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LOCALNEWS

DUI charge remains for high-beam flasher

COURT By TB Source staff

A Thunder Bay man charged last year for alcohol in his blood has been convicted after his lawyer unsuccessfully argued that an OPP officer had no reasonable grounds to pull him over.

The incident occurred on the night of Feb. 24, 2017 on the Thunder Bay Expressway.

Court was told that an OPP constable driving west was approached by an eastbound vehicle whose driver flashed his high beams at him.

The officer turned around, activated his cruiser lights, and pulled the car over.

After approaching the vehicle and talking to the driver, he detected an odour of alcohol, noted that the man had red eyes, and also observed that the car's sunroof was open. The man denied that he had been drinking

The man denied that he had been drinking

and said he had flashed his high beams to let the officer know the OPP vehicle's high beams were on as the vehicles approached each other.

The officer testified at the trial that he didn't believe he had his own high beams on, but the judge noted in her decision that "Maybe he did or maybe he didn't—it doesn't matter, because flashing his own high beams in response is not an exception" under the Highway Traffic Act.

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Museum, art gallery to get Ontario cash

POLITICS By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

The waterfront in downtown Thunder Bay may see even more expansions in the years to come, including the new location for the Thunder Bay Art Gallery and a transportation museum.

Last Wednesday, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne announced \$5 million in funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation's Strategic Economic Infrastructure Program for the new Thunder Bay Art Gallery on the waterfront.

An additional \$1 million was announced for the city of Thunder Bay for waterfront redevelopment at Prince Arthur's Landing to prepare the site for the new art gallery and expand the Sleeping Giant Parkway, as well as \$150,000 to the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society to help transform the Alexander Henry into an interactive transportation museum.

"We are building on the amazing success story that is Thunder Bay's waterfront," Wynne said. "I've seen the changes that have happened. It is quite remarkable."

"We live in a period of rapid change," Wynne continued. "In an uncertain time, it's very important that government have a plan to confront that uncertainty. Part of that plan is investing in communities. Thunder

Bay getting some support through the NOHFC to make sure your community can thrive, that is exactly what government is positioned to do."

When asked if the province can afford a \$5 million investment for an art gallery, Wynne responded by asking if the government can afford not to invest in communities.

"This is about history, it's about art, and it's about the culture of the city but it's also about the economy," she said. "The economy includes all of that."

Sharon Godwin, director of the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, said the funding was a big step

toward raising the money that is needed to bring the new art gallery to life on the waterfront.

"Right now we have the support of the city and the province and we have applied to the federal government and we hope to hear in the near future that we will have some support from them as well," she said.

Godwin added the entire project is estimated to cost approximately \$30 million. The city has already committed \$5 million and the gallery launched a fundraising campaign to raise an additional \$2.5 million. Godwin said she is hoping to see the gallery open by 2021.

"We are sure the confirmation of this funding will help move the project ahead, it will positively affect the federal requests we have out there, and I know it's going to help those people who want to give to our gallery and our community feel a real level of comfort doing that, that we are moving ahead," Godwin said.

Lakehead Transportation Museum Society president, Charlie Brown, said the group is very thankful for the funding, which he said will help convert the icebreaker, Alexander Henry, which was built at the Port Arthur Shipyard and entered service in 1959, into a museum ship.

"We have such a transportation history here," Brown said. "The Lakehead Transportation Museum Society is all about preserving that history, not only for this generation, but for generations to come."

Brown added the Alexander Henry is expected to be opened in May of this year and host tours and events, with some rooms in the ship being converted to mini-museums. Brown hopes the Alexander Henry at the Pool 6 site will become the centre piece of a transportation museum that could include the Brill Buses and the Whalen Tug.

"These projects are about building a waterfront that connects the past and the present," Wynne said.





LOCALNEWS **Premier meets public**

Town hall draws about 300 people to discuss issues

POLITICS By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Premier Kathleen Wynne got full marks for facing the public at a town hall meeting in Thunder Bay on Wednesday night.

But her answers left some in the audience wanting more.

"It was an interesting evening. There was good debate and I thought it was well-rounded questions all around. And the premier answered some of them," said George Saarinen, a trustee with Lakehead Public Schools who joined about 300 people at the Italian Cultural Centre, where Wynne fielded about 17 questions and then met one-on-one with several others in attendance.

"I thought she's listening to people. I hope there's follow-up in a lot of these cases. We in the Northwest are a different entity and we need funding in a lot of areas."

Charla Robinson, president of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, asked Wynne whether or not the province had solutions to the hardships being caused by Bill 148, which raised the minimum wage 22 per cent to \$14-an-hour.

"It's becoming a real challenge to make a business profitable in Ontario right now," Robinson said, adding cap-and-trade and high hydro rates are adding to the problem.

Prepared ahead of time

Wynne had a ready response to the anticipated question.

"Children are

dying."

LISA FIDDLER

"If you live in Ontario and work full-time, you should be able to look after yourself and your family," the premier said, pointing out the province has made reductions to the smallbusiness tax to help alleviate rising costs.

"The reality is that thousands of businesses are already paying a living wage."

Robinson said that's not good enough.

"I didn't hear a lot of support for business. We're concerned about what's being placed on business with all of the changes to Bill 148. We're talking significant costs," she said.

The 75-minute session featured a variety of questions, starting with a call for a province-wide insurance program.

Wynne said it's unlikely.



TOWN HALL TIME: Premier Kathleen Wynne takes questions last Wednesday.

She was also questioned on the need to maintain both public and Catholic school systems, who are running advertisements seeking to pull students from each other. Wynne said that's a bad idea, adding boards across the province should look to share resources where

possible. But, she said, she plans on maintaining the status quo.

"We're not going to move away from the systems that are rooted in the history of the province. We're not going there," Wynne said.

Atikokan Mayor Dennis Brown wanted assurances about the future of generating stations in both his community and Thunder Bav.

Wynne promised the power needed would be available, but did not promise where it would come from.

Teacher Lisa Fiddler wanted to know about youth mental-health services, particularly for those coming from Far North communities.

"Children are dying," she said.

Wynne acknowledged the shortfalls, saying society is playing catch-up to the needs of the North and promised more supports will be put in place.

Mishkeegogaming First Nation's Erin Bottle told Wynne that 84 First Nations people have died in the streets since she arrived in the city in 2011 and asked what the premier is prepared to do to reduce crippling poverty.

us up," Bottle said, asking for increases in social assistance.

"We're going to do everything we can to reform the social assistance program as it exists now," was Wynne's response.

Got tense

While the Q&A sessions was mostly peaceful, tensions boiled over toward then end, when audience member Keith Ritchie shouted out questions about the province's controversial Hydro One sale.

"Hydro One wasn't yours to sell," he said, Wynne responding that Ontario needed the proceeds from the partial sale to fund infrastructure projects long overlooked by previous governments.

The premier also fielded three questions about injured workers, agreeing to meet with an advocacy group, and two about skyrocketing property taxes in Schreiber.



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LOCALNEWS

Council sets tax-levy hike at 3.13%

By Matt Vis – TB Source

City council has locked in this year's budget with a gross tax levy increase of 3.13 per cent, despite a last minute attempt to use an additional nearly \$900,000 to further offset the increased spending.

The budget, which will require an additional \$5.75 million from the municipal tax base compared to the previous year, was ratified by council on Monday night.

With city administration determining an additional tax generating power of \$1.3 million through growth, the net levy increase to existing taxpayers is 2.42 per cent. That amount is equal to the city's eight-year average.

