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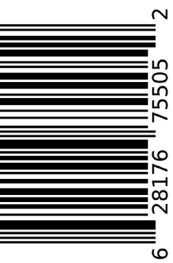
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Police SIU investigating citizen complaint of Island officer

by Tom Sasvari

LITTLE CURRENT—The province's special investigations unit (SIU) has invoked its mandate following an incident in Little Current.

On Friday, November 14, at approximately 1:20 pm, officers with the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a report of a stolen vehicle. As a result of this investigation, one person was taken into custody.

On Monday, November 17, the individual reported that an event took place while in police custody that required medical care.

A spokesperson for SIU told The Expositor last Thursday, "The incident you are referring to is a sexual assault allegation case (involving the complainant, a female). It was reported to the SIU by the OPP on November 18, 2025 and the unit invoked its mandate."

"In these types of cases, the SIU is limited in what we can share with the public," the SIU spokesperson said. "The release of information related to investigations of sexual assault allegations is associated with a risk of further deterring what is already an under-reported crime and undermining the heightened privacy interests of the involved parties, most emphatically, the complainants."

"We only investigate if a police officer is allegedly involved in a case like this," the SIU

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RHT lawyers plan to appeal judicial ruling cutting their fee

by Tom Sasvari

ROBINSON-HURON TERRITORY—The Chiefs and Trustees of the Robinson-Huron Treaty will not be appealing the recent decision of Justice Frederick L. Myers of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice regarding the legal fees of the Robinson Huron Treaty annuities case. However, the lawyers representing the RHTLF have indicated that they will appeal the court's decision to reduce the fees provided to the legal team (Nahwegahbow Corbiere Genoodmagejig Barristers and Solicitors), but that they will not be seeking a stay to pause

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A 21-POINTER!—Ken Sloss of Spring Bay harvested this 21-point buck on November 17, on his property in Long Bay garnering him first prize in Tom's annual Big Buck Roundup contest. For story, please see Page 3.

Sheshegwaning elects Chief Nicole Bush

by Tom Sasvari

SHESEGWANING—The winds of change have swept through the Sheshegwaning First Nation, with the election of a new chief and three new councillors as a result of the election held this past Saturday.

Nicole Bush was elected as chief of the First Nation, along with four councillors, including three newcomers, Caeley Genaux, Ron McKinley, Jennifer Sampson, with incumbent Angela McLeod being re-elected.

"Absolutely, I am incredibly honoured and deeply humbled that our community members, both on and off reserve put the trust in me to be elected chief," stated Chief Bush. "This is not something I take lightly as it touches every part of our community, from babies, kids, adults to elders; I want to help and support every community member."

Chief Bush said, "my mantra is to have an open-door policy to every member of the community. I want to move the desks,



Chief-elect Nicole Bush

not sit across the desk from community members. I want to have them come into the office, or meet in their homes, have a coffee and listen to concerns they may have. I want to be as welcoming and supportive as I can be to every community member."

Incoming Chief Bush said, "As I have heard from members of the community, a lot of people are concerned about safety and emergency response in the community. We as a community are

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Wiikwemkoong puts random ID spot checks, more drone patrols, in place to enhance safe community status

Checkpoints at Wiikwemkoong are in place while citizens receive \$10,000 gift

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—The influx of funds into the communities of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory brought about by the Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) Annuities settlement were a mixed blessing for the community. The money distributed to treaty members in the community led to an upswing in crime, according to the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service statistics. With the advent of a new \$10,000 distribution (noted as a "gift" from the band, but financed through interest on funds held in trust), a new wave of incidents is anticipated.

To that end, Wiikwemkoong

chief and council announced a set of "increased community safety measures" on November 21. The measures have come about through the Wiikwemkoong Drug Crisis Working Group that were endorsed by the band council.

The new measures include increased drone patrols (the community has a drone surveillance program in place), expanded crisis response efforts and, notably, random border checkpoints where individuals must present a valid photo identification. In addition, those conducting the checkpoint stops will be equipped with body cameras

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Senate approves bill ending second generation cutoff for Indigenous status qualification

Bill moves to House of Commons for debate

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
OTTAWA—In the sterile fluorescence of a Senate committee room, where legislation usually trudges along at a bureaucrat's pace, history cracked open on November 17, and two women from Manitoulin—one in the gallery, one waiting at home—felt the ground shift beneath them.

When senators voted ten to one to amend Bill S-2 and replace the second-generation cut-off with a one-parent rule for First Nations status, Dr. Dawn Lavell Harvard did what any daughter raised in the long shadow of a half-century legal battle would do: she reached for her phone. The moment the amendments passed, she texted her mother, Jeannette Corbiere Lavell—the same woman who, in 1971, dared to take the federal government to court after Canada erased her status for the

"crime" of marrying a non-status man.

Fifty-four years later, her daughter sat in the Senate chamber watching the country inch—reluctantly, unevenly—toward undoing the very harm that had defined her family's life.

"When someone asked me, 'What, are we supposed to have First Nations people in perpetuity?' my answer was 'yes,'" Dr. Lavell Harvard said. "If we don't support a one-parent rule, we are effectively saying we believe our people and our cultures should be legally genocided. Canadians have built a country on a one-parent rule. Why shouldn't we?"

A Fight Born on Manitoulin

The story of Bill S-2 might be unfolding in Ottawa's committee rooms, but its heartbeat remains firmly on Manitoulin

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The Manitoulin West Recorder



Ogeequa Williston Osawabine, centre, is surrounded by family and friends for the opening night of ‘Annie: the Musical,’ where Ogeequa has the title role. Ogeequa hails from Wiikwemkoong. Fans can catch the show from now until December 21.

Young Wiikwemkoong kwe plays the lead in Yes Theatre production of ‘Annie’

by Michael Erskine
SUDBURY—When you literally grow up in the theatre, some thespianism is bound to rub off. For 12-year-old Ogeequa Williston Osawabine, who will be alternating the lead role in the Yes Theatre production of the ‘Annie: the Musical,’ running until December 21, Debajehmujig Storytellers has been a proving ground for her talent.

Her auntie, Audrey “Audge” Wemigwans, is a famed figure in the Indigenous theatre world whose kitchen was the inspiration for a 2003 art installation at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Audge’s Place and Ogeequa has long been a fixture/volunteer/actor at Debaj.

Tickets for ‘Annie: the Musical’ have been going fast and The Expositor’s own Margery Frisch

will be taking in the December 19 show for a review—keep an eye out for that for greater detail on the show.

Based on the book by Thomas Meehan with music by Charles Strouse and lyrics by Martin Charnin, you would have to be under a rock not to recognize songs from ‘Annie: The Musical.’ ‘It’s a Hard Knock Life’ and ‘Tomorrow’ having risen to iconic status—delivering “joy, edge and inspiration.”

The show is suitable for all ages and runs at around two-and-a-half hours, taking place on-stage at the Sudbury Theatre Centre, 170 Shaughnessy Street, Sudbury. Tickets may be purchased online at yestheatre.com.

UCCM Police launch video to reengage public in search for Juanita Migwans

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
M’CHIGEENG—Thirteen months is a long time to stare into silence.

It’s been more than a year since Juanita “Winnie” Migwans slipped from sight in M’Chigeeng First Nation, her absence spreading through the community like a cold front that never quite lifts. Families here know the kind of grief that walks on two legs and lingers. They also know the stubborn, enduring love that refuses to let

a name vanish.

The investigation into Winnie’s disappearance remains active—carried jointly by the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) and the Ontario Provincial Police. Officers still move through leads, sifting them like sand for anything that might glint.

Now, the police services are releasing a new awareness video in hopes of sparking fresh information. It’s not just a media effort; it’s another hand extended

into the dark, one more way to insist that the trail hasn’t gone cold.

Winnie’s family, who have seen nearly five seasons come and go in the unsteady balance between hope and heartbreak, continues to ask the public to come forward with anything at all. They’ve walked these roads, called her name, shared her story again and again—not because they believe in miracles, but because they believe in community.

And they believe someone, somewhere, knows something.

This case, painful as it is personally, also echoes the national crisis that has swallowed countless Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people. The numbers remain as stark as ever: though Indigenous women represent just 4.3 percent of Canada’s population, they account for roughly 11 percent of missing women. Behind every statistic is a life with a nickname, a family, a favourite laugh. Behind every missing person is a community still waiting.

Deputy Chief Daniel Despatie of UCCM APS told The Expositor that the urgency hasn’t faded.

“She’s been missing for over 13 months now,” he said. “As a member of the M’Chigeeng First Nation, the community is extremely concerned. Her family

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Gore Bay employees will see 2.9% increase to wages January 1, 2026

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—To keep in line with the consumer price index (CPI), Gore Bay council has approved a 2.9 percent increase to the remuneration of its employees, effective January 1, 2026.

“It is hard to argue with an increase in line with the cost of living,” stated Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane.

Jason Quinlan, town manager-clerk told council at a meeting November 10 that staff was making the recommendation to council for the increase in remuneration to employees. He explained council passed bylaw number 2024-30 to regulate the remuneration of employers of the corporation of the town of Gore Bay. This bylaw states the remuneration of employees shall increase annually based on an annual cost of living adjustment (COLA) based on the consumer price index for Ontario through Statistics Canada and this adjustment shall be effective January 1 of each year. This bylaw was subsequently amended in bylaw 2024-42 to reflect the remuneration for 2025.

“In line with the consumer price index (CPI), we are recommending a 2.9 percent increase to remuneration of employees effective January 1, 2026,” said Ms. Quinlan. He said the increase would be incorporated in the proposed 2026 budget.

Bill 33 draws concerns from Rainbow Board trustees, education unions

by Tom Sasvari
SUDBURY—While the Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) and its trustees have concerns relating to the future of school boards and that the voice of boards, students and parents may become obsolete, RDSB pledges to continue to bring concerns voiced to the attention of the province.

“Bill 33 does stop short of eliminating school board trustees, but it could be death by a thousand cuts,” stated David Farrow, RDSB chair after a board meeting last week and the announcement and vote that saw the province enact Bill 33, last week.

“There are many things that are worrisome in terms of what may happen over the next six months or so,” said Mr. Farrow. “We have a good group of trustees. As a board we will continue to work very hard to keep the local voice.”

“We have known that the passing of Bill 33 was coming for some time,” said Mr. Far-

row. “It is concerning the province has granted the minister of education the power to take over any school board, under supervision. It is a scary situation all boards find us in.”

“The real challenge is making sure the local voice from local residents continues to the board and that we bring this to the ministry,” continued Mr. Farrow. “Our board is very diverse; in terms of transportation we are an area that is four-and-a-half hours from east to west, and two-and-a-half hours from north to south. Within our board, in terms of transportation for example, we have unique needs and need to bring any concerns forward. But will the ministry listen to, and act on these concerns?”

Manitoulin trustee on the RDSB, Lisa Corbiere-Addison told The Expositor after the announcement last week, “I did oppose the implementation of Bill 33 and have sent a let-

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Tom’s Big Buck winner a 21-pointer

by Tom Sasvari
MANITOULIN—And the winner is!

We had a total of five entries in this year’s Tom’s Big Buck Roundup contest, which was way down from last year’s total of 16. I don’t know if it was due to it being a tough season for hunters this year, or due to not publicizing this year’s contest enough, but the numbers certainly didn’t match the past years’ total entries.

But first off, I would like to thank all those hunters who took the time to submit photos and provide information on their entry for the contest. Thank you, if it wasn’t for the photo entries you submitted there wouldn’t be a contest.

Secondly, no matter how many entries we receive, choosing two

prize winners is never easy.

Of the five entries we received this year, one was what would definitely be called a monster buck.

We received an email from Brent Sloss who explained, “Ken Sloss (of Spring Bay) harvested this 21-point non-typical buck on November 17 after 4:35 pm at about 200 yards on his property in Long Bay. The buck weighed 208 pounds field dressed.”

Nathan McPhee sent two emails, noting that his daughter Grace and son Griffen both shot their first ever deer during the bow and deer gun hunt, respectively. “Our daughter Grace McPhee just took her first ever whitetail deer on Saturday, October 11. It was a six point buck. She took it with a crossbow while

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Woods Lane Apartments gone, but space’s future still unknown

by Tom Sasvari
GORE BAY—While the former Woods Lane Apartment building in downtown Gore Bay was demolished recently, plans for the property and any development for the location is still uncertain.

“Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services (OAHS, which owns the property) does not have any new information to provide at

this stage,” said Chelsea Combot, senior director of policy and stakeholder relations of OAHS (based in Sault Ste. Marie), on November 14. “The interim control bylaw enacted by the Town of Gore Bay continues to restrict any redevelopment work on the Woods Lane property, and we do not anticipate changes to this until that bylaw

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Expansion of prisoners’ rights needs strong safeguards

The Supreme Court of Canada recently issued a very significant decision in its judgement of the case of Dorsey v. Canada (aka the Attorney General) that expanded prisoners’ rights regarding their movement and security classification. In its decision, the court ruled that federal inmates can use the writ of habeas corpus to challenge a refusal to transfer them to a lower-security prison.

Before the Supreme Court’s ruling, an inmate’s only recourse to a refusal of their application to be moved to a different prison followed an internal grievance process that was then followed by a lengthy judicial review in federal court.

The Dorsey decision introduces the option to use habeas corpus, a legal action that allows an individual to appear before a judge to challenge the legality of their detention or confinement. Habeas corpus provides a swifter and more robust review process.

Habeas corpus is a fundamental pillar of our democratic legal system, ensuring that freedom and liberty are not curtailed without recourse to appeal. It is a legal procedure that requires a person to be brought before a court to determine if their detention is lawful. Habeas corpus is Latin for: “you have the body.” It was established in 1679 in England and protects against unlawful imprisonment by giving a judge the power to review the justification for a person’s detention. If the court finds the detention unlawful, the individual can be released or have their conditions of detention changed.

In its decision, the court affirmed that prisoners do not lose all rights when they enter prison as punishment for a crime. Prisoners, the court maintains, retain “residual liberty,” a degree of freedom they continue to have while in a correctional institution. The judge notes that a security classification directly impacts those liberties, as a higher security level imposes more supervision, restric-

letters

Cattle drive story brings back fond memories

Author recalls drives out of Providence Bay and Spring Bay 67 years ago

To the Expositor:

The wonderful story of the Ken Noland cattle drive in the November 19, 2025 edition of The Expositor by Tom Sasvari flooded my memory with the cattle drives we had out of Providence Bay and Spring Bay approximately 67 years ago.

