loving memory of Bryan E. Olney who passed away peacefully at age 87 at the Manitoulin Health Centre, in Little Current on Friday, June 13, 2025, surrounded by family. Born in England in 1938 to the late Jack and Lynne Olney, Bryan lived through The Blitz in London as a child. At the age of 13, he moved to Canada with his parents and settled in Hamilton. He left high school early to take a job as a bank teller, which was a short-lived stint. Soon after he discovered his love for radio when he accepted a position at the radio station in Timmins. Later he moved to CKWS radio station in Kingston where he enjoyed a lengthy career in both radio and television as a local celebrity known as “Canada’s Dick Clark.” Bryan was a popular disc-jockey who grew to fame over the AM radio in the late 50s and ‘60s. A key figure in the Canadian music scene, Bryan welcomed the Beatles to Toronto at Maple Leaf Gardens on September 7, 1964. He was well known for his entertaining fundraising efforts in Kingston, and in one particular event, he worked, slept and spun .45 rpm records in a vehicle perched on a high pedestal for a week straight. His years in radio and TV were fun years and some of his fondest memories. While still working at CKWS as the morning announcer, Bryan decided that he wanted to obtain academic credentials and talked his way into Queen’s University as a mature student, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and then a Master’s Degree with Honours in Political Science, all while working full time. His love affair with Broadcast journalism continued at Loyalist College in Belleville where he served as a professor and then Dean and Associate Vice Principal before moving on to become the Director of the School of Journalism at the University of Regina. While in Saskatchewan, Bryan got a kick out of being portrayed as a murder victim in the Gail Bowen novel, “A Killing Spring.” More over he loved the wonderful and lasting friendships he developed in Regina as he had in Belleville and Kingston. Bryan travelled to Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates to develop and ultimately lead the communication, journalism and media studies programs at the Higher Colleges of Technology. Bryan loved every academic job he held. He saw each position as new and exciting. He valued his colleagues as true professionals. One of the things he was proudest of was the accomplishments of his many graduates. After his many years of adventure, Bryan and his wife Gail enjoyed a lovely retirement, spending summers at their home on Manitoulin Island and winters in the Villages, Florida. Bryan leaves behind his loving wife of over 30 years, Gail Meehan; son Jim Olney (Shelley) of Perth, daughter Jennifer Olney (Burns) of Kingston, as well as his step-children Patricia Meehan of Sudbury, Diane Meehan (Jesse) of Little Current, Kathryn Meehan (Richard) of Waterloo and his 11 grandchildren Thomas, Davis and Clara Olney, James and Julia Burns, Reid and Evan Cormier, Brock Meehan Taus and Luke, Owen and Bella Meehan Sinclair, as well as many dear friends near and far. Cremation has taken place. The family has planned a Celebration of Life to be held at their home on Manitoulin Island on Saturday, August 9, 2025 in the afternoon.

# Burial Notice

## KENNETH FRANK FOGG



*Time slips by  
And life goes on,  
But from my heart  
You’re never gone.  
I think about you always,  
I talk about you too;  
I have so many memories  
But I wish I still had you!*

The love of my life will be laid to rest Friday, June 27, 2025 at 2 pm at Gordon Cemetery.

## EVELYN DORIS BRISCOE



In loving memory of Evelyn Doris Briscoe who passed away on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at home at the age of 90. Beloved wife of Eric Briscoe (predeceased) of 59 years. Loving mother of Richard of Sudbury. Dear sister of Clarence Badgerow (Elizabeth) (both predeceased), Kay Reid (George) (both predeceased), Reta Pasco (James predeceased) of Ottawa, Marie Sloss (Willard predeceased) of Mindemoya and Calvin Badgerow (predeceased). Dear sister-in-law of Harold (Georgina) Briscoe (both predeceased), Cliff (Iva) Briscoe (both predeceased), Lloyd (Margaret) Briscoe (both predeceased), Iva (Bill) Nasmith (both predeceased), Evelyn (Allan) Cushon (both predeceased). Missed by many nieces and nephews. Evelyn enjoyed many happy years at her cottage at Nepewassi Lake snowmobiling, ice fishing and berry picking. She also loved to travel. At Evelyn request there will be no visitation or service. Cremation with interment in Gordon Cemetery, date to be determined. .

## JOY OLIVE MCVEY

(nee Bowerman)

March 23, 1947 – June 21, 2025



It is with great sadness that the family of Joy Olive McVey (nee Bowerman) announces her passing at the age of 78 on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current. Joy was born in Mindemoya on March 23, 1947 to parents William Bowerman and Doris Bowerman (nee Richards)(both predeceased). Beloved wife of Lyle McVey (predeceased); loved partner of Bert Whalen (predeceased); mother of Lisa Burch (Rick), Judy McVey and Lylla McVey (Garfield); grandmother of Lyle McVey, Natasha McVey, Amanda James-Taziar (Cam), Becky Corbiere (Zack) and Monica McVey, Danielle Gaetano (Christopher), Jasmine Aguonie Ross (Jason) and Scott Aguonie (Harlee); many great-grandchildren; and furbabies Coco, White Paws and Snowball. Joy will be missed by sisters Bonnie Pegelo (Brien) and Marilyn Harasym (Jim) and their families. Joy loved spending time in her flower gardens and watching her birds and chipmunks while making sure they were well fed. She enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, crocheting, knitting, dancing, playing the piano, cribbage and euchre. She loved TV Bingo but always said she needed “a couple more numbers.” Joy was an avid Toronto Blue Jays fan, knowing all the players and their stats. As per Joy’s wishes, cremation has taken place. Thank you to Alternative Funeral Services, Elliot Lake. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date. The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor who provided Joy with such compassionate support and care. In memory of Joy, donations may be made to Manitoulin Pet Rescue or the Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

# Celebration of Life

## KEN RAMSAY



Family and friends, please join us to Celebrate the Life of Ken Ramsay who passed away on August 13, 2024. We’ll be gathering at the Little Schoolhouse at the top of the hill in Sandfield on Sunday, June 29, 2025 from 1-3 pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

## JOHN EDWARD HAWKE

June 13, 1946 - June 11, 2025



With heavy hearts we announce the passing of John Edward Hawke. John died peacefully and surrounded by loved ones on June 11, 2025, just days shy of his 79th birthday. John was born in Sudbury, a cherished only child to Barbara and Donald Hawke. He spent his early years in Sudbury before making his way to Sault Ste. Marie, where he raised his three children Cory (Ian Ramsey), Kylan (Andrew Theriault) and Carly (Jess Houghton). For the past 33 years, he shared his life with his beloved partner, Deborah Wilson. Together they built a life first in Sault Ste. Marie and later on Manitoulin Island, where they found a deep sense of community and many dear friends who felt like family. John was a proud grandfather of eight: Ethan, Ava, Georgia, Phoenix, Hawk, Knox, Wilder and Truett. They will all miss the life lessons he shared so freely. Grandpa John was a master of whittling sticks, cheering at hockey games (trumpet in hand) and you better believe he read one hell of a bedtime story. A true jack of all trades, John followed his passions rather than convention. He created beautiful stained glass art, wrote screenplays and was deeply involved in the world of theatre. Never one to settle into a 9 to 5, John carved out a life filled with curiosity, artistic expression and freedom. He had a zest for life and a childlike wonder that never dimmed. He always took the time to enjoy the simple pleasures in life, like an interesting rock or a chance to make a new friend in line at the grocery store. He loved riding his bike, attending concerts in his younger days, and exploring the world around him. He travelled to places like Mexico, Florida and Iceland, making friends wherever he went and staying in touch with them throughout his years. John will be remembered for his sparkle, creativity and his willingness to help everyone around him. He brought joy to those who were lucky enough to know him, and his loss will be felt far and wide by all those he leaves behind. There will be a chance to celebrate John’s epic life and legacy in both Sault Ste. Marie and Manitoulin Island at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please honour John by doing something creative, spontaneous or joy-filled, it’s what he would have wanted. Cremation Services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury and Crystal Crematorium.

# Celebration of Life

## GEORGINA ELLEN HARI

(Ferguson)



The family of Georgie Hari invites friends and loved ones to a Celebration of Life in her honour on Saturday, July 5, 2025, between 1 pm to 3 pm at the Sheguiandah Seniors’ Hall, 14 Townline Road, Sheguiandah. Please join us in remembering Georgie’s life, sharing stories, and celebrating the love and joy she brought to all who knew her. A light luncheon will be served. All are welcome.

## BLAINE NELDER



Please join us in gathering to Celebrate the Life of Blaine Nelder on Sunday, July 27, 2025 from 2 to 4 pm at the Mindemoya Curling Club.



# ...public meeting for Gordon Township waste recovery plant

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“I don’t,” stated Ms. Jeffkins.

Mr. Gagnon explained every municipality in Ontario is undergoing the same difficulties in handling its waste. “Some are saying the costs of handling their waste is going to bankrupt them in two

or three years. The Blue-box Ontario program is costing a lot more, and with the tariffs, states like Michigan and New York are indicating they could increase the cost of taking hauled waste as much as 1,000 percent.”