Coun. Frank Pullia, the city's budget chair, said a fair and equitable plan was achieved.

"We have a well balanced budget that has added services and still maintained that fiscal responsibility we committed to," Pullia said. "I think this is a good



COMPLETED: Coun. Frank Pullia speaks at city council's budget meeting last Wednesday.

budget. It provides enough flexibility for us to move forward in a positive way and provides a little more flexibility to our administration."

The starting point for the proposed

budget had a gross levy increase of 3.61 per cent, an amount that was most significantly trimmed down last week when council went against the recommendation of administration and redirected \$1.125 million of projected 2017 surplus dollars to offset the hit to taxpayers.

But Coun. Trevor Giertuga insisted that wasn't enough, advocating for \$2 million of the forecasted \$2.8 million positive variance to be put against the budget.

"If you went to a store and you purchased something and got home and realized you were overcharged and you went back to the store and said 'I was overcharged \$200' and the store said, 'well I'm going to keep that money in case you want to buy something new or in case you need it later down the road. Would we find that acceptable? I wouldn't," Giertuga said.

The impact of the \$1.125 million levy offset last week was calculated to be a saving of a little more than \$22 for the median household. Adding the nearly \$900.000 would have brought the net levy increase to 1.95 per cent.

That suggestion had little traction with his colleagues, many of whom had their own ideas of how to best use those dollars

Coun. Joe Virdiramo echoed a proposal he pitched last week for the surplus to help address the city's infrastructure deficit.

"We'll continue to get further and further behind in our infrastructure and eventually instead of being a two per cent or 2.42 per cent tax increase, it's going to be five, six, seven, eight per cent because we're falling behind just to make one year look better than the other," Virdiramo said.

Others said they would rather see that money remain in the stabilization reserve fund as recommended by administration, especially with the budget already lowering that account by a net of \$4.4 million.

"I think it's very wise to make sure our reserves are actually increased instead of dipping further into them," Coun. Paul Pugh said. "I think it's short sighted and it's less we have today but if we don't worry about tomorrow then someday somebody is going to hold us accountable for the decisions we made today.'



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LOCALNEWS

Package quandary over

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Mystery solved. Starting late last year, a regular barrage of packages, shipped through Amazon, began arriving at the Lakehead University Student Union offices.

The initial packages, which contained sex toys, were attentiongrabbers, and were addressed simply to the student union, but LUSU staff assumed they were being shipped by an embarrassed student who didn't want the x-rated items coming to their residence.

But no one came to pick them up and the packages continued to arrive, delivering not just sex toys but ear buds, iPad cases and even a record turntable.

Farhan Yousaf, LUSU's vice-president of finance and operations, said he had no idea what was going on as the number of boxes arriving began to mount.

"We were just kind of wondering if someone played a prank on us. We continuously received packages and after a while I got kind of worried that our credit cards were hacked, so we contacted the bank to make sure they were not hacked or anything," Yousaf said on Thursday afternoon.

"We kept receiving packages and at that point I said we have to contact the RCMP to figure out what was going on here."

Unbeknownst to Yousaf and his LUSU colleagues, similar deliveries were being made to universities across the country, including Ryerson and York.

Student union officials at those schools had no idea what was going on.



MYSTERIOUS: LUSU's Farhan Yousaf poses with a turntable delivered to his office.

The RCMP quickly figured things out.

"They were coming from China. The merchants there were sending it to student unions. I guess it's to create a false sense of sales. When you log on to Amazon, you'll see 20 people have bought these. This is what's happening."

LUSU president Leah Ching said as the packages continued to arrive – the latest one was delivered about two weeks ago – she didn't think too much of it. But as they started to pile up in a corner of the student union office, questions started to arise.

"If someone has the gall to send you a bunch of sex toys you're thinking, is this a joke or a prank? Or what's the deeper meaning behind this. So we definitely thought it was a good idea to get the police involved." The packages will be auctioned off.

An Amazon spokesperson says they are looking into the matter.

"We are investigating inquiries from consumers who have received unsolicited packages as this would violate our policies.

"We have confirmed the sellers involved did not receive names or shipping addresses from Amazon. We remove sellers in violation of our policies, withhold payments, and work with law enforcement to take appropriate action."



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EDITORIAL

Levy hike rings false

ast week city council did what they were asked not to do, dipping into excess revenue to help keep the tax levy lower than it should be.

Any surprise it's an election year? By repurposing \$1.125 million from a projected favourable variance, council managed to keep the levy hike to just 3.13 per cent, or a net of 2.42 per cent when growth is factored in.

Meanwhile much-needed infrastructure projects keep getting pushed further and further back.

This type of thinking is shortsighted at best.

City manager Norm Gale warned council of the consequences, telling them their decision could mean the 2019 levy increse could start at a whopping 5.12 per cent, after factoring in growth.

As the city treasurer told council last Wednesday, using reserve funds to reduce operating costs on an ongoing basis is not sustainable.

Cities can't borrow to cover deficits and thus must maintain healthy reserves. From 2012 to 2014 the city ran a combined \$11.7-million deficit.

Council has left the city vulnerable to future risks, including insurance settlements, weather events, litigation or WSIB costs related to presumptive claims.

This is vote-buying, plain and simple. Your taxes are going up, but not by as much as they should. But don't worry, your wallet will take the hit next year.

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Paying to fix study error

To the editor:

t's befuddling. Thunder Bay taxpayers contributed \$106,000 to a study that's turned out to be fatally deficient. Now, taxpayers are ponying up another \$25,000 to fix it.

The study was done by Stantec for Soccer Northwest.

It was supposed to be a feasibility study for a proposed \$25million indoor complex.Few people have seen the study, but bureaucrats at the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund have.

They say it needs a re-do. What they think is important. That's because the Heritage Fund is supposed to be a major source of funding. According to a memo from the general manager of community services:

"Current federal and provincial funding programs will evaluate applications on the project's capacity to demonstrate new positive long-term economic impacts to the city/district through tourism/jobs.

More research and analysis is required to meet NOHFC's requirements in respect of the tourism/economic impacts of this project."

At last week's city budget meeting Kelly Robertson, the general manager of community services told city councillors that the Stantec report's economic arguments were "weak" and that Soccer Northwest needed help developing a plan that will be more successful with the Heritage Fund bureaucrats.

There's a lot one could say about the gamesmanship involved in making up numbers to sell the project to senior levels of government. But the shame here is that the city has to pay extra to do it.

This expensive make-over is directly the result of city council's surrendering control over this project. The project was in the city's master plan for Chapples Park.

It was to be built in five to seven years. That was the plan. No longer.

Now, because of city council's pandering to a single interest group, the plan has spun out of control and we're paying the price.

> Shane Judge, Thunder Bay

Tough times

To the editor:

This year was tough? Please will you stop with the ever-increasing taxes. Most want other new facilities, but you are committing our citizens to future unsustainable taxes.

> Mike Walsh, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Talking is important



Dialogue between one another is critical to our long-term success in Northwestern Ontario. This past weekend I was pleased to spend time with local leaders and stakeholders during the Kenora District Municipal Association's (KDMA) annual general meeting (AGM) in Ear Falls. The meeting brought together mayors, councillors, local decision makers and planners from across the riding. In my view, this yearly event always provides one of the best platforms for frank discussions about our region's future.