These farmers eventually pastured their cattle close to the big Little Current fall cattle sale.

Cattle from the Government Road and Cranston Road met cattle up past the Jim Gilpin farm and met the Spring Bay cattle at the Ross Cranston (now Eric Orford corner).

Approximately 100 head would head for the major nearby farm

tions on movement and stricter daily routines.

This Supreme Court ruling establishes that a senior prison official’s decision to deny a transfer recommendation by a case management team can now be challenged in a provincial superior court. The current system is too arbitrary and places too much unchecked power in the hands of those officials.

Legal advocates suggest the decision could help address systemic discrimination within the federal prison system, as Black and Indigenous prisoners are statistically more likely to be placed in higher security institutions.

That being said, the spectre of a notorious serial killer such as Paul Bernardo being allowed to transfer to a lower security prison environment must never be countenanced. The challenge referenced in the Dorsey case resulted from the decision of a senior prison official to disregard the recommendation of a case management team to move a three-time murderer to a medium security prison. Such a move raised obvious concerns from his victims’ families who fear the decision falling to the whim of a court judge who might be sympathetic to the prisoner’s request.

Too often victims (that is to include the families and friends of the victim) are left standing outside the system and the impact upon them of a cold and calculated decision by the courts are not taken properly into account.

In implementing the court’s decision in the Dorsey Case, the government must put in place robust safeguards to ensure the most heinous of criminals remain in the most secure facilities. Rehabilitation is an important, and too often underperformed aspect, of our penal institutions, but the science clearly indicates that some individuals cannot be “cured” of their sociopathy and therefore must remain securely locked up and away from open society.

on Newby’s Bay, resting there for the night. The next long day, the drive went past the Woods farms and on to the Bidwell Road, then past Fort Sheg on Green Bay Road over the mountain and came out on Green Bush Road where Gary May farms.

Pasture was across the road from the Bargains Centre. That night sleep came easy. At that time nearly all the cattle that went south went by train that came right to Little Current.

Thanks Tom!

Lyle Dewar
Providence Bay

Ontario protecting ratepayers by expanding energy savings programs

NORTH YORK—As part of its plan to protect Ontario by keeping energy costs down, the Ontario government is expanding its energy savings programs, introducing new rebates for energy-efficient home appliances and incentives for industrial, municipal, institutional and health-care organizations. Ontario’s energy savings programs are part of the province’s 12-year, \$10.9 billion Energy Efficiency Framework, the largest investment in energy-efficiency programs in Canadian history, and Energy for Generations, the province’s first-ever integrated energy plan.

“With electricity demand rising, keeping more money in people’s pockets has never been more important,” said Stephen Lecce, minister of energy and mines. “By expanding Ontario’s energy savings programs to include energy efficient appliances, families save money and Ontario saves power, the ultimate win-win. After energy costs quadrupled under the former government, our number one priority is affordability for families, which is why we expanded this savings program, permanently cut the gas tax, and led the charge to scrap the carbon tax.”

With electricity demand projected to significantly increase over the next 25 years, maximizing available grid capacity is essential to reducing strain and lowering energy costs. Many homes and businesses still use inefficient appliances and industrial processes, which increases energy consumption and drives up costs. This presents a clear need for accessible, cost-saving solutions to help Ontarians cut energy use, lower bills and ensure a reliable power system for the future.

Starting this fall, under the Home Renovation Savings Program (HRSP), eligible households will be able to receive rebates of

up to \$200 off for a wide range of energy-efficient appliances, including refrigerators, freezers and laundry machines. Appliances can be purchased from any retailer, online or in-store, and rebates will be issued within 60 days of approval. All homes on Ontario’s electricity grid will be eligible, including condominiums and apartments, as long as the appliance meets the eligibility criteria, including the replacement of existing, less energy-efficient electric appliances.

Enhancements to the HRSP also include new rebates for attic insulation without needing a home energy assessment. This will increase speed and make it easier for homeowners to apply and save money. Attic insulation is still available through assessment-based stream, allowing for flexible consumer choice when it comes to renovating your home.

On January 7, 2025, Ontario launched the first phase of the energy savings program, including savings for efficiency upgrades such as insulation, smart thermostats and rooftop solar. The energy savings program is on track to exceed its 2025 targets, with up to 685 gigawatt-hours in energy savings and 226 megawatts in peak demand reduction achieved as of June 2025, the equivalent of taking over 220,000 homes off the grid.

The province is also expanding support for large-scale energy projects for industrial, municipal, institutional and health-care organizations. The Save on Energy XLeRate Program will increase the per project incentive from \$5 million to \$15 million to support large, complex, industrial capital projects that deliver measurable energy savings using proven technologies to improve efficiency and reduce electricity consumption.

Key features include: feasible study support, as it covers 50 percent of study costs,

up to \$100,000 to help organizations scope and develop eligible projects. Streamlined application processes: a single sign-off and first-come-first served intake making it faster and easier to apply. Broader eligibility and longer timelines to support early-stage planning and implementation across a wider range of sectors.

“Ontario is taking concrete steps to ensure that our economy is powered by strong, self-reliant, and competitive energy sources, particularly in the face of the unprecedented energy demands that our growing province is experiencing,” said Sam Oosterhoff, associate minister of energy-intensive industries. “This integrated energy plan, the first of its kind, is a generational step toward an energy future that will grow our economy and support Ontario’s industries, while remaining affordable, reliable, and secure.”

“We applaud the government for its leadership and extraordinary support for energy efficiency in Ontario,” said Vince Brescia, president and chief executive officer, Ontario Energy Association. “The new and expanded rebates for energy-efficiency demonstrate the government’s commitment to a clean and efficient grid, by empowering consumers to make investments that help the environment and reduce energy bills.”

Ontario’s Energy Efficiency Framework is anticipated to reduce the province’s peak demand by 3,000 megawatts by 2036, which is the equivalent of taking three million homes off the grid. By lowering operating costs for households and businesses and freeing up electricity capacity, these measures help strengthen Ontario’s competitiveness on the global stage and support the government’s goal of making Ontario one of the most competitive economies in the G7.

Little Feather Steps on to the world stage—without waiting for Canada to notice

by Jacqueline M. St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative
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CANADA—Some stories begin in Paris, or Milan, or on the kind of Manhattan sidewalk where the steam lifts like a blessing. But Little Feather swears hers began in Sudbury—the Nickel City, the sleeper city, the surprising birthplace of an artist who would leapfrog the whole Canadian fashion circuit before Toronto even realized she’d packed her bags.

“I feel like my whole year started in Sudbury,” she says, half laughing, half stunned in the remembering. She’d been invited to the (name of the First Nations fashion show late 2024) program—“I don’t even know how to say it properly,” she shrugs—for an Indigenous fashion show. A small stage, a quiet room, the kind of event where you expect polite applause and maybe a few new Instagram followers.

Instead, her phone lit up: New York is calling.

“What the hell? New York,” she said, shocked that a call was coming in. “I thought it was a spam call.”

It was Runway 7. They wanted her in November. She



Fashion designer Little Feather from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory is taking the fashion world by storm. Most recently she was featured on the television series Runway Canada.



Little Feather’s amazing creations take on a magical aura such as this outstanding hoop dress modeled by Dehmin Eshkawogan that made its debut on the runway at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre.

walked their show in January. Her first international showcase, before she’d ever walked a major Canadian runway. Not even Vancouver Fashion Week had snagged her; she’d missed the deadline anyway — she’d been busy filming.

“So I just went straight through to New York,” she says. And once New York was done with her, Los Angeles came knocking. Someone in the audience had seen her coats — her 2025 winter collection, designed on a pool table in Huntsville — and decided they wanted her on a bigger stage.

That’s how it’s gone for her lately: sudden invitations, jet-streams pulling her across borders, and Canada blinking awake only after the world has already fallen in love.

A lineage in cloth—a child watching her mother cut the sacred

Ask Little Feather where it all began and she returns to a house small enough to hold dreams tightly, where her mother once brought home an enormous industrial sewing machine to make a Pendleton



Little Feather’s creations have been featured at international fashion shows in New York, Los Angeles and Calgary. Her debut on Runway Canada can be streamed on Crave. She is pictured here with Expositor contributor Bonnie Kogos during a New York event.

jacket.

“I remember how terrified she was cutting it,” Little Feather says. “It’s an expensive blanket.” A child watching a mother breathe deeply before the scissors touch the fabric — that’s the kind of memory that burrows into your creative marrow.

She talks about gas-station sweaters with their round, formless puff — “like you’re just a ball,” she jokes — and how she always longed for garments with structure, intention, and the grace of an era long gone. Edwardian silhouettes, waistlines that insisted women were made of shape and story, jackets that flared like skirts — garments that whispered instead of shouted.

That vision carried her to Banff, where couture instructor Darcy Moses helped sharpen her blade, guiding her from “costumes to garments,” as she puts it. That’s where Little Feather Designs evolved into Little Feather Couture.

Where play became craft. Where instinct became lineage.

Looking outward to bring something home

She’s often told she doesn’t design in the familiar First Nations aesthetic — and that’s intentional.

“I look outside our designs first,” she says. Not to escape them, but to bring something fresh back home. And she’s deliberate about making garments that everyone can wear without fear of crossing cultural boundaries they don’t understand.

“It’s a teaching moment,” she explains. Pendleton blankets have always marked respect — weddings, honourings, moments too big for ordinary cloth. If a person wears a Pend-

leton coat she’s made, she wants them to know the meaning, to feel the weight of it, not in guilt but in gratitude.

Still, reverence shouldn’t keep anyone from wearing something beautiful. She’s now shifting toward more accessible pieces — red-and-black checkered fabrics, shorter jackets, designs that could wander from Muskoka hunt camps to downtown streets without blinking.

An heirloom can be expensive, she says, but beauty shouldn’t be gatekept. A ready-to-wear line is coming.

Still rooted at home

Despite the international whirlwind, Little Feather hasn’t drifted from her com-



Indigenous fashion is being showcased to the world thanks to designers like Little Feather. The daughter of the incomparable Gordie Odjig, Little Feather has even recruited her dad as a model. Mr. Odjig is seen here modeling one of her creations during a fashion show at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current.

photo by Michael Erskine

unity. When a young First Nations actress from Wiikwemkoong landed the lead in a production of *Annie*, her mother reached out for a custom opening-night gown.

Another mother — a Mohawk woman from New York — has been calling too. Her teenage daughter, already modelling for Chanel, wants to walk for Little Feather. International recognition is one thing; being sought out by Indigenous families looking for someone they trust? That’s legacy.

“I feel like I am attracting all these deadly ninja moms,” Little Feather says laughing, her face shining with pride.

Her website and online shop will launch soon — t-shirts, wearable merch, and eventually a full ready-to-wear collection to bridge the space between runway spectacle and everyday life.

For now, Little Feather is somewhere between worlds: Sudbury and New York, Huntsville pool tables and LA spotlights, heirlooms and hoodies, fog and clarity.

But she walks each stage — local or global — with the same intention: to honour the people who raised her, the daughter who believes in her, and the stories stitched into every line of cloth her hands touch.

Fog, pressure, and the strange thin air of success

When asked what it feels like to meet celebrities — Coco Rocha among them — she only shakes her head, her voice lowering.

“It was almost dream-like,” she says. “I felt like I was in a fog.” But the real pressure, the kind that tightens around your ribs, wasn’t the cameras or the couture deadlines.

“I feel the pressure of my people,” she admits. “To represent us well. To show the world that Indigenous people are beautiful — not the stereotypes people think we are. We’re creative. We’re humble.”

That humility, she suspects,

Manitowaning man arrested after standoff

by Tom Sasvari
ASSIGINACK TOWNSHIP—One person was taken into custody by the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) after a standoff on Monday, November 17.

“We received a request for support from the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR), who had been involved in an investigation of an individual who had a firearm,” explained OPP Provincial Constable Berkley Parisien of the Manitoulin OPP.

“We received the call for support at 2:30 pm, to respond to the area of Bidwell Road and Pine Lake Road in Assiginack,” said Constable Berkley. She pointed out officers had been initially called to support the MNR which was engaged in an investigation with the individual involved who was then observed to be in possession of a firearm.

“The individual then barricaded themselves in a trailer,” continued Constable Parisien. With the serious nature of the incident, the OPP Emergency Response Team (ERT), UCCM Anishinabek Police Service, MNR, OPP Canine Unit were called in to assist, she said. The operation also included the use of remote piloted aircraft systems.

“The incident was safely resolved at around 6 pm,” said Constable Parisien who noted the individual, a 39-year-old male, is from Assiginack.

Police confirmed the person was charged, the specific charges and the individual’s name were not released. Constable Parisien said this information and the name of the individual could not be released yet.



Law & Order

OPP continues investigation into fatal collision

The Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is continuing to investigate a four-vehicle collision that occurred in the area of Highway 540 and Concession road 8 in the Township of Billings.

On Thursday, November 18, at approximately 5:30 pm, members of the Manitoulin OPP, the United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Police Service Commission (UCCM Police), paramedics, Billings and M’Chigeeng volunteer fire departments responded to a four-vehicle collision involving three passenger vehicles and a commercial motor

vehicle. A 33-year-old driver was pronounced deceased at the scene, a second driver sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to hospital, and the two other involved drivers were confirmed to have no injuries.

Highway 540 was closed for approximately 14 hours as the on-scene investigation was being conducted.

Members of the OPP’s Traffic Incident Management and Enforcement Unit and OPP’s technical collision investigator attended to assist with the investigation, which remains ongoing at this time.

The OPP reports there have been no charges laid in the incident at this time.