Under phase one of the proposal, 10 tons of waste per day could be handled in the WEST plant, in a single 8-10 hour shift and under phase two, 25 tons per day could be handled, the meeting was told.

As for how much energy the plant needs, Mr. Gagnon pointed out “19-30 kilowatts per day.” He pointed out a local sawmill uses more per day.

“Shipping garbage waste a long distance is not economical,” said Mr. Gagnon. As for the natural gas being created in the proposed system, it would go toward heating and cooling the facility.

Mr. Gagnon was asked how many municipalities have indicated they will be participating in the process with WEST. The town

of Gore Bay has not made a final commitment, but has endorsed the proposal in principle, as has the municipality of Central Manitoulin, and WEST is having discussions with additional municipalities and First Nations. In total three are showing interest, and the company is waiting on two others and looking at private industry.

In terms of tipping fees to have garbage handled in the WEST facility, it would compare to the system in place with the transfer station through taxation from each municipality paying its share.

Mr. Spadzinski asked how the WEST disposal system compares to any other options like hauling waste to another facility or having a municipal landfill. “We haven’t come across a situation where our system would not have saved a municipality money,” said Mr. Gagnon. “We are cheaper than any other option and no one is getting a 20-year-fixed contract.

When asked what timelines WEST would have in getting a building in place at the proposed site. “If we receive approval from (Gordon/Barrie Island council) for a municipal zoning bylaw amendment we would be able to get a building here within 90-120 days,” said Mr. Gagnon. “But we can’t start doing anything until we have all regulations/requirements approved (by

the province). If everything went well, the first or second quarter of 2026 we could be in operation.” He said among the many regulations that would have to be met include all safety requirements.

The plant would need a major overhaul in 20 years, and maintenance being carried out on the plant in the spring and fall of every year. “The first pre-production unit will be manufactured in Sudbury and would be our first commercial facility,” said Mr. Gagnon.

“I like the idea, I think it is fantastic,” said one of the meeting attendees.

Mr. Gagnon said, “we all need to reevaluate how we look at waste. Our process makes sense for rural Northern Ontario municipalities. We can handle the waste here, being environmentally and financially beneficial, and create jobs on top of that.

“Is it necessary, under your proposal, to operate seven days a week, 24 hours a day, to take care of Manitoulin Island waste?” asked April Orford.

Mr. Gagnon said it can be done in five days per week and would only operate during the daytime.

One attendee questioned what WEST will do if it cannot find employees to work at the new proposed plant. He pointed out the company already has some people in place to work at the facility.

It was pointed out by one

member of the public that the company was several years ago involved in a proposal to provide for a wind farm on Manitoulin, but the company sold its part of the project. “You are out to make money, and I understand that, but in this case things got rolling and then it was sold.” She questioned if this would happen with this new waste plant proposal.

“We have exited two different initiatives in the past. In both cases we were the minority partner,” said Mr. Gagnon. “This (WEST) is my full-time job, and something I want to do for the foreseeable future.”

“Why are you looking at this site here, now?” asked Ms. Jeffkins.

“We have carried out all the testing and studies in other municipalities and this one is the best for this Manitoulin Island project,” said Mr. Gagnon.

As for concerns raised with noise coming from the new facility, Mr. Gagnon explained even with the grinder/shredder operating in the plant, the noise created would be less than 90 decibels. If you are running equipment with less than 90 decibels, it is basically the same as a pick-up truck would make.

“There is no financial risk to the municipalities,” said Mr. Gagnon. “If we can’t meet all the necessary requirements then municipalities can drop out and continue doing what they have been.”

“To me, what is being proposed is a good solution,” said Mr. Spadzinski. “At some point we have to deal with our waste, and this seems to be the most efficient way, although I do understand the concerns people have with this facility being close to their property.”

A Manitoulin-based equipment mechanic said he can see a couple of flaws with the system, noting it’s a gasification unit. “How are you storing the gas?”

“We extract the gas and consume and use it,” stated Mr. Gagnon. “We are not storing the gas—it’s physically used and consumed.”


Everything is under a roof in the WEST proposal, the meeting was told. “Our methodology is different than a gasification unit,” said Mr. Gagnon.

“If you are grinding waste products eight-10 hours a day, running a generator and three phase power, neighbouring residents will hear it,” said one man.

“The noise requirements can and have to adhere to all requirements and the generation being inside the building reduces the noise. We will be adhering to all required standards,” said Mr. Gagnon.

Odour coming from the plant was another concern raised at the meeting. “There is more smell that comes from the transfer

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station than there would ever be from our unit,” Mr. Gagnon told the meeting. “This is a closed loop system.”

“What happens if you don’t get other municipalities to participate?” asked one resident.

“We would have to look at the entire total financial model and see if have enough additional waste being brought in,” said Mr. Gagnon, who said WEST would not be trucking in waste from off-Island. “Our objective is to take care of the waste generated on the Island.”

Ms. Orford asked if WEST approached the Island Waste Management Committee on its project proposal and Mr. Gagnon said the proposal has been endorsed by the committee.

As for a backup location if WEST does not receive approvals to locate its plant on the proposed location, Mr. Gagnon said the company can look at another site locally or look off-Island.

The WEST proposal is to build a gasification plant that would take the waste that is currently going to the transfer station (and more) and then trucked off the Island, and they are hoping other municipalities will participate as well.

As was reported previously, WEST has tested and can take over 400

different waste materials through its ‘waste processing’ including all types of waste, including municipal, wood, plastic, oil rubber, textiles, organics. Their customers could include government municipal, universities, hospitals, transportation railroad ties, airports, car fluff, manufacturing automotive oil, remote mining sites, food and beverage, grocery stores, distributors.

The WEST technology is a proprietary, non-combustion, climate positive, waste conversion system that uses waste as a source of fuel. The process begins by reducing the waste into small cubes. The cubes are then loaded into a no-pressure, oxygen-deprived

chamber where the solid material is converted into a gaseous state. The gas is then consumed as a source of fuel on site. The technology is scalable, stackable and portable, thus enabling a decentralized waste processing solution and contribution to a circular economy. The technology meets EU EPA air emission standards without supplemental air emission treatment. WEST uses waste as a source of energy to produce electricity, heating and cooling.

“We are not in the waste hauling business, but when we look at the distance and cost of hauling waste from the transfer station to Espanola, with our system everything would be taken to our facility,” said Mr. Gagnon.

“Everything would be contained under one roof, and items would be ground into the size of a sugar cube, with everything going into a 20-foot box sea container and go through a thermal conversion process, electrically driven.”

“Our solution provides jobs, grid stability, with no concerns to the environment,” said Mr. Gagnon. “Some of the benefits to the township would be a 20-year fixed contract to handle all waste, a 1,200 square foot new facility from which they would derive property taxes, and employment for at least a dozen and possibly two dozen people.” He pointed out the water used in the plant is less per day than a four-person family and

remains in the facility.

The next step in the WEST proposal is for council to consider approval of the municipal zoning bylaw amendment for a renewable energy

generation plant and advance recycling (under site specific), which council tabled at its last meeting, to have the public meeting last week.



21-gun salute

Members of the Sergeant Charles Golden Rifle Team provided a 21-gun salute in memory of veteran Dennis William Field at the Gordon cemetery this past Saturday. Mr. Field served as a Leading Air Craftsman in the Royal Canadian Air Force for five years. The members of the team taking part in the gun salute ceremony included Paul Abbott (Royal Canadian Dragoons), Robert Miron 49<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment (Sault Ste. Marie, Reserves), Ed Duncan (Royal Canadian Naval Vets), Don Scrumeda, flag-bearer and Richard Wayne Golden, Team Non-Commissioned Officer. The 21-gun salute was part of a funeral service held for Dennis William Field and Francis Jean Field.

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# National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrations take place on Manitoulin



Anishinaabe Chef Joseph Shawana, left above, cooks up some great eats during a Two Nations celebration hosted by Wiikwemkoong Tourism. Iacha Smith, a Haudenosaunee chef from Six Nations was part of the attractions at the annual Wiikwemkoong Jiingtamok this past weekend.



photos by Alicia McCutcheon



Dancers of all ages were having fun despite the rain and lightning chasing everyone indoors to the Wiikwemkoong Thunderdome Arena.



Haudenosaunee smoke dancers were part of the annual Wiikwemkoong traditional Jiingtamok as part of a two-nation cultural exchange.



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by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The Friends of Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) golf tournament, held last Friday at Brookwood Brae Golf Course was a huge success.

"I would like to thank everyone for coming out to play today," said Ian MacKenzie, main organizer of the event. As part of the FOMOS fundraising committee he said, "We welcome everyone here to our first annual golf tournament. This event has been very successful with

thank the 47 different sponsors of the event," stated Mr. MacKenzie. He said several holes on the course for the tournament were sponsored as well as providing monetary support, golf prizes and door prizes.

