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LOCAL NEWS

Wabason murder charge overturned

Court rules statement should not have been admitted as evidence

COURT
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The Ontario Court of Appeal has overturned a manslaughter conviction in a 2011 Thunder Bay homicide case, ruling that a statement given by the accused should not have been included as evidence during the trial.

In October 2015 Shaldon Wabason was found guilty by a jury of manslaughter and break and enter in the death of 54-year-old Robert Topping, who was fatally stabbed in a Minnesota Street home after coming to the aid of his former partner during a home invasion.

Wabason was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

In a decision released late last month, the Ontario Court of Appeal granted Wabason's appeal, which reverses the conviction and orders a new trial. Wabason, who was originally tried for second degree murder, can only be retried on manslaughter and break and enter charges.

Prior to the trial, former Superior Court Justice John McCartney denied efforts by defence lawyers to have the police statements ruled inadmissible, who argued the statement was not made voluntarily. Fellow Superior Court Justice Terrence Platana, the trial judge, upheld the previous ruling before the case was heard by the jury.

The case brought to the appeal court disputed the position that there were no threats or promises made by the interviewing officer.

"The transcript of the police interrogation shows that although the appellant attempted to assert his right to silence numerous times, police repeatedly told him that if he spoke, he would be in less jeopardy, while if he did not speak, he would 'take the fall' for a murder he did not commit," the ruling reads.

"On one occasion, for example, the interviewing officer queried: 'If I was in your shoes I wouldn't be taking responsibility for that if I didn't do it (pause) I mean you really wanna take the fall for something you didn't do?'" "Moreover, the interviewing officer told the appellant that unless he spoke up immediately, he would 'go down' for first degree murder."

While the appeal court found there was no direct promise made by police in exchange for Wabason speaking, it ruled the application judge did not look at the specific circumstances of

the case.

"Yet, the application judge did not consider the effect of the threats and inducements upon a 19-year-old aboriginal youth who had attempted to assert his right to silence on at least six occasions during the interview, and who asked several times to return to his cell," the ruling reads.

Acting Crown Attorney Andrew Sadler on Friday said Wabason remains in custody and the Crown will address its intentions and possibly future scheduling at a court appearance later this month.

Wabason was one of four people arrested in connection with the case. Nicholas Webber pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 10 years. Christopher Hawk pleaded guilty to break and enter. Cody Thompson died while in custody at the Thunder Bay District Jail in August 2011.



NEW RULING: Shaldon Wabason leaves court in Thunder Bay in 2012.

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LOCAL NEWS

Facebook post leads to cop's guilty plea

Const. Rob Steudle will lose 40 hours pay in deal reached

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis - TB Source

A 30-year Thunder Bay police officer is remorseful and takes responsibility for a "stupid response" on social media about the city's Indigenous community, his lawyer said at a disciplinary hearing.

Thunder Bay Police Service Const. Rob Steudle on Thursday pleaded guilty to discreditable conduct under the Police Services Act for a series of Facebook comments posted in September 2016 in reply to a newspaper letter to the editor by Nishnawbe Aski Nation grand chief Alvin Fiddler.

Hearing adjudicator Morris Elbers indicated he would accept a joint submission that would dock Steudle 40 hours of pay.

"I'd like to express how remorseful I am for my conduct. I understand the seriousness of my conduct and I ensure it will not happen again," Steudle said, while also apologizing to members of the police service, Fiddler and the citizens of Thunder Bay.

Fiddler had responded to a previous newspaper editorial which had defended the police service against claims made by another local media outlet alleging officers had been abusive to a facilitator leading an Indigenous cultural sensitivity training session. The grand chief accused the newspaper and police of justifying the actions of the officers.

Steudle used his personal Facebook account to post "give your head a shake Alvin Fiddler I think it's too foggy to see the truth" before entering into a direct argument with another user.

"Natives killing natives and it's the white man's fault natives are drunk on the street and its white mans fault natives are homeless," a portion of the post reads, which also accused "natives of lying about how they were treated by white men."

"Well lets stop giving the natives money and see how that goes."

Steudle had been suspended with



REACTED BADLY: Const. Rob Steudle got into hot water over a Facebook response.

pay starting on Sept. 30, 2016 and returned to work the week of Dec. 12, 2016. Four other officers had been temporarily placed on administrative duties. Police chief J.P. Levesque had made a formal request to the Office of the Independent Police Review Director to conduct an investigation.