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Friends and Neighbours

Providence Bay Alexia Hannigan

Alexia here with your blaze orange fly! Something funny happens around this time of year on the Island. I like to call it the grandstand! It’s where everybody and their uncle is in a tree stand or travelling across the border for the hunt to get meat in time for the winter. It is more or less the quiet calm and reprieve before you hear a few shots fired here or there and then all the bells, whistles and bucks come out to play! As the Island gears up for another good hunt, harvest, must-have and honey dew and doe list, let’s take a moment to reflect upon the strength and resilience of our amazing communities. To our Elders, home and away, knowledge keepers, healers, animal protectors and healers, volunteers, professional network, incredible business and outreach community. Let us also take a moment to respect and acknowledge our Mother Earth, freedoms and shared journeys as we learn new and better ways to adapt, teach, share and give knowledge. We in turn can preserve and protect the wisdom behind the best kind of stewardship and the most respectful and rewarding partnerships. These are the seeds of strong roots, piers and beams of stronger foundations, this is the culture and creation around new and better beginnings. The unification of ideas, generations, cultures, teachings, healing and a better future for all. Forge ahead like fire moss and focus on the good.

Here’s what’s happening:
Ice ice baby! Here we go!
Providence Bay Hall: Manitoulin recreational events calendar with class schedules for Providence Bay Hall visit centralmanitoulin.ca or contact Alison Sloss at asloss@centralmanitoulin.ca or call 705-377-5726.

Exercise classes continue Monday and Friday mornings at the Providence Bay Hall through until Monday, December 15.

Providence Bay Community of Christ Church: Joys and community updates on Sundays at 10:30 am; services are Sundays at 11. Check the Providence Bay Community of Christ Facebook page for announcements and updates!

Providence Bay Curling Club: Everyone is welcome at the Providence Bay Curling Club! Junior Curling is back Saturdays until the end of March. Ages SK to Grade 8. Equipment is provided, \$25 per curler. For more info visit: provcurling.ca/junior.

Friday, November 28 to Sunday, November 30 join in the fun at the first bonspiel of the Manitoulin curling season! This an open bonspiel - teams can consist of any gender combination. Three games guaranteed, and of course, there are CASH prizes! Don’t miss out on the fun! Contact David at providencebaycurling@gmail.com or 705-377-4668 to register your team!

The Heavens: Manitoulin Island is a dark sky reserve so find a dark sky spot, bring your telescope and enjoy the wonders of the cosmos. Whether you’re a seasoned skywatcher or just love watching shooting stars and auroras.

December 5 is Full Supermoon (Cold

Moon/Oak Moon, Little Spirit Moon).

The Friends: Happy Birthday to all of you late-November babies!

Go easy out there on the roads! The hunt is on, the cold is here and that means more animals are on the move and more hazards and unpredictable conditions on the roadways. Plan ahead of any weather and go easy.

“When you focus on the good, the good gets better.” anon

Kagawong Team Fergmeijer

Due to personal reasons, Team Fergmeijer will be saying “Aye” and “Arrrggggh” instead of yes and no for the time being. We don’t want to get into the details, so please respect our piracy during this difficult time.

This Friday! The Manitoulin Community Choir will be performing in Kagawong on Friday, November 28 at the Park Centre. This is always a great concert with a lovely variety of music. You might even spy a Kagawongian or two in the chorus! The concert starts at 7:30 pm, and tickets are \$15.

Seniors Active Living is offering a seniors’ gift making workshop on Saturday, November 29 at the Kagawong Park Centre! Choose from the chance to make a cedar wreath (\$35), a treasure box (\$30), ceramic gift ornament tags (\$35) or truffles or spiced “bourbon” cherries (\$35). Contact Mary at 705-348-2285 to register and for more information.

We are wishing a very happy birthday to Candy T, Nora U, and Chantelle W, as they celebrate their 29th birthdays. You don’t become cooler with age, but you do care progressively less about being cool, which is the only true way of being cool. This is known as the Geezer’s Paradox.

Team Fergmeijer has always had a strong entrepreneurial streak. Currently, we are thinking of starting a new service that connects people who purchased a large appliance with children that have no box fort.

From the KFC to the KGB, catch up on old times with the complete archive of Team Fergmeijer columns, all the way back to 2015! Check out <http://teamfergmeijer.blogspot.com> to get your fill of puns and haiku.

Reminder for anyone planning their big day, any wedding can be a fairy tale wedding if you serve porridge and release three angry bears into the reception hall. Have a great week!

Meldrum Bay Elaine Bradley

It is amazing how the world changes for hunting week. Small cabins that are empty all year have three or four trucks parked outside. Men are wandering on the side of the road and in the bush dressed in bright orange. Our community hall is being used nightly to host a dinner for one of the families. Other families are also gathering with young and old joining in the event. Some have shot deer. Rose is thrilled that her grand-

son got a 6-point buck. One person was fishing at the waterfront the weekend before the hunt started and caught the largest rainbow trout my husband has ever seen.

Last Sunday morning was the hunters’ breakfast in Silver Water. There were bacon, sausage, eggs and pancakes. It sounded really good. Silver Water’s meals are always good. We missed as we were visiting a very sick relative on my husband’s side in Sault Ste. Marie. That was also the day of our last service of the year at the Meldrum Bay Church. Thanks to everyone who came out.

Jamie and Norma Nelder are not thinking about the hunt. They are the new proud grandparents of twin baby boys. My niece Jessica and her husband Fred had twin boys on November 11. They were premature and after a week of feeding issues they are now strong and home in Iroquois Falls. Jamie and Norma are visiting them. We are getting inundated with pictures.

On Friday night, November 7, there were four tables at cards with two sit outs. High lady was Linda Rumley with 68 points; high man was Tom Rumley with 76 points; most lone hands for the ladies went to Lois Wismer with five; most lone hands for the men went to Bob Benedict with four; Lisa Townsend won for most euchres with nine; the money jar is safe; Rose VanEvery went home with the juice; Diane Jones won the 50/50 draw; Guy Bigras won the door prize. Cards is every Friday at 7 pm. We have a great time. Come and join us.

Everyone stay safe and have a great week.

Barrie Island Enid Runnalls

The desaturated landscape of November has been punctuated by flecks of fluorescent hunter orange this week on Barrie Island. Most of the hunters have packed up and left, but the gang at Lanevale Farm were gathering by dark in the camp last evening. They came far and wide for this week. This was the first time that Linda and Doug Lane’s three-year-old great-grandson ‘Spiderman’ Garret joined in with his dad Brendan Courtney from somewhere outside of Atlanta, Georgia. Surrounded by family and friends and especially his favourite uncle Thomas, the little guy was raring to go! Just around the block from the Lanevale Gang, the Merrylees ‘Half Chance’ Hunt Gang has been putting in some early mornings and long days and no doubt they have lots of tales to talk about the season.

Rhonda and Charlie Smith of Massey were up at their hunt camp trailer this week. Rhonda returned home earlier, and Charlie invited Scott and Enid Runnalls for a bit of company over dinner on Thursday night. While there they had a little phone visit with old friends Glen and Elaine Dahl. Charlie recited some of his recently composed poems, along with the one inspired by Enid’s painting of the wind in September.

I expect there will be more hunting gang reports coming in the near future,

so stay tuned.

Meanwhile back at the farm, the cattle are still being moved to the winter-feeding grounds. That seems to be an ongoing job. Also, the daily feeding and watering routines have begun in full force.

Micah Runnalls helped his dad stack wood and had a good week of learning at school. He is off this weekend with his mom to the Santa Claus Parade in Sudbury. Details pending.

Speaking of Santa Claus, I hear he will again be parading down the streets of beautiful Gore Bay on December 6. Also, on that day Gordon/Barrie Island is hosting their Christmas Market at the Community Centre on Noble Side Road.

Silver Water Karen Noble

On Friday, November 14 Albert and I went to Gore Bay for errands and to finish shopping for the pancake breakfast. It is amazing how quickly the new buildings across from the Valu Mart are being completed.

On Friday night we went to euchre in Meldrum Bay, I took Lois Wismer and Myra Duncanson.

On Saturday morning we went to the community hall to cook the sausages for Sunday. There was a crew of ladies who showed up to help set tables, fill coffee pots and more.

On Saturday evening, we took Robbie Baldwin to the turkey dinner in Tehkummah. They had a good crowd and the food was wonderful. We ate our fill and thanked everyone on our way out.

On Sunday morning there was a hunter’s pancake breakfast at the community hall. We thank everyone who volunteered to help and everyone who came out to eat. We especially thank Chris Bray of The Butcher Barn for the sausages and TJ Murray for the delivery. The proceeds go to the Mindemoya Hospital and have every year since we started the breakfast. The UCW had a bake sale at the breakfast and sold out.

On Monday night I took Myra and Ken Duncanson to the Burpee/Mills Complex for euchre.

On Tuesday there was fire practice at the fire hall with a small group.

On Wednesday afternoon there was a yoga class at the community hall.

We had a visit with Greg Duncanson and his friend Neal Runnalls. We visited with Andy Cull, Craig Duncanson, Paul McCallum and more on Thursday.

The community thanks Paul and Di- anne McCallum for the turnips they donated.

I heard a few deer stories this week. There are a few less deer on the west end to run across the road in front of the vehicles. We had the MNR do a check on a hunter in front of our house on Thursday. All went well and the driver left with his deer.

On Thursday evening there was euchre at the Silver Water Hall at 7 pm.

Happy Birthday to Wilda Hunter.

Condolences to the family of Kyle Bond.

Condolences to the family of Dave Purvis.

...Bill draws concerns from Rainbow Board trustees, education unions

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ter indicating this to all members of provincial parliament in Rainbow district. Like any elected representatives trustees should have a voice.”

“At this point I can’t say trustees are not going to have a change—there will definitely be changes,” said Trustee Corbiere-Addison. “There has to be change, whatever form it takes, for those boards that are not being financially responsible. Our board is very much fiscally responsible, but in this case, we are being painted by the same brush by the government as those that are not fiscally responsible.”

“There has to be change, but whatever changes are made have to be fair, especially to boards like ours that have been responsible,” stated Trustee Corbiere-Addison.

At an organization meeting prior to the regular school board meeting last week, Mr. Farrow expressed, “I want to begin by expressing how much of an honour it is to be re-elected as chair for another term.” He said he had second-guessed himself prior to letting his name stand for the chair’s position again and talk to some colleagues; he decided that RDSB needed to just continue with the same united front going forward as it has. “The political situation is going to become even more challenging. Our number one goal is has been and will always be student success.” He said there are going to be challenging times ahead for school board trustees.

Starting this past spring, education minister Paul Calandra has brought forward the thought of eliminating trustees, and now has taken control of five school boards and appointed supervisors to each of them.

Bill 33, which passed in the legislature November 19 without going to committee, makes it easier for the government to take over school

boards. The minister also announced school boards will be required to establish an entity called Student and Family Support Officers led by a supervisory officer, something that educators and boards say will take away the voice of trustees. These offices will be open in January in each of the five school boards under supervision, while all other boards (including RDSB) will be expected to submit a report by March 31, outlining how they will establish an office by September 1.

At the RDSB meeting, Trustee Bob Clement said that “Bill 33 is to go to the final vote. This new law would fire elected trustee and replace them with Conservative insiders, silence parents and cut crucial student services.”

Judy Kosmerly, who represents RDSB on the Ontario Public School Boards Association (OPSBA), said having several school boards under supervision is affecting that organization. She said OPSBA’s board of directors is expected to be reduced from 52 current members to 13 and said that the next OPSBA meeting she attends may be her last with OPSBA. Several large school boards “are under supervision orders, and those orders include expectations that those boards not pay funds into OPSBA, leaving OPSBA in a deficit position for this year and into the future.”

T.J. Goertz, manager of strategic communications with OPSBA told The Expositor, “In our budget we had to cut 25 percent because boards in Ottawa, Toronto, Thames Valley each provide fees to OPSBA but will no longer be able to.”

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bers, students, parents, and families across Ontario are deeply concerned by yet another blow to local democracy,” an OPSBA statement reads. “The government’s decision to bypass the standard legislative process for Bill 33, Supporting Children and Students Act, eliminating the customary opportunity for public input through committee hearings at Queen’s Park, is both disheartening and anti-democratic.”

“Removing the consultation denies government partners, including stu-

dents, families, communities, and school boards, the opportunity to contribute constructive feedback that would help ensure this controversial legislation effectively addresses the issues it seeks to resolve,” OPSBA says.

Invoking time allocation undermines public trust and conveys that the government’s will is being prioritized over openness and accountability,” OPSBA continued. “This approach effectively suspends the normal legislative process, removing the stage at which members of the public can share their perspectives through committee hearings.”

“We have consistently demonstrated our commitment to working collaboratively with the government,” said Kathleen Woodcock, OPSBA president. “The best public policy solutions are achieved through consultation and collaboration with stakeholders, those who know and work in the system, and experts, rather than in isolation at Queen’s Park.”

The broad authority this legislation provides a minister of education is troubling, OPSBA continued. “Bill 33 would

significantly expand ministerial oversight, further centralize decision-making and shift control over school boards away from the communities they serve. It would effectively lessen the democratically elected role of public school board trustees across the province.”

“Trustees are representatives who know their local school communities best and are duly elected members of the governing board. Further, Bill 33 would displace appointed First Nation trustees and student trustees on

boards under supervision, both of whom have a statutory role on school boards,” OPSBA continued.

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disregard for public oversight.”

The bill passed third and final reading on Wednesday of last week allowing the minister to more easily put school boards under supervision and Minister Calandra says the law allows him to put boards on track when they fall off the rails and cited the example of the Near North Dis-

trict School Board. In October, the minister issued a number of directives to the North Bay-Parry Sound board after a government report found it was dysfunctional and he has said if the board doesn’t meet all of those requirements, he will take control.

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period concludes.”

“During this period, we will continue to engage in discussions with the Town of Gore Bay about potentially collaborating to meet local needs for

affordable housing in the community,” explained Ms. Combet. “We will be in a position to provide further information once the bylaw has expired (which was put in place for a year) and we are able to assess potential next

steps.”

Jason Quinlan, Gore Bay town manager/clerk confirmed that OAHS owns the property that Woods Lane had been located on. “We have a planning study in place, and an interim control bylaw

so nothing can be built there before this period ends. Right now, we are in the planning stage of what would be the best use for the property.”

The Woods Lane Apartment building suffered extensive damage in a fire that took place on April 1 with the roof being totally destroyed and the building left in ruins.

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is extremely concerned. From a police perspective—though we’re not the lead agency—we’re assisting the OPP. This awareness video is really just an opportunity to generate fresh leads, to encourage anyone who’s got information to come forward.”

He didn’t mince words.

“We 100 percent believe that somebody out there knows something. And they might think their information isn’t important, but it could be the

key. Nothing is too small. We’re not going to forget about this. We want to bring Juanita home.”