FOMOS member Alison McAllister noted that each table set up for dinner had a typed list of all the sponsors of the event.

"I would like to tell you about the FOMOS committee vision," said Ms. McAl-



Alison McAllister and Ian MacKenzie of the Friends of Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) presented the prizes to the team made up of Drew Burrowes, Josh Robinson, Billy Biederman and Boston Thibault, which earned the prize for the lowest gross score at the FOMOS first annual golf tournament. The tournament was held at Brookwood Brae golf course in Mindemoya.



Alison McAllister and Ian MacKenzie of the Friends of Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) present Anna Murdoch with a prize at the group's first annual golf tournament. The tournament was held at Brookwood Brae golf course in Mindemoya.

15 teams (in the four-person scramble format), 58 golfers and 73 people on hand for dinner."

"More importantly we would like to

list. "We are attempting to reestablish the Mindemoya Old School, which is over 100 years old, into an artist/arti-...continued on page 3A

## Manitoulin Sporting Life

### Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



#### Mindemoya Youth Softball Tournament!

The weekend weather made it a little challenging for organizers and the umbrella-less at the sixth annual Mindemoya Youth Softball Tournament however the committee managed to get all 87 games in! Despite a two-hour rain, thunderstorm delay on Saturday the teams really hustled, even getting the final game, ending 15 minutes ahead of their original schedule, end-time!

One of the nice stories from the tourney took place in the King Division (15-16-year-olds). The returning, "A" Champions, the Dockhounds defeated the Benchwarmers in extra innings.

The team features a couple of generations of the Division namesake, **Doug King!** Grandson, **Chris King** coached the team, including Doug's Great-Grandson,

district qualifiers throughout our province to compete at the Provincial finals. Several of the Manitoulin Pickleball Club members competed and did very well! Hats off to; **Bud Hebner:** Gold Medal in Men's Doubles, Age Group 65+, Skill level 4.0. **Bud Hebner** and **Jean Rance** took the Gold Medal in Mixed Doubles, Age Group 65+, Skill level 4.0. **Rick Coker** and **Daniel Leger** took the Silver Medal in Men's Doubles, Age Group 65+, Skill level 3.5. **Genette Simon** and **Pierre Labine:** Bronze Medal in Mixed Doubles, Age Group 55+, Skill level 3.5. **Darry Resmer** won the Bronze Medals in both Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, Age Group 65+ and Skill level 3.5. An honourable mention goes to **Lianne Masson** and **Rick Coker** who won the Pool 4 Round Robin In Mixed Doubles, Age Group 65+, Skill level 3.5.



The King Division (15-16 year olds) A champions were The Dockhounds, that's, in no particular order, Ethan Ense, Jaxson Chatwell, Max King, Lowell Huskinson, Reid Martin, Logan O'Shaughnessey Brynn Best, Charmaine Webkamigad, Brinley Watson, Trinity Cheechoo, Kayla Lockeyer and Kaci Lariviere. Coaches were Chris King, Christa King, Troy Chatwell and Krystal Harper.

**Max King.** The remaining roster was **Ethan Ense, Jaxson Chatwell, Lowell Huskinson, Reid Martin, Logan O'Shaughnessey, Brynn Best, Charmaine Webkamigad, Brinley Watson, Trinity Cheechoo, Kayla Lockeyer** and **Kaci Lariviere.** The coaching staff also included **Christa King, Troy Chatwell** and **Krystal Harper.**

The busy organizing committee was not able to track down the full results and rosters by press time so we will have to wait until next week.

Many thanks to the founders of the Tournament the grounds-crew and special thanks to these priceless, pros over the weekend, Umpires, **Greg Lockeyer, Kevin Corbiere, Rodney Cox** and **Bruce Wiggins!** In all, some 400+ kids had a great weekend thanks to everyone involved!

#### Pickleball Pros!

The surge of Pickleball popularity on Manitoulin is thanks in large part to a large, core group, of Game-veterans, that have brought their skill and knowledge to the community. A testament to that skill was their success at the Ontario Senior Games District 3 qualifier tournament ran their at the Tom Davies Arena in Lively on June 14. Gold medalists at this qualifier are then invited to participate in the OSGA Provincial Finals, which this year are being held in Sudbury August 5, 6, and 7. They will join with the winners at all the other OSGA

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

Manitoulin member, **Philip Candelaria** was the co-convenor for this event along with Sudbury Pickleball Association's **Jim Fuchs.** Always giving back were **Bud Hebner** and **Jean Rance** who also volunteered to referee the final medal matches throughout the day. In total, this District 3 qualifier is sending 14 winners to the Provincial games in August in Sudbury. For further information of the Manitoulin Pickleball Club you can contact Philip Candelaria at 613-301-0019.

#### Adventurer racers are shy!

I had reported on some great results from some of our Manitoulin adventure racers who completed the Storm Adventure Race held on May 24th in Angus, Ontario, challenging teams with a grueling mix of mountain biking, canoeing, and trail running—all the while navigating with map and compass! Representing Manitoulin, the team "Donut Follow Us," made up of **Bill Slight** and **Hannah Brown**, tackled the 62.5km Long Course and finished as the second-place co-ed team of two with an impressive time of 5:41:48!

Meanwhile there were two other teams, quietly in the mix! **Alex Anstice** and partner **Caroline Black** of Team Cheeks Ahoy finished third in the long course, Co-Ed division! Also, **Nishin Meawasige** and **Melissa Brandon** competed there as well finishing 7th, upping their finish from last year! Congrats, all!





**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION**

**POST-SECONDARY & ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

**FULL-TIME - 35 HOURS A WEEK**

Salary Range: \$56,800 - \$67,820 / year + Group Benefits and Pension  
(Salary dependent on education and/or experience, or a combination of both)

The Post-Secondary and Adult Education Coordinator will guide the development, planning and execution of multiple complex programs in support of and in alignment with the department's strategic plan to achieve the department's and WRFN's vision and mission. The Post Secondary and Adult Education Coordinator will establish and maintain strong internal and external partnerships and strong connections to students and adult learners to support the successful completion of school and help with entry into careers.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
**Post-Secondary Program**  
Administers the Whitefish River First Nation's (WRFN) Post-Secondary Education (PSE) program under WRFN's PSE program policy and guidelines.  
**Adult Education**  
Address the challenges that adult learners face, such as time management, financial constraints, or a lack of support, to help them overcome barriers to learning and education and achieve their full potential.  
**Counselling and Collaboration**  
Provide advocacy and liaison services, including academic advising, career counselling and resource coordination, to help students and adult learners achieve their educational and career goals.  
**Administration**  
Develop a list and process for emailing students and/or providing regular information via Constant Contact to Communications personnel for dissemination.  
\*For a complete Job Description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
- Diploma in Business, Education, Social Work or Community Development.  
- Experience managing or coordinating a First Nation departmental budget or program over 2-3 years.  
- Experience in delivering presentations and in meeting coordination.  
- Advanced computer skills in Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel) and proficiency in promotional computer software.  
- Previous experience working within a First Nation education sector would be an asset.  
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills.  
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills and the ability to work with minimal supervision.  
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, traditions, language and history.  
\*Must provide an up-to-date Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire.

**Applications must be submitted by noon on June 27th, 2025.**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference (with contact information), and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:  
**CONFIDENTIAL: POST SECONDARY & ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca    Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
*Miigwetch to all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.*



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION**

**TWO (2) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS, SHAWANOSOWE SCHOOL**

**FULL-TIME**

Salary Range: \$36,204 - \$70,325 (Depending on education and experience)  
\* In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions, and more!

As an Educational Assistant (EA), you will play a key role in the lives of students, supporting teachers in creating a positive learning environment, often with a focus on students with special needs.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
• Assist with lesson preparation, materials and the integration of technology. They may work with individual students or small groups, providing extra help, reinforcing concepts, and adapting materials to meet the diverse learning needs of their students.  
• Help maintain a structured and safe learning environment, reinforcing classroom rules and managing student behaviour. They supervise students during transitions, lunch and recess, ensuring their safety and well-being.  
• Assist with record-keeping, grading assignments, tracking attendance, and other administrative tasks as directed by the teacher.  
• Collaborate with teachers, parents and other professionals to support student learning and well-being. They communicate observations and concerns to teachers, participate in team meetings, and may assist with parent conferences.  
• Work with students with disabilities, providing individualized support based on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and other support plans. They may assist with physical and personal care needs and may be trained to administer medications or specific medical procedures.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
• High School Diploma plus a 2-year post-secondary education in fields related to the development of children and special education (i.e. Educational Assistant Diploma, Child & Youth Worker Diploma) or  
• College Diploma/Degree in Developmental Service Worker (DSW), or Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Autism and Behavioural Science.  
• At least two (2) years of work experience in a related field, including working with children with special needs.  
• Working knowledge of Individual Education Plans, Behaviour Safety Plans and Behaviour Management Plans.  
• Valid First Aid and CPR (or willingness to update).  
• Experience working within a First Nations education system would be an asset.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**  
• Knowledge of Indigenous culture, traditions and language (or willingness to learn).  
• Excellent problem-solving, multi-tasking and collaborative skills; and excellent interpersonal skills.  
• Strong computer skills using a variety of platforms and devices (Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Smartboards, iPads, etc.).  
*Must provide a clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire.*  
*For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca*

**Application Closing Date: June 27th, 2025 at Noon.**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference (with contact information), and applicable education diplomas/certifications to the address provided below.  
**CONFIDENTIAL: EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca    Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
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**Rainbow Schools**

*Reaching minds. Touching hearts.*

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

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Payroll Administrator and a Financial Analyst - Capital**.