Joanne Mulcahy, who represented Steudle, said the comments did not intend to discriminate.

"Const. Steudle wishes he had never pushed the button," Mulcahy said.

The officer had been upset by what Mulcahy described as a provocative response by Fiddler, as well as about accusations of racism against the police.

Mulcahy said Steudle immediately expressed remorse and sought counselling through an Indigenous social worker and undertook a training course from a former Indigenous police officer. He also requested to meet with Fiddler but that offer was not accepted.

Police lawyer Holly Walbourne said the comments were "not acceptable and cannot be tolerated."

"This conduct worsens the relationship between police and the Indigenous community," Walbourne said.

Steudle's 30-year policing career included stints as a team lead for the emergency task unit, neighbourhood officer for the south core and school resource officer. The 50-year-old had no prior disciplinary record and had been awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 and received a 20-year exemplary service medal. He had also served as a coach officer and had been an instructor for the police foundations program at Confederation College.

Mulcahy said the notoriety of the incident should serve as a general deterrent to other officers.

"They've seen what he's gone through," Mulcahy said.

Elbers said there is an expectation for officers to have thicker skins and are expected to uphold high standards, both on and off duty. He described Steudle as a hardworking officer, dedicated to his service and programs in which he is involved.

"You do one thing wrong and that's the thing that sticks," Elbers said.

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Inspection of Approved 2018-2019 Annual Work Schedule
Black Spruce, Dog River-Matawin, Lakehead Forests

The **Thunder Bay District Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** has reviewed and approved the April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Black Spruce, Dog River-Matawin and Lakehead Forests**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the respective SFL holders' office and the Ontario Government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 16, 2018** and for the one-year duration of the AWS.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

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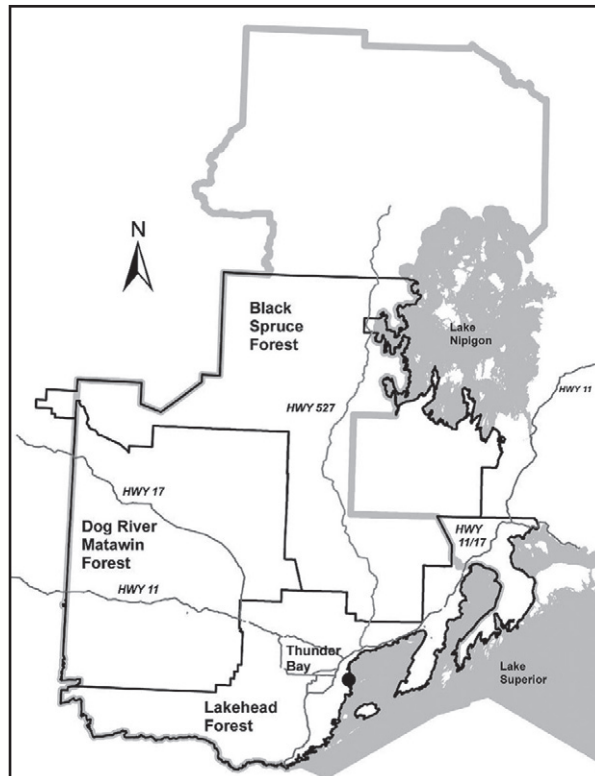
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HUGE CROWD: Dozens took part in last Thursday's solidarity march.

Women walk for change

THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Shawna Brown says fighting for equal rights for women is like climbing a mountain.

The battle takes two steps up the hill, slides back a step, but eventually they'll get to the top.

Brown was one of several dozen women who took part in Thursday's Solidarity March in celebration of International Women's Day, participants marching through the downtown north core dressed in pink pussy hats and brandishing signs decrying the ongoing need in 2018 to still be fighting for things like equal pay and reproductive rights.

"What we try to do through these walks, marches and recognizing women is try to remind everyone that we are still climbing on the mountain, but we're not on the bottom anymore," Brown said. "We're still going. We still have to look up, but we're going."

Brown said it wouldn't take much to make meaningful change, but there has to be a willingness from senior levels of government to make it happen, especially on the career front.

That's where women face some of their toughest hurdles, she said. "Usually in the household the woman is the one who decides to start her career later in life because of child rearing. If through the government that was supported more, women could still have that opportunity to go out and do their career and still have child-care paid for," Brown said.

Organizer Sandra Snider said it's frightening watching events unfold around the world and what appears to be efforts on the part of some lawmakers to take women's rights away, fighting regulations calling for equal pay and attempts to reverse abortion regulations.