Northwestern Ontario is a very unique place to live, and in many cases, we face challenges that most Canadians never really experience. I was encouraged by all of the talks that took place over the two days. They helped establish some key common priorities and provided a roadmap to building stronger communities throughout the riding.

Some priorities in Northwestern Ontario are apparent, including the need for more affordable housing throughout the region. During my presentation at KDMA, I was able to talk about Canada's first ever National Housing Strategy which is a 10-year, \$40-billion plan that will be implemented in collaboration with provincial and territorial governments. Simply put, I believe that every Canadian deserves a roof over their head and a place to call home. It's time we get the job done.

A key priority is making sure our riding has reliable, safe transportation by way of our roads and airports. Connecting the North through allweather roads would create tremendous economic opportunities for municipalities and First Nations. Without modern transportation infrastructure, our ability to grow our local economies becomes much more difficult in a competitive business environment. I intend to continue lobbying all levels of government on this important issue.

Affordable and reliable internet is also a part of the puzzle in connecting the North. We need to finally address the gap between rural and urban centers. Having modern technology infrastructure is a non-negotiable service that is needed in the 21st century. It not only allows communities to easily connect and do business with each other, but it also opens up new employment and business opportunities by way of our growing class of digital entrepreneurs, both young and old.

I was also pleased to join representatives from the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board, Northwestern Health Unit, and Ontario Provincial Police, in leading a discussion followed by a question and answer period on Bill C-45, our federal government's cannabis legislation. There were many excellent questions and the exercise proved extremely beneficial in helping municipalities prepare for when the legislation comes into effect.

Bill C-45, The Cannabis Act, will enforce a strict framework to control and regulate the production, distribution, sale, and possession of cannabis. Youth are accessing cannabis way too easily under the current system, and the Act puts into place regulations designed to make it more difficult for those under the legal age to buy cannabis. The aim is to take the illegal sale of cannabis out of the hands of criminals and strengthen the laws around alcohol and drug impaired driving to further protect Canadians.

As I said during my address to the delegation, a community is complex. It is where we build our homes, raise our families, and if we are lucky, it is where we retire. It is where we watch our children grow, befriend neighbours, and start businesses. A sense of community is just as important as the physical community itself.

Whether it be a Member of Parliament, municipal leader, community stakeholder, or simply anyone who wants the best for Northwestern Ontario, we must work together to bring more attention to the needs of rural Canadians. It was encouraging to see the level of commitment and passion that our local leaders bring to ensure that Northerners are represented and heard by every level of government.

Perspective

REST IN PEACE

Pass on the salt Keeping roads clear in winter is affecting our lakes

OPINION By J.R. Shermack **Special to TB Source**

Not long ago an Ontario court awarded a family farm over \$100,000 for crop damage from road salt.

The farm had endured losses to wheat, soya and hay crops for fifteen years and claimed that part of their land was "white with salt".

Lambton County, the defendant, objected to the ruling and claimed that there was "no viable alternative" to salt.

That claim remains questionable and municipalities across the province have been taking notes and getting nervous ever since.

The salt we have been dumping on our icy roads for decades is a serious environmental threat all across North America.

We all know what salt does to our vehicles, our streets and city infrastructure and we know it all ends up in the lake.

On the rise

A group of limnologists (people who study lakes) surveyed 371 lakes in eastern North America (including Ontario) for salt levels.

After reviewing 10 years of federal, state and provincial statistics it was clear that levels were rising and road salt was the culprit.

It doesn't matter where the salt is applied because it all ends up in our fresh water supply eventually and stays there forever.

Shown here in dry dock, was the largest

ship built at the

Lakehead when it was launched at the local

shipyard in 1914. At 625 feet long, the bulk carrier, owned by Canada Steamship

Lines, was also the

largest Canadian

ship in service. She

was later renamed

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Every year about 23 million tonnes of salt-based de-icer is spread on North American roads and accumulates in rivers and lakes

Up to five tonnes is applied in Canada depending on winter severity - Thunder Bay spreads its own fair share on city streets.

A local city web site states, "Salt is kept to a minimum." - I don't think that means what they think it means.

For six months of Thunder Bay winter all vehicles are coated with a shroud of fine, dirty white, salty residue from city streets.

That same dirty salt rubs off and stains anything that touches it including parkas, pants, pets and other paraphernalia.

How can you tell if somebody is from Thunder Bay? - They have white salt rings on their boots and crusty white residue on their jeans.

It is a dangerous and damaging situation to have salt shakers (the dump truck variety) seasoning the entire city.

Slippery roads notwithstanding, we aren't the only ones dealing with snow and

ice - what are other people doing? Since 2001 many cities adopted a voluntary code of best practices to cut down on salt and protect the environment.

Salt use is down in Toronto but after a heavy snowfall area streams are saltier than ocean water - you can actually taste the stuff.

The next time you visit T.O. some of that runoff could be in your glass of water.

In Montreal the streets turn blue after a snowstorm, caused by magnesium chloride mixed in with the salt on city streets.

Salt use is down which means less degradation and fewer expensive repairs to roads, sewers and other infrastructure.

According to one Canadian study, every dollar spent on road salt leads to five dollars' worth of damage to underground infrastructure.

Alternatives

Halifax is using a sugar beet extract on city streets in a pilot project designed to cut costs and

protect the environment. It is effective to -30 C. while salt peters out around -15

In Wisconsin they use "pickle juice" – leftover cheese brine from making mozzarella and provolone. In 2009 an Ankeny, Iowa factory gave the city 18,000 pounds of surplus garlic salt which was spread on 400 miles of area

road.

"Halifax is

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streets..."

The town smelled like Caesar salad for weeks - there was no mention of croutons, you know, for traction.

But seriously folks, we gotta get off the salt and the alternatives clearly come in many flavors and colors. It's time to re-season the salty streets of Thunder Bay.



WILL BE MISSED: Reg Metcalf was a long-time supporter of the local sports scene, a volunteer with baseball, high school football, hockey and the Thunder Bay Chill. He died at 71 on Jan. 31.

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Report into deaths of 11 students may be done by summer

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis – TB Source

A coroner's review of 11 children and youth in Ontario who have died while in the care of a children and family services agency is expected to be completed this summer.

Speaking to the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs-in-Assembly in Thunder Bay on Thursday, Ontario Chief Coroner Dr. Dirk Huyer provided an update on the review, which is being undertaken by a seven-member expert panel.

Huyer did not rule out the deaths being the subject of an inquest at a later date but said the review will produce findings more immediately. "We can get things going much more quickly when it's not an inquest setting," Huyer said.

"This review is much more timely. It's going, we've already started. We're in the process of seizing all the records and getting those records to understand those youths' deaths and the trajectory to their time."

Across the province 11 youth died while in the care of a children's aid society or Indigenous well-being

organization between Jan. 1, 2014 and July 31, 2017. Seven of the deaths were determined to be suicides, one was a homicide and the means of three are undetermined. Huyer said all of the youth had a

history of mental health challenges



BIG TASK AHEAD: Ontario Chief Coroner Dirk Huyer is looking at child care.

and in many cases were in group homes or foster homes to receive treatment or services that were not available in their home communities. Of the 11, seven of those youth

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were from Indigenous communities with six of them in Nishnawbe Aski Nation territory.

Four of the deaths of Nishnawbe Aski Nation youth occurred in an eightmonth span between October 2016 and last May, capped by the death of 17year-old Tammy Keeash of

North Caribou Lake whose body was found in the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway in Thunder Bay. "The vast majority of them were placed outside of their home communities and many, many, many kilometres from their home. Hundreds of kilometres from their homes," Huyer said. "Many were very isolated by the fact that there was very limited ability for communication with their home communities and their families."