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

Interested candidates should apply by **noon Wednesday, July 2, 2025** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

**David Farrow**  
Board Chair

**Bruce Bourget**  
Director of Education

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*Reaching minds. Touching hearts.*

**Permanent Educational Assistants on Manitoulin Island**  
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Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for **permanent Educational Assistants on Manitoulin Island**.


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

Interested candidates should apply by **3pm Monday, June 30, 2025** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

**David Farrow**  
Board Chair

**Bruce Bourget**  
Director of Education

*rainbowschools.ca*



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION**

**HOUSING MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR**

**TERM: FULL-TIME, 35 HOURS PER WEEK**

Salary Range: \$50,490 to \$60,290 (Depending on education and experience)

The Housing Maintenance Coordinator plays a crucial role in providing administrative and coordination support for the renovations of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) rental units. This position coordinates resources and third parties/vendors for project execution, including tracking and analyzing project performance, expenditures, procurement and reporting. The Housing Maintenance Coordinator is also responsible for overseeing renovation projects, repairs and maintenance, as well as the overall operation of WRFN rental homes and properties.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
• Prepare, coordinate and monitor daily minor and major maintenance and renovation services to all WRFN band rental units under the Housing Department.  
• Performing general inspections in rental homes and engaging with tenants to determine renovation needs and requests.  
• Collaborating and communicating with the Housing Navigator is a key aspect of this role, ensuring tenants' well-being is at the forefront of our operations.  
• Assist with budgets for each unit or project and report on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.  
• Assist with maintenance planning for all equipment and vehicles.  
• Troubleshoot and report any issues with electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC) in the rental units, including necessary equipment repairs.  
*(For a complete job description, please email hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca).*

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
• Grade 12 or GED is required. A post-secondary diploma in Project Management, Business Administration, Construction/House Inspection, or other related programs is an asset. An equivalent combination of education, training and/or experience will also be considered, providing a pathway for career growth and development.  
• Minimum of three to five (3-5) years of experience in general maintenance, carpentry, and knowledge of the mechanical operation of housing unit equipment/systems preferred.  
• Thorough knowledge of building and operating systems, construction, installation, maintenance and repair practices.  
• Experience in Project Management is required; Experience supervising crews is an asset.  
• Thorough knowledge of Workplace Ontario Occupational Health & Safety Regulations.  
• Knowledge of applicable construction codes (ONT Building, ON Plumbing, Canadian Electrical).  
• Proficiency in MS Office (Outlook, Word, Excel). MS Project (project management software) is preferred.

**SKILLS:**  
• Knowledge of construction processes, materials and techniques; ability to read blueprints.  
• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.  
• Motivated and physically fit to perform this type of work, and the ability to lift at least 50 lbs.  
• Must train new employees and work flexible hours; maintain on-call schedule.  
• Excellent problem-solving, multi-tasking, and collaborative skills.  
*\*Upon hire, the successful candidate must submit: Police Criminal Reference Check*

**Application Closing Date: June 27th, 2025, at Noon.**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, and one (1) character reference (with contact information) to:  
**CONFIDENTIAL: HOUSING MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca    Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
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News Tip?

Contact Tom Sasvari at  
705-282-1912 or by email  
at Tom@manitoulin.com.

HELP WANTED

Starting immediately, a young person  
for farm work on a cash crop operation.  
Full-time in Tehkummah.  
Phone 519-274-1087  
or  
519-274-9452





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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

**Manitoulin Island:**

• Child Well-Being Worker—Full-Time

• Cultural Enaadaamaaget—Full-Time


**Sudbury/Manitoulin Island:**

• Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment

**Sudbury:**

• Legal Counsel—Full-Time

**\*All postings close July 4, 2025 at 4 pm EST\***  
To apply, kindly send your application to our Human Resources department at **applications@kgcfs.org**, ensuring to specify the position title in the subject line. For comprehensive job descriptions and to access the postings, please visit our website at: [www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities).  
*At KGCFs, we are steadfast in our dedication to fostering a work environment that is accessible to all, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Should you require any accommodations during the recruitment process, please do not hesitate to request them. We sincerely appreciate your interest in joining the team; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.*  
*As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide the following documents: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (dated within three months of the application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.*  
**Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.**



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION**  
**GOVERNANCE MANAGER**  
TERM: INDETERMINATE (FULL-TIME)  
Salary Range: \$77,600 - \$92,660 (Depending on education and experience)  
+ In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions, and more!

The Governance Manager plays a pivotal role in implementing the Chief & Council's strategic direction and best practices for Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) governance functions. They will be responsible for all aspects of planning, direction and oversight of the governance portfolio within the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) administration, with a specific focus on implementing the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA). The Governance Manager will oversee strategic operations as they relate to this agreement, working and consulting with band members, internal staff, external partners, and the Chief and Council that will encompass the best interests of WRFN, all while guiding intra-departmental efforts to ensure the continued advancement of WRFN's self-governance goals in a manner that is as respectful as it is proactive and productive.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Degree in economics, business, commerce, public administration and political science, or experience in senior management at a First Nation level or related field.
- Experience in a related field, with a minimum of three (3) years of management experience.
- Experience working with First Nation Final Agreements and/or Self-Government Agreements.
- Experience advising stakeholders on policies, program delivery and the intersection of federal, provincial/territorial and Indigenous governance systems.
- Experience with community engagement strategies and practices in the context of indigenous governance.
- Experience in government-to-government negotiations and/or consultation will be considered an asset.
- Must have previous supervisory experience.
- Experience in government relations and advanced funding/reporting obligations.

**SKILLS:**

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Ability to balance risks in ambiguous and complex situations.
- Experience implementing or designing privacy processes, policies, standards, controls and/or programs.
- Experience performing compliance assessments, gap assessments and rationalized frameworks.
- Experience in government relations and advocacy.
- Excellent computer skills and strong experience with Microsoft Office applications.
- Thorough knowledge of and ability to demonstrate/apply core First Nations values to design culturally appropriate services.
- Able to navigate and demonstrate knowledge of First Nations politics and specific issues related to governance.

**\*\*Must provide a clear Police Criminal Reference Check upon hire.**  
**\*\*For a complete job description, please email: [hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca)**

**APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AT NOON.**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference (with contact information), and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:  
**CONFIDENTIAL: GOVERNANCE MANAGER**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: [jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca) Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
*Miigwetch to all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.*

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
**Community Living Manitoulin**

Community Living Manitoulin is looking for dedicated staff with a passion for working with adult individuals with developmental disabilities.

Do you want to play a vital role in inspiring possibilities and creating an environment that fosters meaningful living for all supported individuals?

There are part-time and casual employment opportunities available within one of our many programs:

**One (1) Permanent Full-time position**

**Three (3) Temporary Part-Time positions**

**Four (4) Casual positions**

These unionized part-time positions are guaranteed at a minimum of 30 hours bi-weekly and can be scheduled a maximum of 32 hours weekly with a starting wage of \$28.97.

**You are qualified if you have:**

- Post-secondary diploma for Developmental Service Worker or equivalent in the Human Services Field (preferred)
- Personal Support Worker certificate or equivalent
- First Year Developmental Service Worker students may also qualify
- A valid Ontario driver's licence (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

**Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of:**  
**Mrs. Megan Wickett, Operations Manager**  
**Community Living Manitoulin**  
**PO Box 152**  
**Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0**  
**Or by email to [mwickett@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:mwickett@clmanitoulin.com)**  
**Or by fax to 705-377-7175**  
Community Living Manitoulin welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for applicants taking part in all aspects of the selection process.  
*For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit [www.clmanitoulin.com](http://www.clmanitoulin.com).*



**...FOMOS golf**

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san's centre and older adult senior connection centre. This would benefit the community."


Jim Smith, a FOMOS member, acknowledged that Robert Chappell and Mr. MacKenzie spear-headed the event held last week.

Ms. McAllister on behalf of FOMOS took the opportunity to thank Kelly Slann and her team from Brookwood Brae for "doing a fantastic job" in hosting the tournament, and a wonderful dinner, as well as Red Seal Chef Jodie Elliott and her crew from Prepped Manitoulin for preparing the lunch and providing desserts for the dinner.