"We thought we made so much progress, but every day there's something where they want to take things away from women," Snider said, standing outside St. Paul's United Church, where the march began.

"Even the Conservative Party in the province of Ontario, they're talking about restricting women's rights to choose."

Snider said the theme for Thursday's march was press for progress.

Like Brown, she's convinced permanent change is coming, just frustrated it's taken so long.

"We have so much more progress to do," Snider said. "We have to have progress on child care. We have to have progress on your right to choose. We have to have progress on your right to say no. The progress right now on harassment at work is not acceptable."

"There's so many places where we still need progress."

LOCALNEWS

Comuzzi, Postuma seek PC nomination

POLITICS
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Moé Comuzzi has made it a two-candidate race for the Conservatives in Thunder Bay-Atikokan.

The former two-time federal nominee on Sunday announced she would be challenging riding association president Brandon Postuma for the right to try to dethrone Liberal Bill Mauro, who has held the seat for 15 years, in the coming provincial election.

The Thunder Bay businesswoman said her experience in her hometown gives her the knowledge needed to help grow the local economy and produce jobs in Northern Ontario.

“Thunder Bay-Atikokan has tremendous opportunities if the government makes the right policy choices in the coming years,” she said in a release issued late Sunday night.

“We must continue moving forward with supporting forestry and mining in the Thunder Bay area as well as manufacturing industries like Bombardier and Resolute Forest Products. Support to small business is critical at this time and I can be a strong voice at Queen’s Park in this regard.

The choice on June 7 is clear, she added, emphasizing her support for the Progressive Conservative’s newly elected leader.

“Doug Ford is the right leader for this province. Doug Ford is a talented and

strong individual and the only party leader who can be trusted to represent the interests and concerns of the citizens of this riding,” Comuzzi said, adding she’s spoken to Ford and been promised he’ll work to get projects like the Ring of Fire off the drawing table and to resolve Toronto issues regarding Bombardier and its troubled street-car contract.

“I would be honoured to serve the Progressive Party of Ontario and help win this riding in the upcoming election,” Comuzzi said.

The Conservatives have not elected an MPP in the riding since 1985, when Mickey Hennessey won his final term in the former Fort William riding. The party has not finished higher than third

in the riding since 1999.

Running federally in Thunder Bay-Rainy River, Comuzzi finished second in 2011 and third in 2015.

Postuma announced late last week that he would enter the race.

Neither the Green Party nor the NDP have yet named a candidate in the riding.

“This is all about defeating the Wynne Liberals and we cannot lose sight of that goal,” he said on Friday in a news release announcing his candidacy.

Postuma runs the Kakabeka Depot, which provides supplies to local farmers. He’s a graduate of both Lakehead University and the University of Ottawa.



WANTS TO RUN: Brandon Postuma is a local PC riding association president.

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Availability

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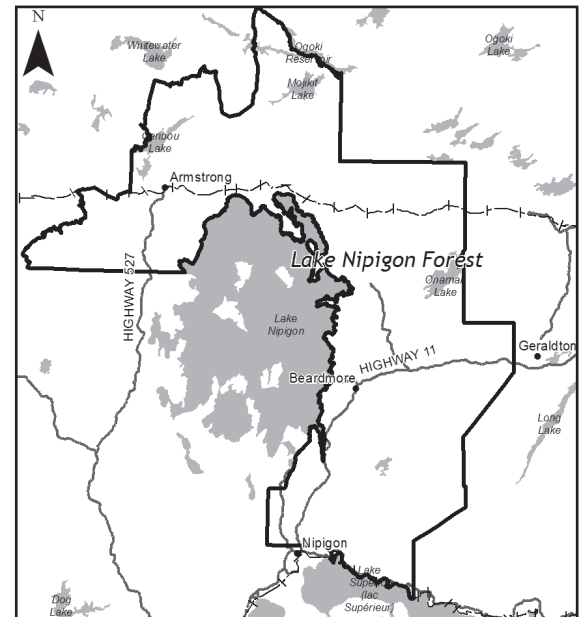
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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Ford does OK in north

At first glance, newly elected Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford doesn't really seem like a Thunder Bay kinda guy.

A former Toronto city councillor, the brother of infamous former mayor Rob Ford and heavily invested in the Greater Toronto Area, Ford's appeal in Ontario's north seems somewhat limited.