If you know anything—no matter how minor it

may seem—you are urged to contact the OPP or UCCM Anishnaabe Police.

Because in cases like this, it’s often the smallest light that leads someone home.

UCCM Anishnaabe Police are urging anyone with information to call the dedicated tip line at 1-833-941-9010. Those who wish to remain anonymous can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at ontario-crimestoppers.ca.



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...Tom’s Big Buck winner a 21-pointer from Long Bay

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hunting with her mom (Laura McPhee) on their first deer hunt of the year, near Evansville. Grace just turned 12 in July and immediately went for her hunter safety course and Canadian Firearms safety course. Grace’s six pointer weighed in at 165 pounds.”

Then on November 21, Mr. McPhee reported, “My son Griffen McPhee just shot his first ever deer. He recently turned 12 years old. He and his twin sis-

ter did their hunting and firearms courses right away. He wanted you to know. A nice buck and a perfect 60 yard shot. He is very excited. It was taken in (Wildlife Management Unit) 43b near Evansville. It weighed 161 pounds.”

Kyle Patry, who lives in Providence Bay, explained in an email to The Expositor on November 19 that he had harvested a deer on Monday November 17. The deer, taken during the rifle hunt, was a big nine pointer that weighed around



Grace McPhee, 12, harvested her first ever deer with a crossbow while hunting with her mon (Laura McPhee) on Saturday, October 11.



Twelve-year-old Griffen McPhee shot his first ever deer, near Evansville, during the annual deer gun hunt on Manitoulin Island, last week.





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190-200 pounds and was harvested in Assiginack Township.

In an email on November 18, Scott Van Every wrote, “Justin Hildreth of Beamsville shot this nice buck on Tuesday morning in Meldrum Bay. Justin hunts with the Van Ev-

ery Hunt Club. The deer weighed 155 pounds after field dressing. It had eight points; if you go by a point is anything you could put a ring on. It was 50 years ago this year, that the Van Every Hunt Club started.”

So, the first-place prize of a \$100 gift certificate



Kyle Patry of Providence Bay (with Madisen McAllister), harvested this large buck deer on November 17.

RIGHT: Justin Hildreth of Beamsville shot this buck on November 18, in Meldrum Bay.

from Williamson’s Up Top Sports Shop goes to Ken Sloss. There is a two-way tie for the second place

prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Griffen and Grace McPhee.





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“interactions may be recorded for safety and accountability purposes.”

According to a release from the Wiikwemkoong Drug Crisis Working Group, the actions are being taken “to ensure the safety and well-being of our community leading up to and following the 2025 Holiday Gift Payment distribution.”

The funds are expected to be distributed sometime in November and will not count as “income” for those on social assistance. The funds cover a 12-month period.

“We ask for everyone’s cooperation and understanding during this time,” continues the release, “community safety, and the safety of our children and youth, is paramount.”

The release includes a reminder that “community safety is a shared responsibility—if you see something, say something.”

The release also added a reminder that the Wiikwemkoong Community is under closed circuit television cameras and security surveillance are active in designated public areas.

The checkpoint and identification plans have not met with universal applause, with some community members posting their objections to the measures on social media.

The Wiikwemkoong Drug Crisis Working Group posted a followup clarification on the checkpoint and identification plan, noting that security personnel may “visually verify identification to confirm identity, but no images or copies will be stored or recorded.”

The note goes on to confirm that movement of band members, both on- and off-reserve will not be restricted.

“These safety measures are intended only to verify identity for accountability purposes. If valid identification cannot be provided at a checkpoint, individuals

will be asked to provide their full name and home addresses and will still be allowed through.”

The notice reiterates that the measures are intended to ensure safety while respecting personal privacy.

The notice provides a number of contact numbers for community members to report concerns about something they have seen. Those numbers are Crisis Support: 705-348-1937; Wikwemikong Tribal Police: 705-370-3141; Crime Stoppers: 1-888-222-8477; and Emergency: 911.

...RHT lawyers plan to appeal judicial ruling

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the distribution of \$487 million, plus interest, as settlement proceeds.

As a result, the funds returned to the RHTLF will be distributed as those funds become available, as though they were part of the proceeds of the settlement reached with Canada and Ontario.

On October 28, 2025, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice reduced the legal fees that the RHTLF paid its lawyers for \$510 million to \$23 million. The court found that the lawyers’ fee was neither fair, nor reasonable.

Together with fees paid earlier, the lawyers will receive a total of approximately \$40 million. However,

the court directed that \$487 million, plus interest, be returned to the RHTLF, to be dealt with as proceeds from the settlement reached with Canada and Ontario.

Brian Gover, of Stockwoods Barristers told The Expositor in a statement last week, “In a document filed with the Ontario Court of Appeal, the legal team that obtained a \$10 billion settlement for the Lake Huron Anishinaabe from the Ontario and federal governments is challenging a recent lower court decision that slashed legal fees owed to it. The legal team’s work resulted in the First Nations achieving remarkable success before three levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada, and has laid the foundation for billions of dollars more to be paid to future generations. The lower court’s decision to drastically reduce the fees owed to the legal team was made despite the fact that 19 of the 21 First Nations approved payment of the fees owed under an agreement negotiated 13 years earlier.”

“In its notice of appeal, the legal team argues that the Superior Court of Ontario decision was marred by erroneous findings and unwarranted assumptions,” said Mr. Gover. “They maintain that the decision also calls into question the continuing validity of partial contingency fee agreements, agreements that can play a vital role in providing access to justice for those with limited resources.”

“In his decision, Justice Fred Myers had high praise for the legal expertise that went into the arduous liti-

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spokesperson continued.

As the SIU has invoked its mandate, the OPP will not be able to provide further information.

The SIU is an independent civilian law enforcement agency in Ontario that investigates incidents involving police officers where a civilian has been seriously injured, has died, alleges sexual assault, or has been shot at. The SIU’s role is to conduct independent and objective investigations to determine if any criminal offences may have been committed by the official, and if so, to lay charges.



December

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...bill ending second generation cutoff for Indigenous status

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Island, where the modern legal fight against sex discrimination in the Indian Act first ignited. Ms. Corbiere Lavell's challenge to section 12(1)

(b) was the first crack in the fortress of legislative disenfranchisement—a regime designed to shrink First Nations populations through a maze of rules: “marrying out,” enfranchisement, dereg-

istration, university degrees, and finally, the second-generation cut-off. She lost at the Supreme Court by one vote in 1973. Canada's message back then was clear: First Nations women who married

non-status men were expendable; their children, even more so.

But she didn't stop. And neither did the generation raised in her wake.

Dr. Lavell Harvard, who jokes she grew up believing every family spent weekends at protests instead of hockey arenas, said activism wasn't a choice so much as inheritance. “I was a hopeless skater anyway,” she told The Expositor. “This work is in my bones. It's been my mom, my childhood, my whole life, to fight for our people,” she said over the phone, in a voice that seemed to be smiling.

Why Bill S-2 Matters Now

Bill S-2, reintroduced after its predecessor Bill C-38 died on the order paper, was drafted to address inequities in registration and band membership, particularly for those affected by enfranchisement. It responds to the Nicholas litigation before the B.C. Supreme Court, which has given Parliament until April 2026 to fix the problem.

But many witnesses—including the Assembly of First Nations, regional organizations, the Indian Act Sex Discrimination Working Group, and nearly every expert who appeared before the committee—argued the bill didn't go far enough. The second-generation cut-off, they said, is not just discriminatory; it's a slow-moving erasure of First Nations as federally recognized peoples.

“All but two witnesses



Dr. Dawn Lavell-Harvard

called for its immediate end.” Mi'kmaw Senator Paul Prosper, who introduced the amendments, reminded the chamber. “We cannot govern who First Nations fall in love with.”

Dr. Lavell Harvard was more blunt when speaking with us. “Even some of our own people are pushing back with silly arguments about blue-eyed kids running around on reserves. Who cares? The last time people were so concerned with eye colour and purity was Hitler. Do we really want to become what has oppressed us?”

She went on to dismantle the idea that recognizing First Nations children would drain community resources. “Those babies are already here,” she said. “If we deny them status, we create a bigger burden, because then we receive no support for them. More status members means more funding, more political will, more power. Saying otherwise is pure colonial scarcity mindset.”

Indigenous Services Canada published community specific data sheets detailing the impact of the second-gen-

eration cut-off on First Nations registered populations. The Expositor is currently reviewing the data for publication as this story progresses but it appears that Dr. Lavell Harvard is correct, if the second generation cut off isn't abolished most First Nations, particularly smaller communities will be extinct in just a few generations. For people whose teachings rely heavily on making decisions for the next seven generations, this would be catastrophic.

“The part that really struck me was their projection. They said this change would create about 300,000 new status Indians over the next 40 years. Sounds huge, right? But when you break it down across all First Nations, and you account for elders passing on, it works out to maybe 10 or 12 people per Nation. We're not talking about some great migration of strangers returning to communities.


“And let's be honest: people already on band lists, people living off-reserve with their kids—whether they move home has nothing to do with whether their grandchildren have status. It depends on housing, on jobs, on whether they can actually make a life there.

“There's this persistent myth that whole crowds of unknown people are going to show up if we fix the registration rules. But when you do the math, it just isn't true. We're talking about our own kids and grandkids—people born after 1985, the generation that started having children around 2000 and onward. These aren't strangers. These are our families. That's the part I can't wrap my head around—that anyone could imagine otherwise.”

A Mother's Tears, a Daughter's Trembling Voice

At home, Jeannette Corbiere Lavell wept when her daughter told her the amendments had passed the committee stage. Not the soft tears of polite relief—these were the deep, shaking sobs of someone

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Thanks to the tremendous generosity of Manitoulin residents, the second annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Stuff-a-Cruiser was again a huge success! The event, held November 19 in Mindemoya is in tribute to the memory of Manitoulin OPP Provincial Constable Marc Hovingh. All the food items and monetary donations help support Manitoulin Family Resources and the food bank that supports local families during the Christmas season and all year long.

OPP stuff-a-cruiser event fills close to three cruisers for MFR food bank

by Tom Sasvari

MINDEMOYA—The second annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Stuff-a-Cruiser event held on Wednesday, November 19, is held in tribute to the memory of Manitoulin OPP Provincial Constable Marc Hovingh, who tragically lost his life in the line of duty five years ago on November 19, 2020 and his tremendous community service, both on and in the line of duty.

“The event is held in memory of Marc; basically this year marks the fifth anniversary of his death, and along with supporting Manitoulin Family Resources and the food bank, we are holding this event to support Marc’s family, his colleagues, friends and the community to have a positive thing to look forward to on such a heavy day, as well as honour the contributions and impact he had on the community, both on duty and off-du-

ty,” said Manitoulin OPP Constable Berkley Parisien.

“Lianne Hovingh talked about her husband Marc and how he loved to take care of his family, and make sure they were fed as well as taking care of those in the community,” said Constable Parisien. “Lianne and her kids were there at the event, and helped the entire time, as did many OPP and Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) officers.”

The Stuff-a-Cruiser event took place at the Mindemoya Foodland store. All non-perishable food item donations, and cash donations provided will support the Island community in the holiday season, through (MFR) and its Christmas Hamper Food basket campaign.

“We did very well for sure,” stated Constable Parisien. “Almost three cruiser trucks were full of food items and many monetary donations.”



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...Sheshegwaning elects Chief Nicole Bush

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so far from a hospital/medical services, Gore Bay and Mindemoya. We are very grateful for the first responders we have in the community; I would like to discuss and talk to ORNGE and the District Services Board about providing more protection for not only Sheshegwaning but our neighbours in Zhiibaahaasing (First Nation), Meldrum Bay and Silver Water, all of Western Manitoulin. I would like to push for ambulance services in the west end or at least additional training for our first responders in our communities.”

The newly elected chief and council will have a two-year term in office. “Another concern raised by community members is the current election process. We still use mail in ballots, probably 300 members and many more outside the community that didn’t receive their mail in ballots in time to vote with the Canada Post strike. The present voting process is difficult and we want to look at changes to improve the current system.”

“Sheshegwaning is a growing community, and we have a lot to be proud of,” stated Chief Bush. “We want to recognize the work done by previous chief and council, and I am so excited about showcasing all the things we have in the community now, and the future.”

In the election, Nicole Bush had received 98 votes for chief, with Ann Cada-Hamelin receiving 39 votes. Nancy R. Cada had four votes, with Gene Cada with three and Albert Cada receiving two votes.

The four candidates who were elected to council include Jennifer Sampson who received 51 votes, Caeley Genereaux with 45 votes, Ron McKinley and incumbent councillor Angela McLeod receiving 42 votes each. Other candidates for council and the number of votes they received in the election include: Albert Cada, 28; Gene Cada, 24; Janice Cada, 22; Ann Cada-Hamelin, 37; Christopher Endanawas, 27; Tammy Hardwick, 38; Robin Malley, 27; Donald Roy, 8; Deanna Sampson, 41; Jessica Sampson, 31; Charles Wabegijik, 36; and John Wabegijik, 38.

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shaking sobs of someone who has carried the weight of a nation’s daughters on her shoulders for more than five decades.

Those tears were earned. They were for the generations of women who “married out,” for the children pushed off the Indian Register, for the families split across legal categories—6(1), 6(2), none at all. They were for the legal extinction formula that, if left untouched, would eventually erase entire First Nations under federal law.

And they were for the thousands who may now find their rights restored—not because Canada finally found its conscience, but because First Nations women refused to surrender.

justice long enough. “The system is not on our side,” she told APTN. “But today, we have an opportunity.”

Even Senator Audette predicts the House may strip the amendments. If that happens, she warned, the community must speak loudly and clearly.

Dr. Lavell Harvard echoed that call. “You have two choices,” she told senators. “Either you say yes to a one-parent rule and yes to ending the second-generation cut-off, or you say yes to the extinction of First Nations people.”

‘No More’

Perhaps the most poignant response came from Ms. Corbiere Lavell herself:

“Miigwetch to all the Senators who voted to remove the second generation cut-off. And on behalf of all the young people who, like myself 54 years ago, are being told they don’t belong—we all say, ‘No more.’”