Mushkegowuk Tribal Council Grand Chief Jonathan Solomon questioned why there's a different standard for the deaths of children in care than people who die in police custody or in jails, with those cases subjected to mandatory inquests.

"But when a child dies under government care, it's not automatic," Solomon said.

"There's something wrong with that picture. It's a matter of should we go ahead with an inquest or not. That's the call of the coroner and I think that's wrong."

Huyer said the coroner's office is obligated to conduct an investigation whenever a child dies when a children or family services agency is involved.

Huyer announced details of the Chief Coroner's Table on Fire Safety, a collaboration including Indigenous leadership, the Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management and involving Indigenous Services Canada to tackle fire deaths in the province's Indigenous communities, where between 2007 and 2016 there were 34 fatal fires that killed 58 people.

"We recognize again with that number of deaths we wouldn't be able to proceed to an inquest in a very quick manner. It doesn't mean we won't do an inquest but we're looking at a similar approach in trying to figure out trends, underlying commonalities and a full understanding of the contributing factors that led to each of these fire deaths."

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MAKING HIS PITCH: Liberal MP Don Rusnak (Thunder Bay-Rainy River) presents signed Thunder Bay Chill jerseys to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (right).

Trudeau hears soccer pleas

OTTAWA By Matt Vis – TB Source

The demand for an indoor soccer venue in Thunder Bay has been brought to the attention of the prime minister.

Thunder Bay-Rainy River MP Don Rusnak earlier this week met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and gave him Thunder Bay Chill jerseys signed by local youth soccer players.

"I have been watching the youth advocate on this issue very closely over the last few months and I was blown away with their commitment and passion," Rusnak said in a statement, adding he hopes the jerseys will serve as a reminder to Trudeau, who also holds the portfolio of minister of youth.

"I wanted the prime minister to know that we have some powerful and engaged youth in our riding, and that they should always be at the forefront of the decisions he makes as the leader of our country."

The collapse of The Sports Dome in November 2016 significantly diminished the city's indoor turf capacity. Youth programs and adult leagues have been affected, with some forced to cancel seasons and others resorting to playing on gymnasium floors.

Soccer Northwest Ontario has proposed a new facility that would include one FIFA regulation sized pitch, which could be divided into two or four smaller fields. City administration has most recently projected the cost to be in the range of \$27 to \$30 million.

A number of youth players gathered outside city hall last month when plans for the facility were presented to council, advocating for support of the new venue.

City officials have met with FedNor and Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation representatives within the last couple of weeks to discuss the proposed project.

Mac's robbery suspects sought by police

CRIME By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Police are searching for two suspects who robbed a south side convenience store.

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Two male suspects – one armed with a knife and the other with a baseball bat – entered a Mac's location on Arthur Street around 12:30 a.m. Friday and fled with an

undisclosed amount of cash and cigarettes. The first suspect, whose face was covered, brandished a bat and approached the cash register area. Meanwhile, the second suspect wielded a knife and approached a woman who had just entered the store.

The two men fled on foot and nobody was injured.

The first suspect is described as an

Indigenous man, standing 5-foot-7 with a thin build and wearing all black clothing. The second suspect is described as an Indigenous man, 5-foot-10 in height with a thin build, short black hair and bruising on his face wearing a black hoodie, grey pants and white shoes.

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Notice of Submission of the Amended Environmental Assessment Report NextBridge Infrastructure – East-West Tie Transmission Project

NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge) has amended the Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report) for the East-West Tie Transmission Project. The final EA Report was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for its review in July 2017, as required under section 6.2(1) of the Environmental Assessment Act and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change on August 28, 2014. The final EA Report has now been amended as per Subsection 6.2(2) of the Environmental Assessment Act, based on feedback received during the review period. The amended EA Report will be submitted to the MOECC for review in February 2018.

The Project

The proposed East-West Tie Line Transmission Project (the Project) is an approximately 450-kilometre double circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting the Wawa Transformer Station (TS) to the Lakehead TS in the Municipality of Shuniah near Thunder Bay, with a connection at the Marathon TS. The Project generally parallels an existing double-circuit 230-kV transmission line corridor (the existing East-West Tie), but avoids some sensitive features crossed by the existing line, including Pukaskwa National Park. The preferred route is depicted on the map.

The Project is required to ensure the long-term reliability of the electricity supply in northwestern Ontario (the Northwest). Industrial activities in the Northwest, particularly in the mining sector, are expected to drive electricity demand growth in the coming decades. Based on this growth, coupled with changes to the electricity supply in the area, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified a need for new electricity supply to the Northwest. The IESO analyzed alternatives and recommended expansion of the existing East-West Tie based on technical, economic and other considerations.



Environmental Assessment Review Process

NextBridge is committed to consulting with interested stakeholders, members of the public and Indigenous communities to receive feedback on the proposed Project during the entire EA process. NextBridge has amended the EA Report to address feedback received during the final EA Report review and comment period from the provincial government review team, Indigenous communities and interested stakeholders. The amended EA Report will be made available for public review and comment from February 16 to March 29, 2018. Key milestones in the EA process are outlined in the table below.

Key Milestones in the Environmental Assessment Process

Milestone	Timeline
Terms of Reference for the EA approved by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change	August 2014
Draft EA Report submitted to the MOECC and made available for public review and comment	December 2016 to March 2017
Final EA Report submitted to the MOECC and made available for public review and comment	July 2017 to September 2017
Amended EA Report submitted to the MOECC and made available for public review and comment	February 16 to March 29, 2018

The amended EA Report will be available for review on the NextBridge website at www.NextBridge.ca. The amended EA Report will also be made available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

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- Township of Terrace Bay 1 Selkirk Ave., Terrace Bay
- City of Thunder Bay 500 Donald St. E., Thunder Bay
- Municipality of Wawa 40 Broadway Ave., Wawa
- Township of White River 102 Durham St., White River

MOECC Offices

- Environmental Approvals Access and Service Integration Branch -
- 135 St. Clair Ave. W., 1st Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 Thunder Bay District Office - 435 James St. S., Suite 331, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6S7

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- Brodie Resource Library (TBPL), 216 Brodie St. S., Thunder Bay
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- Dorion Public Library, 170 Dorion Loop Rd., Dorion
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- Schreiber Public Library, 314 Scotia St., Schreiber
- Terrace Bay Public Library, 13 Selkirk Ave., Terrace Bay
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Proponent's Office

NextBridge Infrastructure 390 Bay Street, Suite 1720, Toronto, ON M5H 2Y2

Submitting Your Comments

Comments on the amended EA Report must be submitted in writing and/or by fax to the MOECC Project Officer by March 29, 2018:

Agni Papageorgiou, Special Project Officer Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor Toronto, ON M4V 1P5 Email: agni.papageorgiou@ontario.ca Phone: 416-314-7225 Fax: 416-314-8452

For further information on the proposed Project or the EA process, please contact:

Jennifer Tidmarsh, Project Director NextBridge Infrastructure 390 Bay St., Suite 1720, Toronto, ON M5H 2Y2 Email: info@nextbridge.ca Phone: 1-888-767-3006 Fax: 416-364-2533 www.nextbridge.ca

Notice first published February 6, 2018

In addition, USB devices (i.e. memory sticks) of the entire amended EA Report will be available to take during normal business hours at the locations listed above. If you would like a hard copy of the amended EA Report, please contact NextBridge at info@nextbridge.ca or 1-888-767-3006.