And yet when one looks at a breakdown of the riding-by-riding results from Saturday's long-delayed leadership convention, Ford did surprisingly well in a number of ridings.

Ford handily took Algoma-Manitoulin, Sudbury and Timiskaming-Cochrane, and even eked out a 51 per cent to 49 per cent win over runner-up Christine Elliott in Thunder Bay-Superior North.

It shows that Ford does have strong support in some part of the province where typically one might think his brand of politics might not sell.

Ford does need to equip himself with better answers to questions like the future of the Ring of Fire and familiarize himself with the needs of the north, something he appeared to be lacking in during a whistle-stop earlier this month while campaigning for the leadership.

While Ford's election opens the door slightly for the Liberals to find their way back into power, his style of populism can't be underestimated by his opponents during the coming campaign.

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Urgency for our youth

To the editor:

As the children and youth advocate for the City of Thunder Bay for the last three years, I have been quite involved and collaborated with many community organizations whose aim is to create a better future through an inclusive, safe and welcoming city for all and especially youth and children.

The events of the last couple of years and the tragic loss of Indigenous youth in Thunder Bay waterways, has created a new sense of urgency in finding suitable solutions aimed at preventing such tragedies from re-occurring.

Much discussion has already taken place and actions like the water ways audit and possible drone, as well as remote camera technologies, are being considered as a safety measure.

While anything that advances the safety of our citizens and especially children and youth should be fully explored, the rapid advances in mobile technology and the uses of apps by young people now provide solutions that were not previously available.

For example, the use of free or low-cost apps that alert parents when their children or teenagers arrive at their destination like school or a friend's house, can now be readily scaled to provide a higher level of security to select groups like Indigenous youth coming to school to Thunder Bay from remote communities, or international students who need to provide reassurance to their families about their whereabouts.

With the increased deployment of fibre-optics by Tbaytel in our city and region, Internet connectivity in the remote Indigenous communities, the vast networks of the Thunder Bay Multicultural Association as well as Lakehead University and Confederation College increasing number of international students, new opportunities are now emerging for a greater level of community collaboration that would demonstrate how technology and data can play a vital role in student safety risk mitigation and crisis response management.

Such collaboration would create the opportunity to utilize the collected data to build behavioural models, provide data insights that can be used to reduce the mortality rate of children and youth, identify safety gaps, flag potential high-risk students and improve and/or build new programs and services based on evidence-based behavioural models just to name a few.

Similar technology-based community solutions have already proven successful in reducing the incidents of abuse and death of children in care by more than 80 per cent in Florida.

In conclusion, such a community-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



wide collaboration would complement current and proposed initiatives (cameras and other technology along the waterways) from a preventive perspective and greatly enhance the overall safety and well-being of our children and youth.

Coun. Frank Pullia,
Thunder Bay

Ford a GTA guy all the way

To the editor:

If you're one of those dumb enough to think PC Leader Doug Ford of all people is going to come along and fix everything this broken system has created then you're part of the reason it's the mess that it is.

You're not going to elect some guy from the GTA, expect him not to cater to only the GTA, and expect greed and corruption not to take place,

Liberals and Conservatives, back and forth over and over again, what is the definition of insanity again?

Ron Gallinger,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

Keep booze out of hall

To the editor:

Although there's always more to a story, does anyone really need it

spelled out in a policy that alcohol has no place in a fire hall?

It's ridiculous.

This is the kind of thing that's made the Dryden firefighter volunteers look like hicks and hillbillies.

I don't care if you're paid, career, part-time or another one of the dozen terms used to describe what was once called volunteer.

There's no excuse.

It's irresponsible and unprofessional to say the least.

I fully support the termination of anyone found on duty under the influence as well as keeping a stash in your locker.

I'd also gladly accept the resignations of any or all those who believe it's not a problem.

Al Schriver,
Via Facebook

Dryden situation a mess

To the editor:

From reading various posts and press releases it seems that this situation was handled poorly on both sides.

The firefighters were right to stand up against the firing of the three, but those three have now been given their jobs back.

There was never a complaint against the chief prior to this situation and now it seems this is just a revenge

thing against him.

Some are even resorting to online bullying.

This now is obviously about alcohol and not being allowed to drink in the firehouse, a city building.

This matter needs to be resolved quickly or the City will have to start a new volunteer drive to hire more men and women firefighters.

Hopefully it won't come to that.