For a mother and daughter who have spent their entire lives resisting a system designed to shrink their people out of legal existence, this moment—fragile, uncertain, but finally within reach—felt like history trying, at last, to bend.

And for Manitoulin Island, where this fight began, it is proof that even the smallest places can reshape the laws of a country—when the right women refuse to let the story end.

Not a Victory Yet

Despite the vote, nothing is guaranteed. The amendments must still survive the Senate’s report stage, third reading, and then three readings in the House of Commons—where the government, led by Indigenous Services Minister Mandy Gull-Masty, has been cautioning against moving too quickly.

Minister Gull-Masty has argued that expanding the bill without extensive consultation could violate the Crown’s constitutional obligations. But Senator Michèle Audette countered that the system has delayed



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gation, which spanned more than a decade. He said the legal team represented the clients, ‘zealously, resolutely, passionately and with extraordinary success,’ said Mr. Gover.

“Judge Myers also found that the litigation was novel, immensely complicated and could easily have faltered along the way,” said Mr. Gover. “In fact, a Toronto law firm’s earlier attempt at securing justice for the First Nations had consumed seven years without a claim even being filed. Judge Myers praised the carefully-selected legal team that took over the litigation for their far-sightedness in encouraging the creation of the litigation fund, an entity that was essential to the First Nations’ ability to pursue the litigation.”

Two of the 21 First Nations behind the litigation, Garden River First Nation and Atikemeksheng Anishnawbek First Nation, launched the fee review before Judge Myers.

“In appealing, the legal team asserts that Judge Myers failed to appreciate the enormity of the legal risk involved as well as the sanctity of Anishnaabe culture and values,” Mr. Gover said. “The total fee called for a payment of \$510 million. This amount was reduced to \$255 million after the legal team donated half of the overall amount to the First Nations communities. The donation was earmarked for programs that would solidify the Anishnaabe language, culture and other community services.”

“The Justice Myers decision has thrown those plans into doubt. He reduced the legal fee payable to \$40 million, \$17 million of which had already been paid out during the course of litigation,” continued Mr. Gover. “Regardless of the stellar legal work, Judge Myers said the negotiated fee was simply too high. His conclusion that the value of what he found to be ‘excellent services rendered’ was 0.4 percent of the value of the settlement for past compensation failed to take into account the fact that the First Nations will benefit from the legal team’s work in perpetuity.”

Mr. Gover said, “The appeal highlights the integrity of the process by which the Litigation Fund selected the legal team and carefully considered the form of their compensation. The appellants reject the notion that the Litigation Fund’s trustees were naïve and ill-informed, a conclusion that echoes centuries of paternalistic attitudes towards First Nations.”

“The notice of appeal emphasizes that the chiefs and trustees involved in reaching the fee agreement were experienced negotiators who drove a hard bargain and were well aware of what they were doing over the entire course of the litigation,” said Mr. Gover. “The lawyers have not sought a stay to prevent the funds returned to the Litigation Fund from being dealt with as proceeds of the settlement reached with Ontario and Canada.”

The notice of appeal indicates that the appellants are asking that “the court make an order: allowing this appeal, to the extent that a contingency fee of \$255 million, as agreement between the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund’s Litigation Management Committee and the Appellant legal team, should be affirmed; setting aside the order of the Honourable Justice Myers, dated October 28, 2025; enforcing the partial contingency fee agreement dated June 17, 2011 as fair and reasonable, or in the alternative, fixing a higher quantum meruit amount in accordance with applicable principles; and such further or other relief as council may request and this honourable court may permit.”

The notice of appeal states that it addresses four errors committed by the application judge. “First, the application judge erred in finding the partial contingency fee agreement was champertous ‘from the outset.’ This finding equated a high contingency fee with unlawful champerty without applying the established legal criteria. As a result, the application judge ignored or

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substantially undervalued the overriding purpose of contingency fees in general, which is to provide access to justice.”

“Second, the application judge erred in finding that the partial contingency fee agreement was unfair on the basis that the chiefs did not know that which was unknowable at the time they entered into the agreement. In doing so, the application judge failed to apply the legal principle that the fairness of a retainer agreement must be assessed at the time the agreement is made,” the appeal notes.

“Third, the application judge erred in finding that the partial contingency fee agreement is unreasonable. The application judge reached this conclusion despite acknowledging the legal team’s extraordinary work and success on their client’s behalf, solely because the application judge deemed the risk assumed by the legal team to be low to justify the fee sought. The application judge erred by limiting this consideration of risk to the legal teams’ financial risk, to the exclusion of all other forms of risk the legal team assumed. In the result, the application judge failed to take a holistic approach to the assessment of reasonableness and weigh all relevant factors and instead treated the legal team’s financial risk as determinative. The application judge’s approach to this issue was contrary to binding appellate authority.”

“Fourth, the application judge erred in his quantum meruit assessment by arbitrarily doubling the legal team’s billable fees rather than conducting the required contextual and holistic analysis of all relevant factors,” the appeal notice reads. “The mechanical approach adopted by the application judge led him to arrive at an unprincipled conclusion about the fair value of the legal services rendered by the legal team, one that does not reasonably reflect the complexity of the case, the responsibility assumed by the legal team, the importance of the matter to the client, the results achieved and the client’s reasonable expectations.”

On October 28, 2025, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice reduced the legal fees that the Robinson Huron Treaty Litigation Fund (RHTLF) owed to its legal team. The RHTLF will continue to focus on negotiations with the Crown regarding the annuity augmentation promise of the Robinson Huron Treaty.

On November 20, the RHTLF issued a statement to update all 21 Robinson Huron Treaty (RHT) member First Nations regarding a decision on November 19 of the Federal Court of Canada to dismiss an application for judicial review. The application is related to Serpent River First Nations decision on the per capita dis-

tribution amount from its share of the RHT Settlement Agreement proceeds.

“The Court’s dismissal of the judicial review removes another challenge to the validity of the compensation process outlined in the settlement agreement—particularly the ability of the RHT First Nations to adopt a distribution approach that it determines is in the best interests of their current and future membership. With this decision, and the decision to dis-

miss the Garden River First Nation judicial review on similar grounds, the RHTLF will continue supporting RHT First Nations compensation distribution efforts,” the statement reads.

Despite several attempts to contact the spokespersons for the RHTLF, Duke Peltier and Angus Toulouse, The Expositor was unable to get comments prior to this week’s press deadline.

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Island schools join RDSB in marking bullying awareness and prevention week

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In 2022, the board piloted the Dare to Care anti-bullying program in 12 schools. The Canadian program has proven to be an effective way to build empathy and reduce bullying. The program has since been expanded to all Rainbow elementary

schools. Three Manitoulin elementary schools took part in the week including Assiginack Public School (APS), Little Current Public School (LCPS), Central Manitoulin Public School (CMPS).

At APS, "students focus on kindness and anti-bullying throughout the school year beginning with Wear Pink Day, which sparked dialogue about the origin of the day and provided a foundation for the Dare to Care program that began in October. Through the program, students have considered what kind and positive behaviour looks like. Primary students



Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin reads to a group of Little Current Public School children about being kind to others.

will create a "Kindness" display. The All-Star Principal's Council has launched a points challenge focused on kindness and helping others.

APS students leaned about the positive impact they can have by spreading kindness throughout the greater community, including their work with

the Terry Fox Run, the outdoor education project, food for the community, and the Remembrance Day ceremonies held at the local cenotaph.

Students from CMPS took part in activities that promote kindness and inclusion. This year's theme is "Kindness is Strength: True Strength Come from Lifting Others Up."

Students participated in a kindness chain. They focused on the idea that a single link can easily bend or break, but when they are connected, they become much stronger. The strength of the chain comes from links supporting each other. Each time a student participates in or witnesses an act of kindness, they wrote it on a paper link. The links will be connected to form a Kindness Chain for display in the school hallway.

Staff and students at LCPS recognizing the week in a variety of ways. Classes continued working on the Dare to Care program to engage students in age-appropriate discussions about bullying. A community services officer with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) visited the school to speak with students about bullying and bully prevention. Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Mayor Al MacNevin read to the primary students about what it means to be nice.

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Premier Ford wants to open provincial sex offender registry

by Jacqueline St. Pierre,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

ONTARIO—In the charged aftermath of a Supreme Court of Canada ruling on mandatory minimum sentences for child pornography offences, Ontario Premier Doug Ford is signalling he’s ready to open the province’s sex offender registry to public view—and, if necessary, crack open the Constitution to do it.

The government is expected to table legislation next week that would launch consultations on making “certain” information from the Ontario Sex Offender and Sex Trafficker Registry public. The specifics, however, remain a mystery.

Premier Ford, true to form, put it bluntly: if a sex offender is “living next door or down the street,” he says parents have a right to know. “It’s a no brainer.”

The move comes after the Supreme Court struck down the one-year mandatory minimum jail sentence for accessing or possessing child pornography, finding it violated the Charter of Rights. The court’s reasoning cut through the haze of fear-driven policy: in the digital age, young people routinely send one another explicit images, and the law—as written—left no choice but to impose a punishment wildly out of step with reality.

In one hypothetical examined by the court, an 18-year-old receives an explicit photo from his 17-year-old friend’s girlfriend. He looks at it briefly and keeps it on his phone. The law categorizes that as child pornography. The mandatory minimum—no matter the context—would force a sentence the majority of the court deemed grossly disproportionate.

It wasn’t an abstract legal exercise. The ruling underscored that laws must apply not only to the worst offenders

but also to reasonably foreseeable, everyday situations. In Justice Mary Moreau’s words, these digital-age scenarios are “not far-fetched.”

Premier Ford has rejected that reasoning outright. “These child pornography people? Throw them in jail. Throw away the key,” he said. “They make me sick.”

His government insists that the court’s decision “weakens vital protections for children,” and says the province must step in to “protect families.” The registry—created in 2001 under Christopher’s Law and named after 11-year-old Christopher Stephenson, murdered by a convicted sex offender—currently exists solely for police use.


Solicitor General Michael Kerzner argues that making some information public would deter wrongdoing: “If a community knows there’s an individual that could cause them harm, that gives a person who’s on the registry greater awareness that they must behave.”

But critics say opening the registry to the public is a far more combustible proposition. Civil rights advocates and former law enforcement officials warn it could trigger vigilante behaviour—public demonstrations outside homes, harassment of families, violence born from misinformation.

Mark Mendelson, a former Toronto homicide detective, notes police already have the authority to warn the public when someone on the registry poses a safety risk. Making the entire system partially public could unleash consequences the province is ill-prepared to manage. “Is somebody going to get hurt over this?” he asks.

There’s another sharp edge: the Premier has said, without hesitation, that he’d use the notwithstanding clause

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- Snowblower, 7', single auger, 3PH, heavy gear box: \$1,450.
- MF 1143 four row combine corn head with cart: \$3,600.
- Chains, 11" to 12" x 26", pair: \$375.

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Wow wee, wasn't that a farewell party to Don Norton. Lots of music, lots of food and laughter. We have the best neighbours, farmers and friends. What a wonderful feast, thanks so much Ivan for all the corn, Rob and Sally for hosting and cooking the big o'le pig up at their shop. My sissers for pushing me and dancing with me in my wheelchair, for another day! Bar business Bart, canteen master Scott, and Bill along with Rob and Sally's grandchildren on the clean-up. Sally and I were laughing about all the mansions in Heaven that Don is going to have to roof till we get there. So until tomorrow comes. Thank you all. Oh, special thanks to Silver Springs Farms for giving Don a job as a Agriculture Waste Disposal Technician. If you missed the party and are so inclined, please donate to Manitoulin Health Centre, Mindemoya on his behalf. Thank you all, Patricia Norton



Sincere appreciation for the many acts of kindness, cards and messages of sympathy, donations to Heart & Stroke and Alzheimer's Society, floral tributes, mass cards, memorial visits and Celebration of Life at Patterson Funeral Home. Special thanks to Ruth-Ann, to funeral director Mandie Oram and her team at Patterson Funeral Home for their guidance and complete attention to Murray's final wishes. They went above and beyond, greatly appreciated. Also, thanks to Father Stan Makacinas for such a wonderful Celebration of Life and to Carol Martin for her lovely angelic voice in singing Murray's favourite hymns. Both the celebration and the hymns brought peace and comfort and helped say goodbye with grace. It truly reflected who he was. To Susan Bologna and Michael Shara for honouring his memory in the sharing of memories and stories leaving an everlasting imprint in our hearts. And lastly to Susan and Marion for being by my side, not just during the services but in every quiet moment before and after. Beange, Happychuk families and Luba Beange

Province developing requirement that would see impaired drivers causing death provide financial support for children of victims

TORONTO—The Ontario government is developing new measures that will require impaired drivers to pay ongoing child support if they kill a child's parent or guardian. The initiative would build on recent measures passed in the Safer Roads and Communities Act, 2024, and is part of the government's ongoing work to protect Ontario families and communities by holding them account

able for their reckless and illegal behaviour. These financial support measures would build on existing liabilities for impaired drivers, including the ability of victims' families to sue impaired drivers in civil court. "No child should have to bear the weight of losing a parent to impaired driving," said Attorney General Doug Downey. "The devastating impact reaches



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far beyond the immediate loss; it can leave children struggling emotionally and financially. That's why our

government is looking at practical solutions that can ease their burden in the wake of such tragedies and provide financial stability for children who are left behind." Impaired driving is illegal, preventable and the leading cause of death on Ontario roads. In 2021, there were 182 fatalities caused by impaired driving. This includes 96 drinking and driving fatalities and 86 fatalities due to drugs.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Canada, "works with those impacted by impaired driving every day, and we know the harsh reality families face because of someone else's harmful choices," said Steve Sullivan, chief executive officer of MADD Canada. "We applaud the Ontario government for looking into additional measures that would hold offenders accountable and support victims, particularly minors, impacted by the loss of a guardian that was killed by a drunk driver."

"When a drunk driver takes an innocent life, it imposes a life sentence on the family left behind, especially the children who are suddenly without a parent," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, minister of transportation. "Ontario already has some of the toughest penalties in North America for impaired and reckless driving. Under the leadership of Premier (Doug) Ford, we are taking another step to strengthen support for victims and their families."

In 2023, the state of Texas introduced a similar requirement that impaired drivers convicted of "intoxication manslaughter" who have killed a child's parent or guardian pay child support until the child turns 18 or graduates high school. The province will be exploring this requirement and other examples as it considers the best way to effectively implement this proposal and hold impaired drivers accountable.