As for the tournament itself, prizes were handed out to the team which had the lowest gross score, an impressive seven under par 65 (18 holes) for the team of Drew Burrowes, Josh Robinson, Billy Biederman and Boston Thibault.

The prizes for the shot closest to the pin was won by Janyyn Towns on the women's side and Jim Vardon on the men's side. The closest to the rope prizes went to Anna Murdoch and Derek Tilly.

As well, many sponsor prizes and door prizes were drawn after the tournament was completed.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**Anishinaabe Aadiziwin Team is recruiting for an**  
**ANISHINAABEMOWIN COORDINATOR**  
FULL-TIME - 35 HOURS A WEEK  
Salary: \$65,320 - \$81,650 (including group pension and health benefits)  
\*Salary is subject to education and experience, or a combination of both

The Anishinaabemowin Coordinator will play a pivotal role in preserving and revitalizing the Anishinaabemowin language, a vital and vibrant part of the Whitefish River First Nation community. Their fluency in Anishinaabemowin will be a cornerstone in overseeing all language-related directives, organizing immersion camps, integrating language initiatives into various cultural programs and events, and leading the Language Archives project. This role is critical and deeply valued, as it will ensure that the Anishinaabemowin language remains a vital and vibrant part of the community for generations to come.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Collaborate with community members, elders and team members to develop a comprehensive Anishinaabemowin language revival strategy, setting both short-term and long-term goals.
- Organize, deliver and evaluate language immersion camps for learners of all ages, with a focus on immersive experiences that incorporate cultural practices.
- Integrate Anishinaabemowin language bundles into the Anishinaabe Aadiziwin program, a comprehensive cultural and wellness initiative, ensuring language learning is woven into broader cultural and wellness activities.
- Lead the coordination of the Language Archives, a crucial initiative for preserving our language, ensuring the accurate and meaningful capture of oral histories, traditional knowledge and storytelling.
- Foster mentorship programs that connect fluent speakers with language learners to create a supportive learning environment and facilitate intergenerational knowledge sharing. This is not just a job, but an opportunity to inspire and be inspired, share and receive knowledge, and contribute to preserving our language for future generations.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin (speak, read and write in the Ojibway language).
- Thorough knowledge of Anishinaabe traditions and culture.
- Prior work experience coordinating language programs and activities.
- Familiar with Anishinabek community protocols.
- Any relevant diplomas and degrees would be considered an asset.

**SKILLS:**

- Experience with computer programs (i.e. Microsoft Office, email, internet, etc.).
- Effective communication skills, both oral and written, with the ability to interact with a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Highly organized with excellent time management and multitasking abilities.
- Strong critical thinking skills with the ability to prioritize and manage urgent tasks in a fast-paced environment.
- Exceptional interpersonal and relationship-building skills, including working effectively within a team.

**\*For a detailed job description, please email: [hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca)**

**Applications are due on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at noon.**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, and one (1) character reference (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:  
**CONFIDENTIAL: ANISHINAABEMOWIN COORDINATOR**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: [candacej@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:candacej@whitefishriver.ca) Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
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# Expositor Clarification

In the May 21, Page 16 story ‘Little Current Yacht Club youth sailing rescued at 11<sup>th</sup> hour’ it was indicated that the yacht club’s sailing program this year in Little Current would run from Tuesday to Friday with Tuesdays and Fridays being half-days. That is incorrect. Both Tuesdays and Fridays are full days.



**Jake's Home Centre**  
is looking for a Delivery Assistant.

We are a Home Furnishing company that serves Manitoulin Island and surrounding area.

Key qualifications and responsibilities include:

- Ensuring deliveries to customers are completed efficiently, safely and respectfully.
- Loading and unloading products coming into and leaving our warehouse.
- Able to lift and move heavy products (appliances and furniture).
- Interacting with the public in a kind and respectful manner.
- Valid driver's licence and a clean abstract.
- Able to provide an up-to-date Criminal Record Check.

Jake's Home Centre offers a competitive wage and benefits. Training and certification are offered where necessary.

To apply, please send a resume to [info@jakes.ca](mailto:info@jakes.ca) or drop one off in person at one of our two locations:  
6104 Hwy 542 in Mindemoya  
or 9050 Hwy 6 in Little Current.

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## Dental Assistant

For Permanent Full-Time position in our Little Current dental office.  
Salary Commensurate with experience and qualifications.  
6% vacation pay.

Please inquire if dental care is an interest for you.  
We will provide training and HARP certification if required.

Email resume to [anne@cassondentistry.com](mailto:anne@cassondentistry.com)



**4 Robinson Street, Little Current**  
[www.cassondentistry.com](http://www.cassondentistry.com)

## The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team

is seeking one motivated and experienced individual to join our health care team

### Medical Administrative Assistant

A full-time permanent position

**Qualifications:**

- Community college level courses or equivalent
- Previous experience with medical reports, answering the phone, booking appointments, billing and computer applications such as Microsoft and client databases.


**Experience:**

- Providing administrative support for a multidisciplinary team
- Working in a medical setting or in customer service.

For the above position, including resumes, references will be until **Friday July 4, 2025.**

Send To:

**Attention: Judy Miller, Director**  
**PO Box 549, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0**  
**Fax: 705-368-1259 or Email: [jmiller@nemfht.ca](mailto:jmiller@nemfht.ca)**



**Seedlings**  
Early Learning Centre

**Job Title:** Pedagogical Lead / Supervisor Support  
**Location:** Gore Bay and Manitowaning  
**Position Type:** 1 year contract  
**Salary:** \$54,038.00  
**Date:** July 7, 2025

**About Us**

At Seedlings Early Learning Centre, we believe that the early years are the foundation for lifelong learning, well-being, and development. Our centre is a warm, inclusive and play-based learning environment where children are nurtured, supported and encouraged to explore. We are seeking an experienced Pedagogical Lead/Supervisor Support to inspire and guide our team of educators in delivering high-quality, child-centred education.

**Role Overview**

As the Pedagogical Lead/Supervisor Support, you will model and support best practices in early childhood pedagogy, mentor staff, and help shape an environment where children thrive. You will be responsible for overseeing curriculum planning, promoting reflective teaching practices, and ensuring alignment with early learning frameworks and regulatory standards.

**Key Responsibilities**

- Work closely alongside educators to support the planning and delivery of engaging, developmentally appropriate, play-based learning experiences
- Collaborate and support staff in observing, documenting and reflecting on children's learning and development
- Mentor and coach educators through regular in-class support, modelling best practices, staff check ins, goal setting and offering constructive feedback
- Foster a team culture of respect, collaboration, and continuous professional growth
- Lead and participate in team planning meetings, encouraging reflective dialogue and shared decision-making
- Promote inclusive practices that honour the individuality and voices of all children and families
- Build strong relationships with educators, families and the wider community to support a positive learning environment
- Oversee and coordinate staff schedules to ensure consistent, high-quality care and learning opportunities
- Stay current with research and developments in early childhood education, and share insights with the team
- Liaison to purchase items that are needed for the centre

**Qualifications**


- Degree or diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) or a related field or minimum 2 years of experience in early childhood education, including leadership or supervisory experience.
- Registered with the College of Early Childhood Educators is preferred
- In-depth knowledge of early childhood learning frameworks (e.g., CCEYA, How Does Learning Happen?)
- Strong leadership, communication and interpersonal skills
- Passionate about play-based and inquiry-led learning

**What We Offer**

- A supportive, purpose-driven workplace with a team of passionate educators
- Professional growth and leadership development opportunities
- A collaborative culture that values innovation and reflective practice
- Competitive salary and benefits package
- Paid professional development and planning time

**To Apply:**  
Please send your resume and a cover letter to [andrea@seedlingscentre.ca](mailto:andrea@seedlingscentre.ca). Application deadline: June 27, 2025.

We look forward to welcoming a dedicated and visionary leader to our team!



## WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE

### Finance and Human Resources Assistant

Full-time Position

**Position:** Finance and Human Resources Assistant  
**Location:** Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service  
**Salary:** \$75,130  
**Responsible To:** Chief of Police

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is currently seeking and accepting applications for a Finance and Human Resources Assistant position.

**Summary:** Under the direct supervision of the Administrative Division Commander or Designate, the Finance and Human Resources Assistant will assist in the Finance and Human Resources department areas. The incumbent will assist in ensuring efficient administrative and financial operations within the organization, contributing to the overall effectiveness of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, and provide administrative support to the WTPS team as well as assist with special projects related to the overall objectives of the WTPS as assigned.