All personal information in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the MOECC for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act or

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NEXTBRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

LOCALNEWS **4** cities seeking smelter

Thunder Bay puts in bid

MINING By TB Source staff

Noront Resources says it has received bids from four northern Ontario centres-as expected-wanting to host a ferrochrome smelter for ore from the Ring of Fire.

The deadline for submissions was last Friday

Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie all submitted applications.

Thunder Bay presented a joint bid with the Fort William First Nation.

The Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission has projected that a processor, required to prepare chromite for the manufacturing of stainless steel, would ultimately create nearly 500 new jobs in the area.

Chromite would be trucked to the city from the Nakina/Aroland area, a shorter shipping distance than would be required for a smelter located in any of the other competing centres.

Consultants hired

In an announcement Monday, Noront said it has hired Hatch, an Ontariobased engineering and consulting firm, to help it adjudicate the bids.

Next steps include calculating capital and operating costs and reviewing them alongside community and First Nations support, site appropriateness, environmental factors, access to a skilled workforce, and other elements.

Near the end of the analysis period, Noront said, it will hold talks with the owners of the favoured site "to come to a mutually agreeable commercial arrangement" for the use of the property.

The company estimates that the review process will take three to four months to complete. A public announcement of the decision will be made at that time.

Noront has said it expects to begin constructing a mine at its Eagle's Nest nickel-copper-platinum group metals deposit starting in 2020, followed by construction at a chromite deposit.

Last year the Ontario government announced it would move ahead with construction of an all-weather access road to the Ring of Fire, connected to the provincial highway system, with work expected to start in 2019.

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LOCALNEWS Hospital facing a bacterial outbreak

HEALTH By TB Source staff

Outbreaks of antibiotic-resistant bacteria have been declared in five wards of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

The hospital clarified the situation on Monday, after initial media reports on Friday indicated the outbreak was related to influenza.

"It wasn't influenza. We've been dealing

with a multi-drug-resistant bacteria called vancomycin-resistant enterococci, or VRE for short," said Greg Gamble, an infectious diseases specialist at the TBRHSC.

VRE are a type of bacteria that have developed resistance to many antibiotics, especially vancomycin. They live on the skin or in the intestines, usually without causing problems.

But they can lead to serious infections, especially among people who are ill or weak. Infection can occur anywhere in the body, but common sites include the intestines, urinary tract and wounds.

A public service announcement issued by the hospital on Friday referred only to an outbreak.

Gamble said that while most people won't experience infection from VRE, some patients are being colonized with it.

"What we try to do, and what we're mandated by the province to do, is to prevent the spread of this organism to hospital in-patients."

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NEW RIDE: One of a dozen buses purchased from Quebec's NOVA. Transit unveils its new buses

TRANSPORTATION By TB Source staff

Thunder Bay Transit expects to complete the phasing-in of the newest members of its fleet by the end of February.

A dozen buses were purchased from Quebec-based manufacturer NOVA with money obtained from the federal public transit infrastructure fund.

Eight of the 29-passenger vehicles were rolled into service during January.

Transit manager Brad Loroff says passengers will notice some differences with the latest design, most notably related to seating.

Compared with other members of the 48-bus fleet, the configuration requires a two-passenger reduction in capacity.

"What people will notice is that we've moved away from the sidefacing flip seating design, where these are now forward-facing along the driver's side" of the bus," Loroff said in an interview.

All seats face forward with the exception of six spaces in the designated priority seating area. "They're designed intentionally so that they can be flipped up to accommodate wheelchairs," Loroff said.

Passengers will notice other changes in the appearance and feel of the seats.

They are hard-shell, contoured composite seats rather than the cloth seating found in older buses.

In addition to being more comfortable because of the contour, Loroff said the new material is much easier to keep clean, which carries two advantages.

"With the cloth seats, we have to carry about a \$30,000 per year inventory of cloth to do replacements and so on," Loroff said.

He also noted that when cloth seats need to be replaced because they are soiled, a bus must be pulled out of service until the work is done. That's less likely to be necessary with a composite cert because it are

That's less likely to be necessary with a composite seat because it can usually be cleaned just by wiping.

Thunder Bay Transit's buses come with a variety of seating configurations and a range of projected years of service remaining, depending on when they were purchased.

Loroff said the normal life expectancy of a conventional bus is about 18 years.



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HURRY HARD: Organizer Sue Childs launches the 22nd annual Bearskin Airlines Hope Classic event at Fort William Curling Club. It begins on Friday.

Hope Classic returns

In its first 21 years the all-women's curling event has raised \$3 million CURLING touched by cancer. Many of the women in they can do more biopsies and mammo-

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

n its first 21 years, the Bearskin Airlines Hope Classic has raised more than \$3 million.

"Everybody

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SUE CHILDS

The event, which benefits breast cancer research and the Linda Buchan Centre, shows no signs of slowing down.

In 2017 the women's-only curling bonspiel collected a record \$154,000 and organizer Sue Childs said she can't pinpoint why it's been successful, other than the impact the money has in the community.

'Cancer touches everyone," Childs said last Wednesday, eight days before the Feb. 8 start to the three-day event, being staged as usual at the Fort William Curling Club.

"Everybody has somebody in their family or a friend or a co-worker that has been

the event have suffered through breast cancer or are going through treatment right now. This is just a fun weekend for us all to get together, share stories, renew friendships - and we're raising money at the same time."

> The bonspiel's origins were modest, co-started by Linda Buchan, a well-known local curling enthusiast who survived three bouts with cancer before dying of brain cancer in 2002.

The initial ask was \$5,000, which turned into \$39,000 when the weekend came to a close. It's been growing ever since.

"Linda was a very energetic, optimistic, enthusiastic person who didn't let anything beat her, until this," Childs said. "At the Linda Buchan Centre, with the

money we've raised, they're able to hire more staff, get more equipment and they've increased their working hours so grams."

Retired mammography technologist Shelley Colebourne said the impact of the Hope Classic is almost immeasurable over the past two decades.

"This event has been the pinnacle in providing funding and support for advancement in breast imaging in Northwestern Ontario," Colebourne said.

"We've been able to update equipment, update educational skills for technologists. We have new radiologists who have come to our centre to provide world-class imaging and results for women in this area.'

The centre sees between 5,000 and 6,000 patients each year.

A total of 46 teams have been confirmed for the bonspiel. Curlers pay a \$75 entry fee and are required to raise a minimum of \$100 in pledges to participate.

Donations may be made online at https://www.bearskinairlineshopeclassic.co m/donate-online.

TB**Life**

Cadets take to the sky

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Dozens of flights take off and land out of the Thunder Bay International Airport every day and for some passengers, flying has lost its allure. But for a group of cadets lifting off the ground this weekend, the experience was unlike any other. "I've never flown in a singleengine plane before, only in jets," said air cadet Dylan Fisk. "It's a completely different experience. It

feels like you're a bird." On Saturday and Sunday, 70 air cadets from Thunder Bay, Atikokan, Marathon, and Geraldton received some firsthand flying experience with help from seasoned pilots, and some cadets even had the opportunity to take the controls.

"Everyone thinks it's like steering a car, but it's not," Fisk said. "It's just fine adjustments on a stick."

Cadets were taken up on familiarization flights in Cessna and Bellanca Scout aircraft to learn the basics of flight and aircraft control. The 15 minute long flights took cadets on a short tour of the city around the airport.