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The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox United Church in Manitowaning will remain open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm until December 13 at 3 pm.

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Two seniors wanting a used, powered golf cart. Please call 705-690-4443.

Coming Events

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6 from 9 to 11 am at Little Current United Church. Serving pancakes, sausages, juice, fruit and coffee, \$5 per person.

Come join George Williamson and friends for an evening of great music, fun and dancing at Little Current United Church on Friday, November 28 and Friday, December 12 from 7 to 9 pm. Non-perishable food/monetary donations for the food bank are greatly appreciated. See you there!

All Saints Anglican Church, Gore Bay will be holding their annual cookie walk on Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 3 pm at the church at 38 Meredith Street, side door entrance. Let us prepare your favourite Christmas cookies for you! You choose your cookies. Large box, \$25; small box, \$15. We look forward to seeing you there no matter the weather!

Christmas in Tehkummah at Tehkummah Hall, Saturday, November 29 from 10 am to 2 pm. A wide variety of unique gifts and goodies from local vendors, entertainment, homemade lunch and a door prize. A social event hosted by Tehkummah Library.

Manitoulin Community Choir in concert Friday, November 28 at 7:30 pm at Lyons Memorial United Church, Gore Bay, \$15; and Sunday afternoon, November 30 at 2:30 pm at the Spring Bay Church, \$15; or attend our final rehearsal, by donation, at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, November 25 at Lyons United Church in Gore Bay.

Stop in at St. Bernard's Catholic Church Christmas Snowflake Tea, 19 Hayward Street, Little Current on Saturday, December 6 from 11 am to 1 pm. Serving soup, sandwiches and desserts. Adults, \$15; children 5 to 12 years, \$8. Also there are baked goods for sale, cake walk and white elephant sale.

Coming Events

Christmas Tea and Fair at Knox United Church Hall in Manitowaning on Saturday, November 29 from 11 am to 3 pm. For the Tea: Adults, \$6; ages 6 to 12 years, \$3. Shopping without tea: \$2. There will be door prizes; draws, silent auction, penny table, touch and take, baking and bazaar tables.

A program of 'Lessons and Carols' will be held at Knox United Church in Manitowaning on Sunday, November 30. Potluck lunch at 12 noon followed by 'Lessons and Carols' at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Gordon/Barrie Island Christmas Market is Saturday, December 6 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Community Centre, 29 Noble Sideroad. Shop for unique gifts, art and handcrafted items. Have lunch and enjoy the country ambience! Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Gore Bay Food Cupboard. Vendors call 705-282-2702.

Free Community Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 25 at 1:30 pm at the Little Current United Church Hall. Will you be alone? New to the area? Whatever the circumstance, come and join us for Christmas dinner. Everyone is welcome. Live local musical entertainment by Cole Hughson starting at 11 am. To reserve your spot at the table, please call The Manitoulin Expositor at 705-368-2744 and sign up. Need a ride? Please let them know when your register. Last day to register is Friday, December 19 at 12 noon.

Church Services

King James Bible Church, Providence Bay worships every Saturday Sabbath, 10 am to 12 noon. For more information call 705-348-2229.

KJV Bible Study, every Monday night, 7 to 9 pm in Providence Bay. For more information, call 705-348-2229 or email kjc.manitoulin@gmail.com. All welcome.

Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday at the Little Current United Church, 5 Robinson Street at 8 pm. For more information please contact Lori at 705-507-6223.

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

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

Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

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

Are you a cancer patient undergoing or recovering from treatment? Are you a cancer survivor, a family caregiver or supporting someone with cancer? The Manitoulin Cancer Support Group (MCSG) may provide you with resources and opportunities to share experiences as well as give/receive support with others who have travelled this similar cancer journey. This group is open to anyone with any type of cancer, is free to join and will be rotated to different parts of the Island. This group will alternate meetings on weekdays and weekends. The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, December 17, Mindemoya Council Chambers from 2 to 4 pm. For more information please contact: Terry Mackenzi, 705-507-0433 or tandjmackenzie@hotmail.com; Bonnie Young, 705-377-4998; Ann Cranston, 705-282-7531 or bnannc@gmail.com.

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Prov Bay Fowl Supper feeds over 350 hungry patrons

PROVIDENCE BAY—It is one of the many great Manitoulin Island traditions, one that always draws a huge crowd and an event that benefits the work of the Providence Bay Community Centre Board (PBCCB) in the community.

The annual PBCCB Fowl supper took place November 18. A huge crowd of 353 hungry patrons enjoyed the delicious turkey dinner meal with all the fixings.

PBCCB members MJ Gordon and Alex Baran took the lead on the event and were hugely assisted by all the volunteers who helped put on the meal, sponsors and donors. The two lead organizers started this past September, calling volunteers, ordering food and getting sponsors. The night before the supper a group of people showed up to peel potatoes and turnips. The day of the supper starts early with the turkey chef and the masher, the one who cooks the boatload of potatoes and turnips.

The event is like a well-oiled machine with seasoned volunteers coming in to serve food, work the assembly line for take out; there is a gravy expert, pie cutter, and cleaning crew. It is a marvel to watch and an honour to be a part of. And thank you to everyone that came and supported the supper!



A fantastic supper! A huge crowd of 353 hungry patrons enjoyed the delicious fowl supper hosted by the Providence Bay Community Centre Board (PBCCB) with support from many volunteers who help put on the meal, on November 18. The annual event benefits the work of the community centre board in the community.

With great sadness, the Little Current Medical Associates (LCMA) and the Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team (NEMFHT) announce the passing of Dr. Victor Fagbuyi.

Dr. Fagbuyi was committed to rural service, to the Manitoulin community, and to providing exceptional care to his patients. His long journey from Nigeria to Canada was marked by dedication and perseverance, and he proudly served as part of the first cohort of the Practice Ready Ontario program, which supports internationally trained family physicians.

The LCMA and NEMFHT are currently developing a plan to ensure the continued care of Dr. Fagbuyi's patients in Little Current, Wiikwemkoong and at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor. All of Dr. Fagbuyi's patients will receive further information in the coming weeks and we kindly ask that his patients refrain from calling the clinic at this time.



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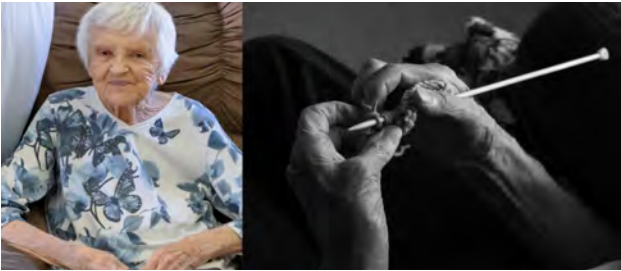
WILLIAM KEITH “BILL” HANER
December 19, 1940 - November 23, 2025



Bill passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family at the Algoma Manor. Best friend and loving husband of Marion (nee Tripp) for 61 years. Protective and loved father of Allen (Debbie) and Cathy Marshall (Charles). Grandfather of Amanda and Shayne, Brittany and Cody. Great-grandfather of Ryland and Harper, Jordyn, Finnegan and Zayden. Bill will be lovingly remembered by his siblings Gertrude, Frank, Charlie, Nancy and Susan, as well as many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Lloyd and Mae (nee Gibson) and siblings Mary and Marilyn. Bill was born on Manitoulin Island and was a proud Haweater. Bill was a well respected and devoted police officer with the Ontario Provincial Police for 30 years. He began policing in 1963, retiring in 1993 serving the majority of his career at the Thessalon O.P.P. Detachment. Upon retirement Bill ran a small bicycle repair shop from his home and everyone in town relied on him to keep the wheels turning. Bill played baseball and hockey well into his golden years. You always knew he was on the field or at the rink with his boisterous whoops and hollers in the air. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, being at deer camp with the boys and travelling with Marion, the kids and family friends. He was a skilled woodworker and made personalized crib boards for many. The family wishes to thank the staff on Pine at Algoma Manor, especially Chad and Lori Jean. In memory of Bill, donations can be made to Alzheimer Society www.alzheimer.ca or the Algoma Manor. Family and friends are invited to visit and celebrate Bill's life at Beggs Funeral Home in Thessalon on Friday, November 28, 2025 between 2 and 4 pm. Please join the family to share stories of Bill. Light lunch and refreshments will be served throughout the Celebration of Life. Arrangements entrusted to Beggs Funeral Home.

Death Notices

ETHEL RAE KILGOUR
(nee Young)
September 16, 1927 - November 8, 2025



In loving memory of Ethel Rae Kilgour (nee Young), who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor on Saturday, November 8, 2025 at the age of 98. Predeceased by her husband Emerson Lincoln Kilgour. Loved mother of Douglas (Bonny) Kilgour, Susan (Wilfred) Holmes, Donald (Mylene) Kilgour, Ronald (Christine) Kilgour, BettyLou (Tom) Quackenbush and Daniel Kilgour. Predeceased by her loving son and daughter-in-law David and Beverly Kilgour. She will be missed by her grandchildren Allison (Dave), Heather, Tara, Tim (Kealey), Amy (Albert), Catherine, Jean-Luc (Maria), Bailey, Ashley, Crystal (Taisei), Micheal and Jason. Special great-grandmother of Jazzlin (Kyle), Rae Ann, Adler, Grey, Serivas, Nimai, Priya, Halston, Piper, Marlin, Benjamin, Julius, Jessie, Harmony, Oaklyn, Carter, Samuel and Jake. Predeceased by her parents Tom and Edith Kilgour (nee Young). Loving sister of Helen Galligher and Lenora Perkovich. She will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life and burial of ashes will take place at a later date. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca.

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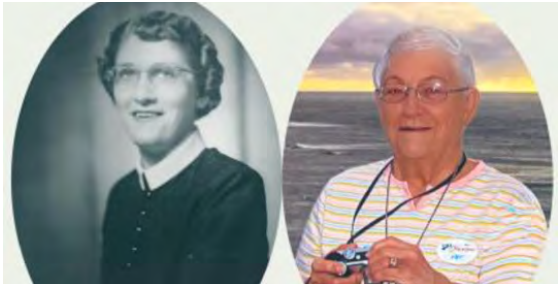
August 29, 1961 - November 15, 2025



Arnold began his journey to the Spirit World at a young age of 64, surrounded by the love of his wife and daughters. He was a loving husband and father of three beautiful girls; grandfather to eight. His grandchildren were the love of his life. He loved to watch Mikayla, Brayden Bear and Kaelem (aka Kevin) play hockey, take Jase for tractor and ‘side-

side’ rides and play indoors and outdoors with Aurora (aka Rory), Hunter the Grunter and Aubrey. Arnold loved to visit with family and friends. He loved to cook and was famous for his lasagna, chicken wings and potato skins. He loved to hunt deer, play in his tree stand (or fall out of it), go moose hunting with his entire family, fish, watch baseball and hockey, coach the Island Tribe and Wiky boys, play golf, play with his tractor, go ice fishing, cheat at canasta and dance. Arnold had many skills. He was an educator for over 20 years before going into carpentry, where he truly found his passion. Arnold took his late mother to church every Sunday and continued to hold his Catholic faith close to his heart. Arnold will be deeply missed by his wife Lorraine (of 36 years) and daughters Rhonda (Mike), Robin (Kyle) and Amber (Travis). Predeceased by his father Norman Debassige; mother Elizabeth Debassige (nee Osawamick); brothers Boniface (Freda) Donald (Winnie) Norman Jr. and Conrad; and grandson Beau. Survived by siblings Adam (Lorraine), Dorothy (Edward), Calvin and Wayne (Heather). Arnold was an uncle to many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was a special uncle/father to Donald (Wanda), Dwayne (Katie), Craig (Lori Ann) and Peggy (Stuart). Arnold will forever be remembered for his laughter and jokes that he shared in many circles, whether it be in the arena dressing room, on the golf course, at hunt camp or the fish shack. Visitation was at M’Chigeeng Community Complex on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 starting at 12 noon. Funeral Service was held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 11 am. Burial was at M’Chigeeng Cemetery followed by a meal at M’Chigeeng Complex. A Sacred Fire was lit at the complex where friends and family were welcomed to come and offer their prayers and extend their farewell messages. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home, Ltd., Espanola.

PATRICIA DUTTON
August 22, 1934 - November 16, 2025



Patricia Dutton passed away at the Espanola Hospital on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at the age of 91 years. Dearly loved by her husband of 69 years, Robert (Bob) Dutton; son Rob Dutton (wife Cindy) of Quispamsis, New Brunswick; and daughter Karen Dutton-Marion (husband Don Marion) of Calgary, Alberta. Very dear sister to Midge Denault (husband Gary) and Jim Spry (wife Pat). Granny will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Kienan Marion (partner Jesse Divil) of Calgary, Riley Marion of Calgary and Rowan Dutton (partner Jaclyn) of Quispamsis, as well as many nieces and nephews. Patricia was predeceased by her loving parents Lloyd (1997) and Alice (2016) Spry. Patricia was the Secretary of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury, Ontario for many years before retiring in 1992. She will be remembered for her kindness, the joy and laughter she brought to all who knew her, her faith, and of course, her famous fudge. Granny also gave us many beautiful knitting and sewing creations that included a christening gown she sewed from her wedding dress for all her grandchildren. We will always cherish the wonderful memories of summers spent together at our camp in Willisville. A Celebration of her Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home, Ltd., Espanola.

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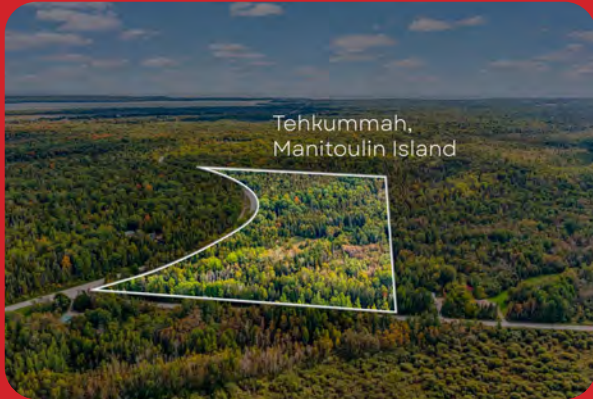
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“in a heartbeat” to shield the policy from Charter challenges. The clause—Section 33 of the Charter—allows governments to override certain rights for up to five years before re-enacting the override again.