**Key Duties/Responsibilities**

- Experience in financial management and financial file maintenance.
- Process payroll for salary and hourly employees, retroactive payment, reconcile, and verify accuracy of payroll submission ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Establish and maintain organized filing systems for financial transactions, ensuring adherence to accounting standards and organizational policies.
- Record and document financial transactions such as invoices, expenses, payroll records and receipts for proper documentation and audit trail.
- Collaborate closely with the finance team to uphold financial management procedures and guidelines.
- Assist in budgeting processes by gathering financial data and preparing reports to support budget analysis.
- Generate financial statements and reports as needed for financial reporting activities.
- Manage a high-volume workload efficiently, prioritizing tasks to meet strict deadlines for payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable and other financial activities.
- Maintain WSIB bi-weekly in-house report for year end reconciliation, remittance and reporting to WSIB.
- Responsible for Ontario Pension Board for Uniform Staff and Civilian Staff, for online enrolment, termination, pension calculation and remittance.
- Maintain up-to-date information of current and emerging payroll legislation.
- Maintain pay scheduling, preparing pay budgets, maintain and update salary grids as required.
- Act as a liaison with external agencies.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications, DayForce Payroll software, Sage Accounting software, InTime Software, and general computer skills a definite asset.
- Use discretion and maintain confidentiality.
- Multi-task in a high-volume working environment, ability to work with tight deadlines.
- Prepare and process confidential documentation/forecast reports related to Human Resources.
- Prepare and process statistical information for internal and external stakeholders, Finance Manager and auditors when required.
- Maintain accurate Human Resource files both electronic and hard copy.
- Maintain historical data by designing filing and retrieval system, keeping past and current records.
- Complete operational requirements as required by the Human Resources Manager and Finance Manager.
- Assist with various special projects directly related to the overall objectives of WTPS, and perform other duties as assigned.

**Education and Experience**

- Diploma or Degree in Payroll/Finance/Accounting/Business Administration from a college with a Canadian accreditation.
- Any relevant certificates related to the position being applied for.
- 3 – 5 years of previous work experience in a related field considered an asset.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver Licence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record, and must pass a detailed background check.
- Must be a permanent resident of Canada.

Employment packages are available and will be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates to:

**Attention:** Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager, [richard.flamand@wtps.ca](mailto:richard.flamand@wtps.ca)

**Subject:** Finance and Human Resources Assistant

Applications will be accepted until July 11, 2025 at 2 pm

Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Only those applicants who pass the screening component will be invited for an interview.





**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION**

**POST-SECONDARY & ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

**FULL-TIME - 35 HOURS A WEEK**

Salary Range: \$56,800 - \$67,820 / year + Group Benefits and Pension  
(Salary dependent on education and/or experience, or a combination of both)

The Post-Secondary and Adult Education Coordinator will guide the development, planning and execution of multiple complex programs in support of and in alignment with the department's strategic plan to achieve the department's and WRFN's vision and mission. The Post Secondary and Adult Education Coordinator will establish and maintain strong internal and external partnerships and strong connections to students and adult learners to support the successful completion of school and help with entry into careers.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
**Post-Secondary Program**  
Administers the Whitefish River First Nation's (WRFN) Post-Secondary Education (PSE) program under WRFN's PSE program policy and guidelines.  
**Adult Education**  
Address the challenges that adult learners face, such as time management, financial constraints, or a lack of support, to help them overcome barriers to learning and education and achieve their full potential.  
**Counselling and Collaboration**  
Provide advocacy and liaison services, including academic advising, career counselling and resource coordination, to help students and adult learners achieve their educational and career goals.  
**Administration**  
Develop a list and process for emailing students and/or providing regular information via Constant Contact to Communications personnel for dissemination.  
\*For a complete Job Description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
- Diploma in Business, Education, Social Work or Community Development.  
- Experience managing or coordinating a First Nation departmental budget or program over 2-3 years.  
- Experience in delivering presentations and in meeting coordination.  
- Advanced computer skills in Microsoft Office Suite (Outlook, Word, Excel) and proficiency in promotional computer software.  
- Previous experience working within a First Nation education sector would be an asset.  
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills.  
- Strong organizational and interpersonal skills and the ability to work with minimal supervision.  
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, traditions, language and history.  
\*Must provide an up-to-date Police Vulnerable Sector Screening Check upon hire.

**Applications must be submitted by noon on June 27th, 2025.**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference (with contact information), and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:  
**CONFIDENTIAL: POST SECONDARY & ADULT EDUCATION COORDINATOR**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca    Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
*Miigwetch to all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.*



**Rainbow Schools**

*Reaching minds. Touching hearts.*

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

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for a **Payroll Administrator and a Financial Analyst - Capital.**

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

Interested candidates should apply by **noon Wednesday, July 2, 2025** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

**David Farrow**  
Board Chair

**Bruce Bourget**  
Director of Education

*rainbowschools.ca*



**Rainbow Schools**

*Reaching minds. Touching hearts.*

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

Rainbow District School Board is now accepting applications for **permanent Educational Assistants on Manitoulin Island.**

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

Interested candidates should apply by **3pm Monday, June 30, 2025** and submit a cover letter, resume and names of three (3) references.

**David Farrow**  
Board Chair

**Bruce Bourget**  
Director of Education

*rainbowschools.ca*



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION**

**TWO (2) EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS, SHAWANOSOWE SCHOOL**

**FULL-TIME**

Salary Range: \$36,204 - \$70,325 (Depending on education and experience)  
\* In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions, and more!

As an Educational Assistant (EA), you will play a key role in the lives of students, supporting teachers in creating a positive learning environment, often with a focus on students with special needs.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
• Assist with lesson preparation, materials and the integration of technology. They may work with individual students or small groups, providing extra help, reinforcing concepts, and adapting materials to meet the diverse learning needs of their students.  
• Help maintain a structured and safe learning environment, reinforcing classroom rules and managing student behaviour. They supervise students during transitions, lunch and recess, ensuring their safety and well-being.  
• Assist with record-keeping, grading assignments, tracking attendance, and other administrative tasks as directed by the teacher.  
• Collaborate with teachers, parents and other professionals to support student learning and well-being. They communicate observations and concerns to teachers, participate in team meetings, and may assist with parent conferences.  
• Work with students with disabilities, providing individualized support based on Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and other support plans. They may assist with physical and personal care needs and may be trained to administer medications or specific medical procedures.


**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
• High School Diploma plus a 2-year post-secondary education in fields related to the development of children and special education (i.e. Educational Assistant Diploma, Child & Youth Worker Diploma) or  
• College Diploma/Degree in Developmental Service Worker (DSW), or Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Autism and Behavioural Science.  
• At least two (2) years of work experience in a related field, including working with children with special needs.  
• Working knowledge of Individual Education Plans, Behaviour Safety Plans and Behaviour Management Plans.  
• Valid First Aid and CPR (or willingness to update).  
• Experience working within a First Nations education system would be an asset.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**  
• Knowledge of Indigenous culture, traditions and language (or willingness to learn).  
• Excellent problem-solving, multi-tasking and collaborative skills; and excellent interpersonal skills.  
• Strong computer skills using a variety of platforms and devices (Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Smartboards, iPads, etc.).  
*Must provide a clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire.*  
*For a complete job description, please email: hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca*

**Application Closing Date: June 27th, 2025 at Noon.**

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

**CONFIDENTIAL: EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca    Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
*Miigwetch to all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.*



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION**

**HOUSING MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR**

**TERM: FULL-TIME, 35 HOURS PER WEEK**

Salary Range: \$50,490 to \$60,290 (Depending on education and experience)

The Housing Maintenance Coordinator plays a crucial role in providing administrative and coordination support for the renovations of Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) rental units. This position coordinates resources and third parties/vendors for project execution, including tracking and analyzing project performance, expenditures, procurement and reporting. The Housing Maintenance Coordinator is also responsible for overseeing renovation projects, repairs and maintenance, as well as the overall operation of WRFN rental homes and properties.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**  
• Prepare, coordinate and monitor daily minor and major maintenance and renovation services to all WRFN band rental units under the Housing Department.  
• Performing general inspections in rental homes and engaging with tenants to determine renovation needs and requests.  
• Collaborating and communicating with the Housing Navigator is a key aspect of this role, ensuring tenants' well-being is at the forefront of our operations.  
• Assist with budgets for each unit or project and report on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.  
• Assist with maintenance planning for all equipment and vehicles.  
• Troubleshoot and report any issues with electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems (HVAC) in the rental units, including necessary equipment repairs.  
*(For a complete job description, please email hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca).*

**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
• Grade 12 or GED is required. A post-secondary diploma in Project Management, Business Administration, Construction/House Inspection, or other related programs is an asset. An equivalent combination of education, training and/or experience will also be considered, providing a pathway for career growth and development.  
• Minimum of three to five (3-5) years of experience in general maintenance, carpentry, and knowledge of the mechanical operation of housing unit equipment/systems preferred.  
• Thorough knowledge of building and operating systems, construction, installation, maintenance and repair practices.  
• Experience in Project Management is required; Experience supervising crews is an asset.  
• Thorough knowledge of Workplace Ontario Occupational Health & Safety Regulations.  
• Knowledge of applicable construction codes (ONT Building, ON Plumbing, Canadian Electrical).  
• Proficiency in MS Office (Outlook, Word, Excel). MS Project (project management software) is preferred.