"The pilots try to teach them the three movements of flight, pitch, roll, and yaw," said Becca Sun, an officer cadet and flight instructor. "We let the cadets actually fly the aircraft, obviously with guidance, and it gives them the experience and feel for flying."

Sun has been instructing for three years and received her glider license when she was 17-years-old. She said some cadets may be a little nervous before takeoff, but when they land,



FLYING HIGH: Air cadet lerrance Desrosiers (left) and Capt. Steve Skerian back on the tarmac after Terrance's first flight in a single-engine plane.

they are full of excitement.

"They are very impressed and very amazed," she said. "A lot of them are very engaging and are happy they got to go flying and actually get to fly the aircraft."

For 13-year-old Terrance Desrosiers, his first time in a single engine aircraft was a lot of fun and being able to talk directly to the pilot was a unique learning experience.

"For one, you can see everything," he said. "Normally you can only see what is out your window, the little peephole you get on the side of the plane. This way, you can see everything. You can see exactly what the pilot sees."

"On our flight, we got a little bit of turbulence, there were a couple of bumps, and I was able to directly talk to him and figure out what was going on in the aircraft to cause that," Desrosiers continued.

Desrosiers and Fisk both said their time in the air was an amazing experience and they would recommend anyone giving it a try, whether you want to be a pilot, or just overcome your fears.

"I feel like there are a lot of people who think it is a scary experience but it's not," Fisk said. "It's really, almost eye opening. You get to see the world from a whole new perspective. I would recommend it."

"It's an experience that you need if you want to fly," Desrosiers added. "Everyone is going to start on a plane like that. You're not going to get your pilots license and hop into a Boeing 747 and fly 1,000 people. It's fun to know what it's like to start out."

Do you have an opinion to share? E-mail the editor at ldunick@dougallmedia.com





TBLife

Frigid temperatures affect local fauna



Arrh, but it be cold this past week. Even with daytime temperatures of -16 C, the wind sent them down into the -30s.

We don't let the horses outside when conditions are like that. We don't go for snowshoe tromps when Jack Frost is frolicking around us.

Even Baxter, our dog, is reluctant to venture forth in the mornings to do his business. When he is out - bribes work - we sometimes see him lifting his hind paws and that is a clear sign to get him back inside.

"Well, why not put little doggy booties on his feet," I hear someone ask.

Nope, he'll chew them off. If the day is sunny and when the main barn door is open to allow me to take out the tw, wheelbarrows into which I shovel wood shavings to bring back inside and dump into the horse stalls, Baxter will lie on the strewn, loose hay in the area we call the annex where we store the large, round, hay bales. I guess that is where it is warm for him.

So I turf the equines into our indoor riding arena after having put several pitchforks worth of hay along the wall to keep them amused and, since it is cold in the arena but without the wind, eating hay keeps their furnaces stoked.

Being in an open area like the indoor arena allows the horses to run around, stretch their legs.

Then I proceed to clean the stalls. empty the water pails, replace the hay and bedding, and replace the water pails before letting them back into their stalls.

When the temperature rises to about -12 C, but without any serious wind, the horses are put outside in their paddocks.

So, the extreme cold means extra work and we pray for Jack Frost to get lost

The prolonged frigid temperatures also means that any rural rooter heating with wood has pretty much used up their initial supply especially those folks who have outdoor boilers. I spoke with two such neighbours and they are surprised that they have to order another truck-load of firewood.

We try to heat as much with wood since when we built Casa Jones, we had installed a wood boiler in the basement as well as an electric one. We heat with water coursing through copper piping into radiators.

This boiler isn't nearly the size of those outdoor ones and so it has to be replenished often on cold days. But if

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we are not home, the electric one kicks in to ensure no frozen pipes. Touch wood (hee, hee) I think we'll make it to spring without running out of firewood

We feed the birds and, as we have discovered, the deer - not intentionally. I read in last Saturday's paper in the Outdoors section Brian Ratcliff's column about how few birds there are coming to feeders this winter.

He has theorized they have gone south where there is more seed in the bush. He suspects that there is not enough feed for the 'boidies.'

Tis true: we are getting chickadees and blue jays and deer of course.

My wife, Laura has also theorized that the deer are starving as well, hence the raids on the bird feeder.

I put the kitchen compost out near our vegetable garden. Each time I repeat this ritual, there is no evidence of compost.

One day, Laura and I were in our

bedroom sorting clean laundry when she happened to look out the window in the direction of the garden. "There are five deer feasting on the compost," she announced.

I looked and saw Mom and the kids chowing down. Our pair of ravens were also there snatching morsels in and around the deers' legs.

Ah well, perhaps we will not have any well-rotted, kitchen composted rich soil for the garden. But we are fortunate: we have Mt. Crumpet.

For those of you not familiar with Mt. Crumpet, this mound is where the horse poop gets deposited daily. Mixed in with loose hay and the woods shavings, it takes five years to break down but then we have lots and lots of free compost for the garden.

So, what's the loss of some kitchen scraps if it helps get starving feathered and furred fauna through this bloody cold winter?

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Dr Alan Cranton DC, ND (Ret) is a Chiropractor and retired Naturopath practicing in Thunder Bay for 33 years.

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Letting it grow for great cause

Annual Jan-U-Hairy event collected more than \$6,100 for brain cancer research

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

For 31 days, a group of women put the razors away and let the leg hair grow. And even though it made for an uncomfortable month, helping fund research into a deadly form of cancer made every day worth it.

"It was very long month," said Jackie Ruberto. "February 1st didn't come soon enough this year."

Five years ago, Jackie and her aunt, Joanne Ruberto, organized Jan-U-Hairy, an annual fundraiser in support of brain cancer research after Joanne's daughter, Natasha, lost her battle with the disease in 2012.

"The following November when Movember came about, my aunt and I decided to do something fun to honour Natasha and to bring awareness to brain cancer," Jackie said. "We decided this little fun fundraiser would be a good way to occupy our time, have some fun, and raise awareness.'

Women collect donations and pledges to go the entire month of January without shaving their legs. Some women also collect pledges to go to work in skirts and even though it is part of the fun, it can also start a conversation about a form of cancer that is often overlooked.

"The research needs the funding and brain cancer just doesn't get the media attention that some of the other cancers do," Jackie said. "And doing something light-hearted



LETTING IT GROW: From left to right: Debra Sneve. Sherry Vita, Angela Woods, Jacquie Kennedy. Jackie Ruberto, Nicole Shaw, Jasmine Petch, and Joanne Ruberto participated in the 5th annual Jan-U-Hairy fundraiser, collecting more than \$6,100 for brain cancer research.

and silly and fun at the same time."

This year more than \$6,100 was raised and donated to the Canadian Cancer Society on Sunday, which will be used to fund brain cancer research.

"At the beginning we were blown away," Joanne said. "The first year, we raised more than \$8,000. We thought we were going to raise \$1,000. But then we were blown away and we kept on going."

In the last five years, more than \$30,000 has been raised by local women collecting donations and holding craft sales.

Joanne said she hopes the annual fundraiser will continue to grow and fund more research to develop new treatments and prolong survival time for those facing a diagnosis.

"The little munchkins, Tasha's kids, hopefully they will be able to continue it," Joanne said. "And I have seen some progress in the brain cancer treatments. People would have more research and that is what we want to happen."



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IN THE bay arts entertainment culture

Crowds flock to exotic animal exhibit

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

When she got out of bed on Friday morning, 12-year-old Kendra Charette had no idea she'd wind up face to face with a dangerous predator.