Premier Ford appears ready to test that power. “We’re probably going to get shot down from the courts again,” he said. “But I’ll use every single tool to make sure we protect the victims over the sex offenders.”

Meanwhile, the government has not said what specific information it might release,

nor how it will navigate the civil liberties, safety risks, and basic questions of proportionality that accompany any expansion of a registry touching 14,000 Ontarians.

Consultations with law enforcement and legal experts are expected, with a public-facing component of the registry possibly emerging next spring.

For now, Ontario stands at one of those uneasy crossroads: a province balancing its grief-driven resolve against the Supreme Court’s warning that justice cannot be crafted

for monsters alone—because the law also falls on teenagers navigating love and friendship through the static and glow of a screen.

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Law & Order

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Further updates will be provided as information becomes available.

Wikwemikong Police reports two ATV-related incidents leading to multiple charges

On the evening of November 19, members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service (WTPS) conducted two separate all-terrain vehicle (ATV) related investigations resulting in multiple criminal charges.

At 7:51 pm, WTPS officers conducted a traffic stop on an ATV operated by an adult female with a young passenger. During the investigation, officers determined the driver was prohibited from operating a motor vehicle due to a prior criminal code conviction. The driver was arrested, and a subsequent search led to the seizure of fentanyl and cocaine,

individually packaged for trafficking, along with Canadian currency.

A 31-year-old female for Wikwemikong has been charged with: drive disqualified, possession for the purpose of trafficking (fentanyl and cocaine), possession of property obtained by crime.

She also received multiple provincial offence notices under the highway traffic act, compulsory motor vehicle act, and off-road vehicle act. The ATV was impounded for 45 days. The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in court in January.

Later that evening, at approximately 10:27 pm, officers attempted a traffic stop on another ATV in the Rabbit Island Road area. The driver failed to stop and fled into a wooded area. With assistance from Wikwemikong Security, officers monitored the ATV until it came to rest at

a residence. As officers approached, the male driver fled on foot.

With coordinated support for Wikwemikong Security, the OPP Emergency Response Team and OPP Crime Unit, the male was located in a bush area and taken into custody with minor injuries. He was transported to hospital, assessed and released.

A 27-year-old male from Wikwemikong has been charged with: flight from police, dangerous operation, mischief over \$5,000, resist arrest.

He was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in court in January.

“Community safety is our top priority, and we have zero tolerance for criminal activity that endangers lives,” said Ron Gignac, chief of police for WTPS. “The recent incidents highlight the serious risks associated with reckless ATV operation. These actions endanger not only the drivers but also passengers and the community. We urge everyone to prioritize safety and follow the laws to prevent tragedies and keep our roads and trails safe.”

The WTPS reminds the public that information can be reported anonymously through Crime Stoppers or submitted online through the WTPS online reporting system at wtps.ca.





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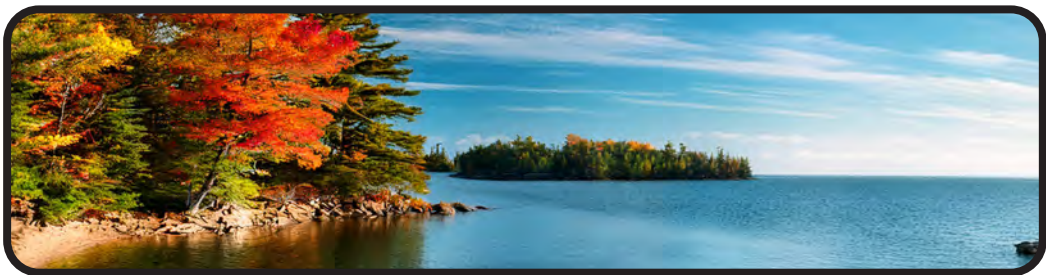
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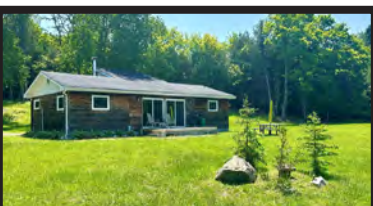
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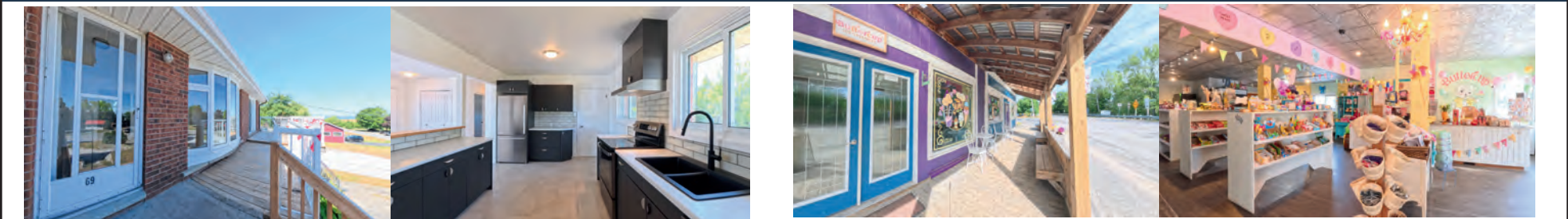


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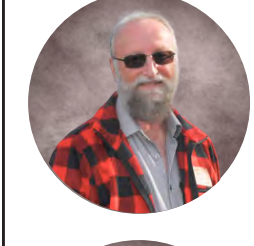
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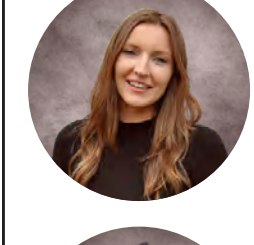
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Little Current, Ontario

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Wiikwemkoong resident re-elected as director of Hockey Canada board

CALGARY—Hockey Canada's 13 members have re-elected Marian Jacko and Kristi Miller to the Hockey Canada Board of Directors and elected John Kastner, with all three set to serve three-year terms, effective immediately.

"Hockey Canada and our members have ambitious goals to advance a healthier hockey for all Canadians, and we congratulate Marian, John and Kristi on the results of today's election," said Jonathan Goldbloom, chair of the Hockey Canada board of directors. "These volunteer roles are critical to the growth of hockey in our country, and we look forward to working with them to continue our efforts to transform the culture of hockey."

First elected to the transition board of directors in December 2022, Ms. Jacko (who The Expositor was unable to reach for comment prior to this weeks press deadline) was instrumental in establishing Hockey Canada's inaugural Indigenous Advisory Circle and serves as a board representative for the organization's women's and girls' hockey steering committee.

Ms. Jacko, from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, is the assistant deputy attorney general



Marian Jacko of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory has been re-elected to the Hockey Canada board of directors.

for the Indigenous Justice Division of the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General. Prior to this role, she was appointed by order-in-council as The Children's Lawyer for Ontario. "Marian has made significant contributions to the legal profession including being the first Indigenous person appointed as The Children's Lawyer for Ontario, where she spent nearly 20 years representing and advocating for the personal and property rights of children and youth," a Hockey Canada release notes. "Ms. Jacko has spent her entire 24-year legal career tirelessly working on behalf of children and Indigenous peoples."

She raised her eldest child as a single parent while earning three uni-

versity degrees, including a master's degree in social work and a law degree from the University of Toronto. While working full-time as a lawyer and raising three children, Ms. Jacko obtained her Master of Law degree from York University in 2005.

Ms. Jacko strongly believes in community service, serving on many non-profit organizations' boards and advisory committees over the years. Currently, she is the president of the Little Native Hockey League (Little NHL), and president of Anishnawbe Health of Toronto. She also joins a volunteer board of mentors with the Future of Hockey Lab whose work is committed to values-based social innovation and culture change while growing the game of ice hockey.

Ms. Jacko has over a decade of coaching experiencing having coached at the Little NHL over many years, at the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships and the Ontario Summer Games. She is currently the head coach of the U18A team in North York. "Marian is passionate about the sport of ice hockey and believes it has the potential to change the narrative for Indigenous children and youth to one of resilience," Hockey Canada adds.

Gore Bay's Frosty Cup aids community

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—While it is also a fun tournament for participants, the annual Frosty Cup Benefit Hockey Tournament has helped many individuals/families across Manitoulin Island since its inception.

"At the end of the Frosty Cup tournament last year, we were able to help four individuals/families, distributing \$20,000 raised through the tournament," said Scott McDougall, one of the organizers of the annual event. "We had enough funds that we were also able to support an individual on the east end of the Island in mid-year. That marked the first time we have been able to assist someone in mid-year."

"The support we provide every year to individuals/families is broader than just assisting people in the Gore Bay area," said Mr. McDougall. "Since the incep-



tion of the tournament, which started in 2014, (not taking place two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic), we have raised and distributed almost \$110,000."

"The last two years we have had extremely good response on the sponsor side for the tournament," said Mr. McDougall.

The Frosty Cup Benefit tournament will take place December 19-21. Mr. McDougall noted the Gore Bay Rotary Club will be staffing the bar in the arena during the weekend, and volunteers are encouraged to help out. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 514 will be holding a benefit dance or karaoke night, upstairs in the Legion on December 20.

"We are already full with teams for the tournament, with eight in the men's sportsman division, and four teams in both the 40 plus and ladies' divisions.

Manitoulin Sporting Life

Ice Chips to Canoe Quips

by Larry and André Leblanc



Local rink represents at Canadian Club Curling Championships

Skip **Jordan Chandler**, Vice **Kyle Chandler**, Second **Ronald McQuarrie** and Lead **James Bickel** strongly represented their Little Current Rink with a with a three and three record in the round robin portion. In the double knock-out playoffs the foursome did not advance to the finals but definitely put Manitoulin on the map and the rink gained more experience on the biggest stage. Congratulations, guys!

U-18 curling up and comers!

Having local people reach such heights in competitive sports always helps others see that a path is possible, even from Manitoulin! As mentioned last week an Island U-18 rink have proven they are on the right path if they ever choose to go there!

Here is further information on the Wahl Rink, **Eric Wahl**, **Spencer Johnston**, **Devon MacKelvie** and **Parker Johnston** and their win at the Tri-Town Toyota Youth Bonspiel. There were actually nine teams competing and Manitoulin's entry was the only team that went undefeated. They had four close games against skilled U18 teams from New Liskeard, Timmins and Rouyn-Noranda. What a great start to the season!

Next up for that team is the Ontario Winter Games Qualifiers in New Liskeard on Dec 12-14. In addition, the Wahl Rink's club in Providence Bay has 10 junior curlers headed to Sturgeon Falls this coming weekend for a U15 Rockfest Qualifier and Youth Development Day.

Ko Show in the "O"!

Kohyn Eshkawkogan and the Ottawa 67s are rolling with a 17-6-1-1 record. They've had a heavy road schedule and have already hit mid-season having played 17 of their 34 road games already.

Over the weekend, after handling the Kitchener Rangers 5-3 in a fast-paced game, they faced the Owen Sound Attack to round out another road trip. After being outshot 27-13 and being down 2-1 after two periods, the Ottawa 67s made a third period push but couldn't solve Owen Sound's **Carter George** in time to send it to OT.

Although their 10-point game streak ended, they are 3rd in the Conference and in the league. They are playing disciplined hockey and are the second least penalized team in the league. Kohyn has two goals and 20 points on the year, good enough to have him 7th in the league amongst the defence and to lead the 67s back end as the top point producer.

As tickets are already becoming limited, supporters are encouraged to get their tickets early for the Sunday, January 11th, 2:00 game when Kohyn and the 67s are in Sudbury to face the Wolves for the last stop on their only Northern Road trip of the season.

Panther Points

The Manitoulin Lady Panthers faced the Soo Jr. Greyhounds U18A in a double

header on Sunday in Blind River. The girls battled in two very physical games and came out with two more wins under their belts.

While the girls were away, the U15 boys hosted a double header at home against the East Nipissing Vipers. They took both games with scores of 4-1 and 5-3.

The U11 Panthers travelled to Sudbury to meet the AA Lady Wolves for the first time in their season. The U11 squad finished off their weekend with a 6-4 win.

Winter Track

With the official Indoor track season starting soon, **Saraya Eshkawkogan's** days training at LCPS and MSS are paying off. At the York Lions, Red & White meet last Thursday and Friday, Saraya performed very well in Triple Jump and Long Jump in the pre-season, warmup event.

She is on an excellent trajectory to do very well in her second USports season. In addition to her horizontal jumping events, she is excited to be making her USports High Jump debut in a few weeks! Good luck and keep up the hard work, Saraya!

NOHA Notice!

The NOHA will be hosting one more Development 1 Clinic for the season, on Thursday November 27. If you require this certification, please make sure you are registered, the link is available at the NOHA website.

Also, the NOHA is pleased to invite your association to their semi-annual meeting, which will be held in North Bay from January 30 to February 2, 2026. This is the first semi-annual meeting hosted by the NOHA and will be discussion and solution-focused, providing an opportunity for Associations to be actively involved in shaping the NOHA strategic focus moving forward.

Each association is invited to send up to four representatives from your Board of Directors or other delegates you deem appropriate for this important gathering. The NOHA will cover accommodations for up to 4 attendees per Association, based on double occupancy, for the nights of January 30 and February 1.

Winter tourney planning?

How about the Wikwemikong's Hockey Tournament over Valentine's Day weekend? There are eight men's teams needed. There is an entry fee of \$2K but the prize money is \$15,000 for the champions and \$4,000 for the runners-up. Just make sure to pay a \$500 deposit or full entry to guarantee your spot.

For the ladies' side, they are looking for six squads each with a \$6,000 entry for a \$4,000 Champion and \$2K runners-up payout.

In the 40-plus men's set they need four teams to battle for the \$2K and \$1K payoff for your \$750 entry.

For more info or to register a team comment on event page or send **Gerard Baibomcowai** a message on FB.