**SKILLS:**  
• Knowledge of construction processes, materials and techniques; ability to read blueprints.  
• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.  
• Motivated and physically fit to perform this type of work, and the ability to lift at least 50 lbs.  
• Must train new employees and work flexible hours; maintain on-call schedule.  
• Excellent problem-solving, multi-tasking, and collaborative skills.  
*\*Upon hire, the successful candidate must submit: Police Criminal Reference Check*

**Application Closing Date: June 27th, 2025, at Noon.**

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

**CONFIDENTIAL: HOUSING MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca    Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
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News Tip?

Contact Tom Sasvari at  
705-282-1912 or by email  
at Tom@manitoulin.com.

HELP WANTED

Starting immediately, a young person  
for farm work on a cash crop operation.  
Full-time in Tehkummah.  
Phone 519-274-1087  
or  
519-274-9452





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

We are currently inviting applications for the following employment opportunities:

**Manitoulin Island:**

• Child Well-Being Worker—Full-Time

• Cultural Enaadaamaaget—Full-Time


**Sudbury/Manitoulin Island:**

• Volunteer Driver: Open Recruitment

**Sudbury:**

• Legal Counsel—Full-Time

**\*All postings close July 4, 2025 at 4 pm EST\***  
To apply, kindly send your application to our Human Resources department at **applications@kgcfs.org**, ensuring to specify the position title in the subject line. For comprehensive job descriptions and to access the postings, please visit our website at: [www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities](http://www.kgcfs.org/employment-opportunities).  
*At KGCFs, we are steadfast in our dedication to fostering a work environment that is accessible to all, in accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Should you require any accommodations during the recruitment process, please do not hesitate to request them. We sincerely appreciate your interest in joining the team; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.*  
*As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to provide the following documents: a Satisfactory Criminal Reference Check and/or Vulnerable Sector Check (dated within three months of the application date), Driver's Abstract and Proof of Liability Insurance.*  
**Thank you for considering a career opportunity with us.**



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**WHITEFISH RIVER FIRST NATION**  
**GOVERNANCE MANAGER**  
TERM: INDETERMINATE (FULL-TIME)  
Salary Range: \$77,600 - \$92,660 (Depending on education and experience)  
+ In addition to a competitive salary, we offer a comprehensive benefits package, including group benefits, pensions, and more!

The Governance Manager plays a pivotal role in implementing the Chief & Council's strategic direction and best practices for Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) governance functions. They will be responsible for all aspects of planning, direction and oversight of the governance portfolio within the Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) administration, with a specific focus on implementing the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement (ANGA). The Governance Manager will oversee strategic operations as they relate to this agreement, working and consulting with band members, internal staff, external partners, and the Chief and Council that will encompass the best interests of WRFN, all while guiding intra-departmental efforts to ensure the continued advancement of WRFN's self-governance goals in a manner that is as respectful as it is proactive and productive.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Degree in economics, business, commerce, public administration and political science, or experience in senior management at a First Nation level or related field.
- Experience in a related field, with a minimum of three (3) years of management experience.
- Experience working with First Nation Final Agreements and/or Self-Government Agreements.
- Experience advising stakeholders on policies, program delivery and the intersection of federal, provincial/territorial and Indigenous governance systems.
- Experience with community engagement strategies and practices in the context of indigenous governance.
- Experience in government-to-government negotiations and/or consultation will be considered an asset.
- Must have previous supervisory experience.
- Experience in government relations and advanced funding/reporting obligations.

**SKILLS:**

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Excellent analytical and critical thinking skills.
- Ability to balance risks in ambiguous and complex situations.
- Experience implementing or designing privacy processes, policies, standards, controls and/or programs.
- Experience performing compliance assessments, gap assessments and rationalized frameworks.
- Experience in government relations and advocacy.
- Excellent computer skills and strong experience with Microsoft Office applications.
- Thorough knowledge of and ability to demonstrate/apply core First Nations values to design culturally appropriate services.
- Able to navigate and demonstrate knowledge of First Nations politics and specific issues related to governance.

**\*\*Must provide a clear Police Criminal Reference Check upon hire.**  
**\*\*For a complete job description, please email: [hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca)**

**APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2025 AT NOON.**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, one (1) character reference (with contact information), and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:  
**CONFIDENTIAL: GOVERNANCE MANAGER**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: [jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:jobapplications@whitefishriver.ca) Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
*Miigwetch to all who apply; however, only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.*

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
**Community Living Manitoulin**

Community Living Manitoulin is looking for dedicated staff with a passion for working with adult individuals with developmental disabilities.

Do you want to play a vital role in inspiring possibilities and creating an environment that fosters meaningful living for all supported individuals?

There are part-time and casual employment opportunities available within one of our many programs:

**One (1) Permanent Full-time position**

**Three (3) Temporary Part-Time positions**

**Four (4) Casual positions**

These unionized part-time positions are guaranteed at a minimum of 30 hours bi-weekly and can be scheduled a maximum of 32 hours weekly with a starting wage of \$28.97.

**You are qualified if you have:**


- Post-secondary diploma for Developmental Service Worker or equivalent in the Human Services Field (preferred)
- Personal Support Worker certificate or equivalent
- First Year Developmental Service Worker students may also qualify
- A valid Ontario driver's licence (Class G)
- Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check

**Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the attention of:**  
**Mrs. Megan Wickett, Operations Manager**  
**Community Living Manitoulin**  
**PO Box 152**  
**Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0**  
**Or by email to [mwickett@clmanitoulin.com](mailto:mwickett@clmanitoulin.com)**  
**Or by fax to 705-377-7175**  
Community Living Manitoulin welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available upon request for applicants taking part in all aspects of the selection process.  
*For more information regarding Community Living Manitoulin please visit [www.clmanitoulin.com](http://www.clmanitoulin.com).*



**...FOMOS golf**

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san's centre and older adult senior connection centre. This would benefit the community."  
Jim Smith, a FOMOS member, acknowledged that Robert Chappell and Mr. MacKenzie spear-headed the event held last week.  
Ms. McAllister on behalf of FOMOS took the opportunity to thank Kelly Slann and her team from Brookwood Brae for "doing a fantastic job" in hosting the tournament, and a wonderful dinner, as well as Red Seal Chef Jodie Elliott and her crew from Prepped Manitoulin for preparing the lunch and providing desserts for the dinner.  
As for the tournament itself, prizes were handed out to the team which had the lowest gross score, an impressive seven under par 65 (18 holes) for the team of Drew Burrowes, Josh Robinson, Billy Biederman and Boston Thi-bault.  
The prizes for the shot closest to the pin was won by Janyn Towns on the women's side and Jim Vardon on the men's side. The closest to the rope prizes went to Anna Murdoch and Derek Tilly.  
As well, many sponsor prizes and door prizes were drawn after the tournament was completed.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**  
**Anishinaabe Aadiziwin Team is recruiting for an**  
**ANISHINAABEMOWIN COORDINATOR**  
FULL-TIME - 35 HOURS A WEEK  
Salary: \$65,320 - \$81,650 (including group pension and health benefits)  
\*Salary is subject to education and experience, or a combination of both

The Anishinaabemowin Coordinator will play a pivotal role in preserving and revitalizing the Anishinaabemowin language, a vital and vibrant part of the Whitefish River First Nation community. Their fluency in Anishinaabemowin will be a cornerstone in overseeing all language-related directives, organizing immersion camps, integrating language initiatives into various cultural programs and events, and leading the Language Archives project. This role is critical and deeply valued, as it will ensure that the Anishinaabemowin language remains a vital and vibrant part of the community for generations to come.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Collaborate with community members, elders and team members to develop a comprehensive Anishinaabemowin language revival strategy, setting both short-term and long-term goals.
- Organize, deliver and evaluate language immersion camps for learners of all ages, with a focus on immersive experiences that incorporate cultural practices.
- Integrate Anishinaabemowin language bundles into the Anishinaabe Aadiziwin program, a comprehensive cultural and wellness initiative, ensuring language learning is woven into broader cultural and wellness activities.
- Lead the coordination of the Language Archives, a crucial initiative for preserving our language, ensuring the accurate and meaningful capture of oral histories, traditional knowledge and storytelling.
- Foster mentorship programs that connect fluent speakers with language learners to create a supportive learning environment and facilitate intergenerational knowledge sharing. This is not just a job, but an opportunity to inspire and be inspired, share and receive knowledge, and contribute to preserving our language for future generations.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Fluency in Anishinaabemowin (speak, read and write in the Ojibway language).
- Thorough knowledge of Anishinaabe traditions and culture.
- Prior work experience coordinating language programs and activities.
- Familiar with Anishinabek community protocols.
- Any relevant diplomas and degrees would be considered an asset.

**SKILLS:**

- Experience with computer programs (i.e. Microsoft Office, email, internet, etc.).
- Effective communication skills, both oral and written, with the ability to interact with a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Highly organized with excellent time management and multitasking abilities.
- Strong critical thinking skills with the ability to prioritize and manage urgent tasks in a fast-paced environment.
- Exceptional interpersonal and relationship-building skills, including working effectively within a team.