Hours later, with her Westmount Public School class visiting the weekend exhibit set up by Little Ray's Reptile Zoo, the Grade 7 hopped up on stage and stroked a 10-year-old crocodile, whose growth was stunted

from poor treatment by previous owners.

Kendra wasn't sure what to think.

"It was kind of weird because the animal felt really weird," she said.

"It had a really weird texture. It felt like a bone."

The travelling show brought dozens of animals, ranging

from fuzzy bunnies, owls and parrots to turtles, tarantulas and a large reticulated python that wrapped its thick, scaly coils around the torso of lead zookeeper Shawn Adderley.

But unquestionably the star of the show was Linus, a one-year-old sloth, whose natural habitat is the rain forests of South America.

The slow moving creature was who Carmen Pelletier was itching to see, after waiting through a 45-minute reptile show. "I just find that sloths are really cute and just so mesmerizing. I like sloths," Carmen said.

The 13-year-old wasn't all that picky about herself animals, finding lots to entertain her with at the show, being held at the Moose Hall on Water Street.

"It was so awesome to see different animals that you don't really see in Thunder Bay. It's just a cool experience."

She also loved the python.

"It had a

"The big snake was pretty cool too because I've never seen a snake that big before," the Grade 8 teenager said.

really weird texture. It felt like a bone." KENDRA CHARETTE Ray's, including a message of conservation.

It's also a chance to learn. "It allows people a tangible experience

to get up close to some animals that otherwise they might not get to see other than sitting on the TV," Adderley said. "You can sit in front of a TV, you can

watch David Attenborough talking to you, but there's no interaction needed on your part, just mindless staring and watching. When you can come to our events you can see some animals and get a new appreciation for them. You don't see spiders and snakes in the best light when you're looking at them on TV."



CROC AND ROLL: Benjamin Goose, 3, pets a crocodile, held by Little Ray's Reptile Zoo head zookeeper Shawn Adderley last Friday.



"The stage

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IN THE **bay**

A murky mystery about love and death

THEATRE By Linda Maehans - TB Source

he River by Jez Butterworth is billed as a spellbinder; that's an understatement.

The audience will leave wondering what they've just witnessed. Another understatement.

Will it keep you awake on a moonless night? Might it haunt your thoughts during a silvery sunlit dav? Guaranteed Magnus' presentation will do both.

How do I even begin to describe what I watched? What I along with the rest of the audience on opening night witnessed happen, or not. And when, I mean in what sequence, did any of it

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happen. Was the end of the play actually the beginning? I'm sorry to be so vague. As said, I along with I

suspect many others, are left in a state of unease, conjecture, and yes, wonderment, thanks to the actors' talents, the director's skill, and the fine imagination of Mr. Butterworth in the first place.

The stage presentation for this murky mystery is extremely effective. On the floor, in the middle of a split-audience we are up presentation close and present. We are in that remote cabin with the man, the woman, and the other woman. With dare I say it, ghosts one and all? But I'm wrong even to hint at this, because all three actors at every moment are vibrant, convincingly very real. In equal measure they

claim our rapt attention. But here's where the split-audience setup adds that extra spellbinding layer: at times

MYSTERIOUS TALE: Meredith Zwicker. Kevin Hare, Marisa McIntyre perform in The **River at Magnus Theatre.**

we are witnessing the faces of the actors, at times their backs. Clearly we hear the words they speak, but their postures are speaking, too, and sometimes some of us cannot see what that is. Here and there I glanced away from the play and into the opposite audience. No answers to be had there

I can tell you this. The man (Kevin Hare) is riveting: passionate, intense, yet at moments vulnerable, sadly alone. What really did happen all those years ago when the man as boy was with his uncle at the cabin season upon season? In silence we watch him, now, prepare his a trout dinner for his guest; as he fillets the fish his every clean slice is poetry.

As soon as we see the woman (Marisa McIntyre), her lovely bare legs 'neath the man's checkered shirt seem a give-away. Is this to be a fatal weekend for her? Wait a little while to change your mind. No. This woman is stronger, more confident and sure of herself than we could have guessed. Wonder if the man guessed wrong, too.

It could have been the sunny golden curls of the other woman (Meredith Zwicker) that first caught his eye. She knew exactly where she wanted to be. When exactly was that? She is breathtaking in a crimson red dress with a satin bow across the breast, the heart. Composed and collected, easily she rises to the man's subtle challenges. Until she doesn't. With a pang we sense how lonely, how alone, the other woman in the cabin is.

The surprise ending only leads to more questions.

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IN THE **bay**

A quick guide to advertising for morons

Television advertising was built on claims that products do certain things well. According to current Quaker ads, oatmeal makes immigrants warm enough on the inside to handle Canada's cold winter. (However, they do suggest putting on a parka too.)

A local restaurant's commercial claims that its meals "taste like home." (I already eat at home. I don't want to taste the same thing when I go out.)

A popular hair growth product for men guarantees satisfaction but warns against using it if pregnant. (I didn't realize that was a problem for guys.)

And Oprah's been everywhere promoting Weight Watcher's new Freestyle program that allows you to eat whatever you want. (Most of us just call that "dinner" and skip the membership fee.)



So some claims aren't exactly helpful. But recently, Tide Pods' promotions have had life and death (and a little in between) consequences for some customers. Apparently placing poison symbols on the label and promoting its ability to break down stains in cloth is not clear enough. They have to specifically tell people, "Do not eat laundry detergent." According to news reports, over three dozen teens have "misused" Tide detergent pods by ingesting them this year. It's part of a recent viral challenge. Teens record themselves biting into a Tide detergent pod and post the video online. The result is a lot of frothing at the mouth, possible organ damage, and of course, the occasional death.

So after years of research and product testing and then branding it so that doing laundry actually seems appealing, Tide now has to backtrack. It seems the pods are too appealing.

They have a gel-like texture, are brightly coloured and fit in the palm of your hand. Fortunately, Tide realized this could be enticing for curious and orally-fixated small children. So they dedicated an entire television campaign to remind parents to keep their pod container properly closed and



REBRANDING: Tide Pods have recently become the focus of viral internet challenge.

out of reach of toddlers. It just never occurred to them that the real problem would be full grown teens.

So the laundry giant also created an entire web page with instructions for survival should their product be ingested by idiots. Good job, Tide.

Despite this, one branding expert suggested that the product be pulled

from store shelves and completely repackaged from the container to the pod, itself. Then they could be sold "in a way that does not look edible, appetizing, exciting or anything else." Because, of course, that's what marketing and branding is all about.

So to save a less-than bright portion of the population from poisoning themselves, new products should be appealing, but not too appealing. Colourful, but not too colourful. And not remotely resemble the texture of food. (A thick plastic coating won't stop a ravenous teen so hide your decorative fruit bowl.)

That's one solution. But personally, I've always subscribed to Darwin's law of survival. This just may be Nature's way of identifying certain DNA before it reproduces.

Perhaps Tide should promote that in their next campaign.

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Auger shines for Stars

Offensive-minded defenceman leads revamped blue-line

SIJHL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Kyle Auger doesn't want any of the Credit for the Thunder Bay North Stars recent hot streak.

But it's no coincidence the team – winners of 10 straight after Saturday night's 4-0 whitewashing of the visiting Dryden Ice Dogs – have been on a roll since he arrived from the major junior ranks on Jan. 5. The Stars have won 11 of the 12 games the 19-year-old defenceman has played, with Auger scoring six times and adding a dozen assists over that span.