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Plenty of vendors make for a great Christmas market

The annual Gore Bay Christmas market, held this past Saturday was a huge success! A total of 27 vendors were on hand, including volunteers from St. Joseph's Lodge, (shown in photo) selling homemade baking and delicious treats. The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #514 hosted a chili lunch. The many shoppers on hand had the opportunity to buy handmade products, knitting, crafts, photography and much more!

photo by Tom Sasvari

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- Collecting and reporting of program statistics

Qualifications


- University Degree in BSc in Nutrition and an accredited internship or practicum
- Current membership with the College of Dietitians of Ontario
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Satisfactory criminal reference check
- Experience with Electronic Medical Records is an asset
- Driver's Licence in Good Standing, reliable vehicle and willing to travel
- Full COVID Vaccination Status required

Please submit resume to:


Manitoulin Central Family Health Team
P.O. Box 10
Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0
Attn: Lori Oswald
Fax: 1-855-908-2517
Email: manitoulincentralfht@mcfht.ca

Please reply in writing no later than 4:00 pm, November 28, 2025

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted



NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES – MULTIPLE POSTINGS
Gwekwaadziwin Miikan – Seven Grandfathers Program



Gwekwaadziwin Miikan is seeking motivated professionals and natural helpers to join our growing team!

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Program Description	
Gwekwaadziwin Miikan provides a person-centred model of mental health and addiction treatment for individuals 19+. It supports a community of healthy people working towards wellness, education and economic prosperity for First Nations individuals and communities. Gwekwaadziwin Miikan offers four phases of support, including Withdrawal Management, Land-Based Treatment, Live-in Aftercare and Community Aftercare.	

Position Descriptions	
<p>Administrative Assistant (Parental Leave Contract)</p> <p>Application deadline: November 28, 2025 at 4:00 pm</p>	The Administrative Assistant is responsible for providing administrative support for admissions, management and general program operations. The successful candidate will have the ability to multi-task and prioritize time-sensitive matters in a confidential setting.
<p>Land-Based Counsellor</p> <p>Application deadline: November 28, 2025 at 4:00 pm</p>	The Land-Based Counsellor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with a treatment counsellor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and operate on a three-week rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a wholistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinaabe culture and land-based learning.
<p>Withdrawal Management Support Worker (Casual)</p> <p>Application deadline: Open until filled</p>	A part-time casual position responsible for the implementation of acute withdrawal support, distribution of harm reduction supplies, safe/flex beds, as part of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan continuum of services. Must be available to work weekends.
<p>Aftercare Support Workers (Casual)</p> <p>Application deadline: Open until filled</p>	A part-time casual position responsible for assisting in the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group and assisting with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin Miikan programming. There is opportunity to provide casual relief in all areas of programming.

Please visit gwek.bamboohr.com/careers for more information

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- Answer and direct phone calls and emails to appropriate staff members
- Verify and update patient demographic information
- Manage medical records and ensure patient privacy and confidentiality
- Assist in various administrative tasks as assigned by management

Requirements:

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Detail-oriented and organized
- Ability to prioritize tasks in a fast-paced environment
- Excellent communication and customer service skills

Assets:

- Knowledge of medical terminology in Ontario
- Proficient in computer skills and electronic medical records systems
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If you are a motivated and reliable individual who enjoys working in a dynamic team environment, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity. Please submit your resume and a cover letter detailing your qualifications and experience. We offer a competitive compensation and benefits package.

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Assiginack sponsors Christmas Hampers

MANITOWANING—For the first time in several years Assiginack Township council has agreed to again support the Manitoulin Family Resources (MFR) Emergency Food Assistance Program-2025 Christmas basket campaign.

“2021 was the last time the township contributed to the Christmas basket campaign,” said Councillor Rob Maguire at a council meeting last week. “I think we can definitely find space in our budget to provide some support this year.”

“The food bank and thrift store has been providing emergency and seasonal food supports to the residents of Manitoulin district for over 36 years,” wrote Colleen Hill executive director. “Last year, thanks to the generosity of community members, businesses and organizations, our expectations were surpassed. Close to \$100,000 was raised and was put toward the cost of generating 600 baskets and gifts for families and individuals.”

Ms. Hill explained each basket is tailored to the size of the family.

Ms. Hill wrote, “we hope to raise a minimum of \$100,000 during this years Christmas campaign to meet increasing demands, as well as the increased cost of food and transportation. All surplus funds from the campaign will be used to meet the food security needs in our community throughout the year.”

“It affects people in our municipality as well as other communities on the Island,” said Councillor Maguire.

“I am in agreement we should support this program,” stated councillor Hooper. She suggested as well MFR should be allowed to put a bin at the municipal office for food contributions toward the program.

“How much money would we want to provide?” asked Councillor Dwayne Elliott, with \$500 being suggested and approved by council.

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

BUILDING OFFICIAL ASSISTANT/ MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ASSISTANT

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is seeking applicants for the position of Assistant for the Building and Municipal Law Enforcement Department

Salary Range: \$50,000 - \$65,000

Further information including a job description is available on our website at www.centralmanitoulin.ca.

Resumes will be received at the office below until a suitable candidate has been found.

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AUNDECK OMNI KANING FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

EDUCATION COUNSELLOR

POSITION SUMMARY:
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation (AOKFN) is now accepting applications for a full-time Education Counsellor. Reporting to AOKFN Band Manager, the Education Counsellor will be responsible for delivering the AOKFN Post-Secondary Program including activities that will enhance educational opportunities for students. The Education Counsellor will collaborate in organizational planning to facilitate access to a full array of education and career opportunities for AOKFN community members and will guide students in developing action plans to attain career and educational goals. The Education Counsellor will also support elementary and secondary students in their educational pathways and will work closely with other educational organizations to promote student success and well-being for all students.

SUMMARY OF DUTIES:

- Serve students and broader community members by responding to phone, email and in-person inquiries, providing general information and referring inquiries to appropriate sources, addressing complaints, and confirming training, workshop, conference and class schedules and times;
- Prepare all post-secondary and secondary student allowance payments for deposit for approval on a monthly basis and as required;
- Prepare, gather and relay confidential information and material (as per policy) as required and maintain confidentiality, tact and respect in all interactions;
- Prepare all invoices received for payment pertaining to elementary/secondary and post secondary education as per approved financial policy and procedures;
- Maintain comprehensive records on budget expenditures for the AOKFN Post- Secondary Sponsorship Program;
- Maintain a comprehensive database and filing system for the Post- Secondary Sponsorship Program in accordance with identified records management systems;
- Complete program reports in a timely fashion as required;
- Organize and schedule meetings, events and training sessions, including contacting participants, booking rooms, ordering and picking up refreshments;
- Maintain the image of AOKFN by ensuring that all correspondence prepared is of professional standard;
- Liaise with other First Nations, program agencies and related organizations/institutions to network effectively for the benefit of AOKFN, Chief and Council and the AOKFN community;
- Attend appropriate workshops, seminars and training sessions as required and assigned to remain current and up-to-date on topics of concern to the position;
- Counsel students regarding educational issues such as course selection, timetables and scheduling, school adjustments, attendance issues and study skills;
- Counsel students regarding career or vocational issues including career exploration and planning, resume preparation, job search strategies and interview skills as well as to make available a wide range of educational and occupational information;
- Counsel students and/or facilitate referrals to support services with regard to personal and social issues such as substance abuse, anxiety, self-esteem, relationship and interpersonal skills;
- Counsel students in crisis situations such as dealing with the death of a friend or family member, or abuse situations;
- Consult with teachers, parents, faculty and other professionals such as psychologists and social workers regarding various issues and concerns as well as administrators and community agencies regarding programs and referrals;
- Coordinate co-op and school-to-work transition programs, and the provision of counselling and information services to students, parents, teachers, faculty and staff such as career information services, professional development sessions and interactions with other educational institutions;
- Supervise peer counselling programs in school settings;
- Develop and coordinate study skills groups or workshops on topics such as note taking, time management skills, test or examination preparation strategies;
- Coordinate or participate in student orientation programs for colleges or universities;
- Arrange for employers to recruit graduating students and students for co-op work terms;
- Visit post-secondary institutions and secondary schools to provide academic information to prospective students, their parents and education counsellors;
- Other duties/tasks/responsibilities as required and as assigned.

SKILLS/QUALIFICATIONS and EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

- College Diploma or Bachelors Degree in a related field (i.e. Social Sciences, Counselling, Education);
- Must have a proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written;
- Proficient computer skills;
- Excellent conflict resolution skills;
- Must possess a current and valid Driver's Licence and dependable vehicle;
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe customs and traditions and a good understanding of First Nation educational issues;
- Must provide a clear CPIC (Vulnerable Sector) prior to commencing position.

APPLICATION TO INCLUDE:
Cover letter with contact information, resume listing education and work experience and at least three (3) work-related letters of reference with contact information.

Please forward applications marked “CONFIDENTIAL” to:
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation
c/o Chief Patsy Corbiere
13 Hill Street, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Deadline for applications is Thursday, December 4, 2025 @ 12:00 NOON.



Getting chippy with it!

Hydro One crews were busy trimming trees in the Town of Little Current over the past week. The crew's chipper had a malfunction resulting in a few branches being left on the side of the road, but have since been cleaned up.

photo by Michael Erskine

Wikwemikong Property Management Co. Ltd O/A Rainbow Ridge Golf Course
Employment Opportunity
Golf Course Manager

The Wikwemikong Property Management Co. (WPMC Ltd.) o/a Rainbow Ridge Golf Course is seeking a highly motivated and well-organized individual to fill the position of Golf Course Manager. The Golf Course Manager reports directly to Enaadmaagehjik Management and Board and will be responsible for all Golf Course operations, including but not limited, to Restaurant, Pro Shop, Golf Course maintenance and administration.

General Duties:

1. Develop, maintain and administer a sound business and organizational plan for the property which includes an operating/capital budget and marketing plan.
2. Hire, develop and supervise all key employees of the property and ensure that all employees have the necessary certifications.
3. Consistently assures that the property is operated in accordance with all applicable local municipal, provincial and federal laws.
4. Oversee the care and maintenance of the property's physical assets and facilities.
5. Development and implementation of the Rainbow Ridge Golf Course marketing strategy and annual business plan.
6. Work with management team to ensure the highest standards for food, beverage, sports, recreation activities and other property services.
7. Analyze financial statements (income and expenses) relative to budgeted goals and takes corrective measures as necessary.
8. Prepare and present financial and operational reports to the Enaadmaagehjik Board and Shareholders on a Quarterly and Annual basis.
9. Responsible for hiring, scheduling, supervising and directing the work of all Golf Course employees.
10. Participate in outside activities to enhance the presence and brand of the Golf Course in the local community.
11. Other applicable duties/responsibilities as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Must have 3-5 years related management experience in the hospitality industry and/or golf operations/club management with a proven track record of leading a professional, efficient, high quality, service-oriented operation.
- Post-secondary education in business, commerce, hospitality/tourism management or hotel and resort management is preferred.
- Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Must be highly organized, efficient and detail-oriented.
- Must have excellent interpersonal/relationship skills.
- Must be proficient in the use of accounting/database software and point of sale systems.
- Must have extensive human resource background in supervisory, coaching and staff development experience.
- Must have a strong business aptitude and passion for the golf industry.

Salary Range:

\$75,000 base salary plus performance incentives and benefit package

Please submit cover letter, resume, three (3) current work-related references to:

Wikwemikong Property Management Company Ltd.
PO Box 96
Wiikwemkoong, Ontario
POP 2J0

For more information and/or job description, contact John Dube, Business Services Manager at jdube@wikydevcom.ca

Deadline: December 12th, 2025 at 4:00 PM

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Wikwemikong Property Management Co. Ltd
o/a Rainbow Ridge Golf Course
is an equal opportunity employer.



Join The Manitoulin Expositor Team!
Position:
Circulation Manager

Applicants should:

- Have knowledge of Adobe Suite and Wordpress
- Be familiar with Apple and PC operating systems
- Be familiar with Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word)
- Can operate quickly and efficiently under deadlines
- Be able to multi-task
- Be able to help manage a large work flow
- Works well in a team environment
- Be able to help manage Manitoulin's busiest website and subscriptions
- Have a good command of the English language (grammar, spelling, punctuation)
- Have problem-solving skills
- Have excellent customer service skills

You will be required to be in office, Monday to Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

To send a resumé and application, or for more information, please email: expositor@manitoulin.com

We can't wait to hear from you!

We thank all those who apply. However, only those considered for this position will be contacted.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
LEGAL COUNSEL FOR
GENERAL ELECTION IN MAY 2026

Sealed tenders marked as to the contents will be received by the undersigned up until **November 28, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.** for the provision of Legal Counsel Services as per the Election Code 2019 for M'Chigeeng First Nation General Election.

PURPOSE: Guide, administer the M'Chigeeng First Nation Election Code 2019 and its regulations by offering advice, training, guidance and support.

REQUIREMENT: M'Chigeeng First Nation is currently seeking a legal firm to support the Election Appeals Committee in the upcoming Elections. The Election Appeals Committee oversees the conduct of the elections.

A legal firm with First Nation Governance and First Nation Law (Code) Expertise. As Legal Counsel, your responsibilities will include:

Adherence to the Custom Election Code and guide the Election Appeals Committee and Electoral Officer to conduct the General Election including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Adherence to the Election Code 2019: Strictly adhere to the Election timeline as per Band Council Resolution, MFN Custom Election Code and Regulations.
2. Advise, provide training and review of the Code with the Elections Appeals Committee and Electoral Officer.

Specific Qualifications:

- Qualified to practice under licence by the Law Society of Upper Canada.
- Demonstrated experience dealing with Aboriginal and/or treaty matters in the Canadian Court System.
- Demonstrated knowledge of and expertise in resolving Aboriginal and First Nation issues and/or development of First Nations Codes.
- Expertise in Aboriginal Law, Governance and the Indian Act.
- Perseverance, effective case management and strong interpersonal skills.
- Flexible, excellent communication and analytical abilities.

To request a copy of the **M'Chigeeng First Nation Custom Election Code 2019**, Timeline, and/or to ask questions, please contact Shannon Bebamash Enaagdenjged at (705) 377-5362 ext. 1202 or via email at enaagdenjged@mchigeeng.ca or Marlene Debassige, Office Administrator at 705-377-5362 ext. 1203 or via email at marlened@mchigeeng.ca.

Proposals will be accepted by the undersigned up until **November 28, 2025 at 3:00 pm**

Attn: Chief & Council
c/o Enaagdenjged
M'CHIGEENG FIRST NATION
53 HWY 551
M'CHIGEENG, ONTARIO
POP 1G0