**\*For a detailed job description, please email: [hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:hrmanager@whitefishriver.ca)**

**Applications are due on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at noon.**

Interested applicants must submit a current resume, cover letter, two (2) work-related references, and one (1) character reference (with contact information) and applicable education diplomas/certifications to:  
**CONFIDENTIAL: ANISHINAABEMOWIN COORDINATOR**  
**Whitefish River First Nation**  
**17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON P0P 1A0**  
**Email: [candacej@whitefishriver.ca](mailto:candacej@whitefishriver.ca) Fax: (705) 285-4532**  
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Expositor  
Clarification

In the May 21, Page 16 story ‘Little Current Yacht Club youth sailing rescued at 11<sup>th</sup> hour’ it was indicated that the yacht club’s sailing program this year in Little Current would run from Tuesday to Friday with Tuesdays and Fridays being half-days. That is incorrect. Both Tuesdays and Fridays are full days.



**Jake's Home Centre**  
is looking for a Delivery Assistant.

We are a Home Furnishing company that serves Manitoulin Island and surrounding area.

Key qualifications and responsibilities include:

- Ensuring deliveries to customers are completed efficiently, safely and respectfully.
- Loading and unloading products coming into and leaving our warehouse.
- Able to lift and move heavy products (appliances and furniture).
- Interacting with the public in a kind and respectful manner.
- Valid driver's licence and a clean abstract.
- Able to provide an up-to-date Criminal Record Check.

Jake's Home Centre offers a competitive wage and benefits. Training and certification are offered where necessary.

To apply, please send a resume to [info@jakes.ca](mailto:info@jakes.ca) or drop one off in person at one of our two locations:  
6104 Hwy 542 in Mindemoya  
or 9050 Hwy 6 in Little Current.

Casson Dentistry  
seeks a  
Dental Assistant

For Permanent Full-Time position in our Little Current dental office.  
Salary Commensurate with experience and qualifications.  
6% vacation pay.

Please inquire if dental care is an interest for you.  
We will provide training and HARP certification if required.

Email resume to [anne@cassondentistry.com](mailto:anne@cassondentistry.com)



**4 Robinson Street, Little Current**  
[www.cassondentistry.com](http://www.cassondentistry.com)

**The Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team**  
is seeking one motivated and experienced individual to join our health care team

**Medical Administrative Assistant**  
A full-time permanent position

**Qualifications:**

- Community college level courses or equivalent
- Previous experience with medical reports, answering the phone, booking appointments, billing and computer applications such as Microsoft and client databases.

**Experience:**

- Providing administrative support for a multidisciplinary team
- Working in a medical setting or in customer service.

For the above position, including resumes, references will be until **Friday July 4, 2025.**

Send To:  
**Attention: Judy Miller, Director**  
**PO Box 549, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0**  
**Fax: 705-368-1259 or Email: [jmiller@nemfht.ca](mailto:jmiller@nemfht.ca)**



**WIKWEMIKONG TRIBAL POLICE SERVICE**  
**Finance and Human Resources Assistant**  
**Full-time Position**

**Position:** Finance and Human Resources Assistant  
**Location:** Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service  
**Salary:** \$75,130  
**Responsible To:** Chief of Police

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is currently seeking and accepting applications for a Finance and Human Resources Assistant position.

**Summary:** Under the direct supervision of the Administrative Division Commander or Designate, the Finance and Human Resources Assistant will assist in the Finance and Human Resources department areas. The incumbent will assist in ensuring efficient administrative and financial operations within the organization, contributing to the overall effectiveness of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, and provide administrative support to the WTPS team as well as assist with special projects related to the overall objectives of the WTPS as assigned.

**Key Duties/Responsibilities**

- Experience in financial management and financial file maintenance.
- Process payroll for salary and hourly employees, retroactive payment, reconcile, and verify accuracy of payroll submission ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Establish and maintain organized filing systems for financial transactions, ensuring adherence to accounting standards and organizational policies.
- Record and document financial transactions such as invoices, expenses, payroll records and receipts for proper documentation and audit trail.
- Collaborate closely with the finance team to uphold financial management procedures and guidelines.
- Assist in budgeting processes by gathering financial data and preparing reports to support budget analysis.
- Generate financial statements and reports as needed for financial reporting activities.
- Manage a high-volume workload efficiently, prioritizing tasks to meet strict deadlines for payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable and other financial activities.
- Maintain WSIB bi-weekly in-house report for year end reconciliation, remittance and reporting to WSIB.
- Responsible for Ontario Pension Board for Uniform Staff and Civilian Staff, for online enrolment, termination, pension calculation and remittance.
- Maintain up-to-date information of current and emerging payroll legislation.
- Maintain pay scheduling, preparing pay budgets, maintain and update salary grids as required.
- Act as a liaison with external agencies.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications, DayForce Payroll software, Sage Accounting software, InTime Software, and general computer skills a definite asset.
- Use discretion and maintain confidentiality.
- Multi-task in a high-volume working environment, ability to work with tight deadlines.
- Prepare and process confidential documentation/forecast reports related to Human Resources.
- Prepare and process statistical information for internal and external stakeholders, Finance Manager and auditors when required.
- Maintain accurate Human Resource files both electronic and hard copy.
- Maintain historical data by designing filing and retrieval system, keeping past and current records.
- Complete operational requirements as required by the Human Resources Manager and Finance Manager.
- Assist with various special projects directly related to the overall objectives of WTPS, and perform other duties as assigned.

**Education and Experience**

- Diploma or Degree in Payroll/Finance/Accounting/Business Administration from a college with a Canadian accreditation.
- Any relevant certificates related to the position being applied for.
- 3 – 5 years of previous work experience in a related field considered an asset.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver Licence.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a MUST and be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Must be of good moral character, no criminal record, and must pass a detailed background check.
- Must be a permanent resident of Canada.


Employment packages are available and will be emailed to those interested. Interested applicants are to forward their completed electronic employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates to:

**Attention:** Richard Flamand, Human Resources Manager, [richard.flamand@wtpss.ca](mailto:richard.flamand@wtpss.ca)

**Subject:** Finance and Human Resources Assistant

Applications will be accepted until July 11, 2025 at 2 pm

Individuals of Anishinaabe ancestry are encouraged to apply. Please note, applications will be screened. Only those applicants who pass the screening component will be invited for an interview.



**Seedlings**  
Early Learning Centre

**Job Title:** Pedagogical Lead / Supervisor Support  
**Location:** Gore Bay and Manitowaning  
**Position Type:** 1 year contract  
**Salary:** \$54,038.00  
**Date:** July 7, 2025

**About Us**  
At Seedlings Early Learning Centre, we believe that the early years are the foundation for lifelong learning, well-being, and development. Our centre is a warm, inclusive and play-based learning environment where children are nurtured, supported and encouraged to explore. We are seeking an experienced Pedagogical Lead/Supervisor Support to inspire and guide our team of educators in delivering high-quality, child-centred education.

**Role Overview**  
As the Pedagogical Lead/Supervisor Support, you will model and support best practices in early childhood pedagogy, mentor staff, and help shape an environment where children thrive. You will be responsible for overseeing curriculum planning, promoting reflective teaching practices, and ensuring alignment with early learning frameworks and regulatory standards.

**Key Responsibilities**

- Work closely alongside educators to support the planning and delivery of engaging, developmentally appropriate, play-based learning experiences
- Collaborate and support staff in observing, documenting and reflecting on children's learning and development
- Mentor and coach educators through regular in-class support, modelling best practices, staff check ins, goal setting and offering constructive feedback
- Foster a team culture of respect, collaboration, and continuous professional growth
- Lead and participate in team planning meetings, encouraging reflective dialogue and shared decision-making
- Promote inclusive practices that honour the individuality and voices of all children and families
- Build strong relationships with educators, families and the wider community to support a positive learning environment
- Oversee and coordinate staff schedules to ensure consistent, high-quality care and learning opportunities
- Stay current with research and developments in early childhood education, and share insights with the team
- Liaison to purchase items that are needed for the centre

**Qualifications**

- Degree or diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) or a related field or minimum 2 years of experience in early childhood education, including leadership or supervisory experience.
- Registered with the College of Early Childhood Educators is preferred
- In-depth knowledge of early childhood learning frameworks (e.g., CCEYA, How Does Learning Happen?)
- Strong leadership, communication and interpersonal skills
- Passionate about play-based and inquiry-led learning

**What We Offer**

- A supportive, purpose-driven workplace with a team of passionate educators
- Professional growth and leadership development opportunities
- A collaborative culture that values innovation and reflective practice
- Competitive salary and benefits package
- Paid professional development and planning time

**To Apply:**  
Please send your resume and a cover letter to [andrea@seedlingscentre.ca](mailto:andrea@seedlingscentre.ca). Application deadline: June 27, 2025.

We look forward to welcoming a dedicated and visionary leader to our team!