He was at it again on Saturday night, collecting a pair of goals, netting the lone goal of the second period to break a scoreless tie and doubling the North Stars lead on the power play seven minutes into the third.

After stints this season with the Ottawa 67s of the Ontario Hockey League and the Moncton Wildcats of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, Auger simply wanted to come home.

"I ended up coming home because I wasn't enjoying it, but I think with the help from the guys maybe I'll be enjoying it again," said Auger, who began his OHL career in 2015 with the Windsor Spitfires.

"It's not really all about points. I'm just getting the bounces right now. Hopefully it'll keep going."

First-year coach Rob DeGagne is certainly happy with the results, Auger helping his team improve to 27-11-3 and within second-place Dryden (28-5-7) and 11 of first-place Thief River Fall.

A rushing defenceman in the mold of Phil Housley or Paul Coffey, he opens up opportunities all over the ice, DeGagne said.

"He's gifted offensively and it helps

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us. It's really like having an extra forward out there. That's really what it amounts to because he's always up in the play – sometimes more than I'd like," DeGagne said. "But you preach every day, get in the play, and as long as we've got guys backing him up, I don't mind it. He's a special player."

Auger is the centrepiece of a retooling of the North Stars blue-line since Dec. 1, the Superior International Junior Hockey wi League team adding Alexander go Leonidas, Logan Mihalcin and Jake thi Behse during the trade window.

It's a collective effort, he said.

"I definitely think the acquisitions we made before the deadline were huge. Some of the guys we got really make an impact in this league and I honestly think it's not just a fluke that we're winning 10 in a row and 11 of the last 12," Auger said. "I think we're a really strong team and I think we can really make a run at this."

Also stepping up on Saturday was SIJHL player of the week Brandon Bodnar, who stopped 25 shots for his fourth shutout of the season, taking over the undisputed No. 1 goaltender role with Dougie Newhouse on loan to the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

He stopped former Star Kris Hamlin

from point-blank range in the second and forced Ted Davis far enough outside that he lost control trying to deke his way to a goal later in the period, when the Ice Dogs peppered him with 14 shots.

"I'm feeling pretty good about myself. I'm getting to play a lot with Doug called up and getting some time in the O. These couple of wins have been huge for my confidence and I'm going to keep rolling said Bodnar, who has a 3 16

with it," said Bodnar, who has a 3.16 goals against average in 2017-18, his third in the SIJHL.

Alex Maticic and Evan Mignault scored third-period power play goals 37 seconds apart in the third to round out the North Stars scoring.

Thunder Bay takes on Thief River Falls on the road on Friday. Their next home game is Feb. 22 against English River.



GREAT GOALIE: Thunder Bay North Stars goaltender Brandon Bodnar was named the SIJHL's player of the week after leading his team to a pair of wins over Dryden.



PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Wolves swept by visiting Marauders

Leashja Grant fouls out in 10-point loss to No. 6 McMaster

BASKETBALL By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The McMaster Marauders didn't real-ly have an answer for Leashja Grant on Saturday night.

That's OK, the officiating staff took care of her for them.

Grant picked up four quick fouls in the fourth quarter and was sent to the sidelines early after fouling out, and with her went any chance of the Lakehead Thunderwolves mounting a final-frame comeback against their No. 6-ranked opponent.

Grant finished with 23 points and 19

rebounds in just 26 minutes of court time.

Her coach, Jon Kreiner, said he's not sure what led to all the fouls in the fourth quarter of what proved to be a 67-57 defeat, disagreeing with several of the calls.

"Obviously I can't say what I'm thinking and I'm feeling right now," Kreiner said. "I'm not happy that our best player, one of the best players in the country goes into the fourth quarter with one foul and ends up fouling out of the game."

At least two of the fouls were questionable at best, including a charge on a one-on-one drive to the basket and the fifth and final call away from the ball.

"I'm going to take a look at the situation and see if there's something we can do to try to improve. Maybe we need to improve something? Maybe I'm not



BANISHED TO BENCH: Leashja Grant fouled out with 23 points and 19 rebounds.

seeing what (the officials) are seeing? But at the same time, maybe we all need to improve a little bit."

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Grant was tossed with 3:41 to play, the Wolves trailing 63-55 at the time, so it's not as if Lakehead was in the driver's seat.

While her departure all but ruled out a surprise ending, it was the Thunderwolves inability to find the range from beyond the arc that really cost them a shot at avoiding a four-game losing streak.

Bridget O'Reilly and Nikki Ylagan combined to go just 2-for-18 from long distance, the team only connecting on four of 25 attempts.

The team has been struggling of late from long distance, worrisome for Kreiner.

"We should have had more of a chance in that game," he said.

Forward Lily Gruber-Schulz, who had 11 points and three rebounds, said it was a tough way to lose.

"I think we came out strong, but we went with ups and downs so it was hard to stay focused for 40 minutes, which we talked about before the game," she said.

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The Wolves held tough through 20 minutes, trailing 33-31 of a first half that saw the lead change hands seven times, McMaster jumping in front 18-16 on a Lexie Spadafora bucket.

Grant tied the game 37-37 early in the fourth, but the Marauders (16-4) took the lead for good thanks to some pressure defence that led to a pair of steals and back-to-back buckets by Hilary Hanaka, whose 12 points tied Olivia Wilson for the team lead.

After Jerika Baldin landed a three to close the gap to two, the Marauders went on a 7-1 run to extend their lead to eight, the advantage they'd take into the fourth. The Wolves (12-8) hit the road this

weekend to take on Brock for a pair.







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Chill release 2018 schedule

SOCCER By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Thunder Bay Chill will begin their hunt for a second Premier Development League title on the road.

The soccer squad on Thursday unveiled its 2018 schedule, a 14-game slate that begins with a pair of back-to-back contests on June 2 and 3 against Heartland Division rival WSA Winnipeg.

The Chill will make their home debut the following Friday when the always tough Des Moines Menace pay a visit to Fort William Stadium. Chicago FC arrives in town the following night.

Then it's back to the road for a pair against expansion Sporting Kaw Valley, a new team based in Kansas City, and a stop in Des Moines for a rematch from the week before.

WSA Winnipeg returns the favour on June 22 and June 23 with a pair in Thunder Bay. Then the Chill hit the road again for three, the opener on June 30 against the St. Louis Lions. They then travel north for a



RETURNING: The Chill's Mitchell Osmond races for the ball in last year's PDL championship game.

pair in Chicago on July 2 and July 3.

The Chill, the PDL runners-up in last year's championship match, will wrap up regular-season play with a trio of home THUNDER BAY CHILL SCHEDULE

June 2: @ WSA Winnipeg June 3: @ WSA Winnipeg June 8: Des Moines Menace June 9: Chicago FC United June 15: @ Kaw Valley FC June 16: @ Des Moines June 22: WSA Winnipeg June 23: WSA Winnipeg June 30: @ St. Louis Lions July 2: @ Chicago FC United July 3: @ Chicago FC United July 6: St. Louis Lions July 7: St. Louis Lions July 11: Kaw Valley FC

games.

The Lions descend on the Stadium on July 6 and July 7, with Kaw Valley putting in their lone Thunder Bay appearance on July 11 to wrap up regular-season play. Season tickets are on sale at www.thunderbaychill.com.

Adult and senior tickets purchased by March 1 come with the team's 2018 supporter scarf.





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