Randall Flagg,
Via Facebook

Animal cruelty a shame

To the editor:

I would like to see anyone who has hurt animals have the same done to them.

The law should have harsher punishments for animal cruelty.

Those poor babies have no way of defending themselves.

The animals didn't make you get them. What is wrong with people? There is a deeper problem and very sad.

I don't normally say much, but the amount of animal cruelty going on in and around Thunder Bay is staggering. Things need to be done for these poor babies.

Barb Duggan,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

Perspective

Who really gets gold?

Olympic ideals have given way to corrupt practices

OPINION
By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

Many people are virtually stressed to the max by the relentless stream of breaking bad news.

Everybody needs a diversion from the trouble and strife caused by dysfunctional democracies and global criminal conspiracies.

Sports enthusiasts were preoccupied by the 2016 Olympic summer games in Rio and the recent winter games in South Korea.

The Olympics has become an international sports and politics showcase distracting hundreds of millions through worldwide media.

How about you – did you go for the gold this year?

In ancient times citizens would flock to the colosseum to be entertained by a spectacle of death and dismemberment.

This horror show served the purpose of distracting oppressed people from their own misery for a while.

It was bloodthirsty sport but it served the purpose – as bad as life was, facing hungry lions in the ring was much worse.

Now that we frown on public evisceration we have devised another way to horrify and distract the huddled masses.

We call it the Olympic Games and although they are less bloodthirsty (arguably) they are also proven to be corrupt, dangerous and destructive.

Millions still worship the Olympics and enjoy the diversion from other more unpleasant thoughts like nuclear war.

There's nothing like a gold medal in the half-pipe to make you forget cold, harsh reality, although cold, hard cash is the real motivator.

The Games provide billions in profits for the international Olympic Committee (IOC), a hotbed of greed and corruption.

They also leave billions in debt for the unfortunate host country, a burden for taxpayers who can barely feed their families.

The Olympics are fueled by the personal greed of IOC members and they always win the gold – the participants' medals are mere trinkets.

The games themselves are scandalized by doping, cheating, lying, fraud, discrimination, sexism and bribery.

The truth is, if ethical, moral and even financial standards were applied, the Olympics would soon become irrelevant.

The Olympic Games and the IOC are regularly criticized for corruption on all fronts and the 2016 Rio games were no exception.

Ethical and moral issues arose long before the games even opened.

Many questioned hosting the multi-billion-dollar Games at all in an under-developed country disrupted by political turmoil.

Then there was the Russian track and field team, banned from competition for widespread, systematic drug use.

Nobody believes they were the only ones juicing at the Games – medals should be awarded to anyone who passes clean urine.

The sailing venue was on polluted water, the Zika virus posed medical dangers and media coverage was accused of "rampant sexism".

One IOC member was arrested for a ticket selling scam, continuing that long standing Olympic tradition of corruption and greed.

No wonder so many people watch the Olympics – all that cheating, lying and drug use is a great diversion from their own harsh realities.

The Olympics, and other professional sports inhabit our modern-day colosseums and the athletes are gladiators.

While our eyes are glued to the games, IOC members are absconding with all the gold.

Were you distracted by Pyeongchang – were you enthralled by the thrilling ice-capades and the daredevil skiing?

It might be time to re-evaluate the importance of professional sport in our society and in our lives.

How much time, energy and resources are they really worth?

We are outraged by professional misconduct in other organizations – what makes the Olympics exempt from our contempt?

I think there will always be a place in the world for sport but there may no longer be a place for sport in the Olympics.

It might be time to look for a different diversion.

DRESS UP DAYS



HELPING OUT: Mary Anne Comuzzi, a volunteer with the Who Gives a Frock fundraiser, said after only an hour of holding a dress drive at The Loop, racks were filling up. The dresses will be sold at a March 29 fundraiser to collect money for the George Jeffrey Children's Foundation.

A look back in history:

Marks Wharf on the left

Port Arthur's first business wharf was erected where Red River Road meets the lake, very close to where today's CN Station stands. It was built by Thomas Marks to cater to his business at the corner of Water Street and Red River Road.



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IN BRIEF

Fentanyl snagged

City police say they've seized \$16,000 worth of powdered fentanyl, a fentanyl patch, cocaine and oxycodone pills in a bust in the 100 block of North Windemere Avenue.

A total of \$13,350 in cash was also seized in the raid.

Police, in a release issued on Friday, said they've arrested a 46-year-old female suspect and a 51-year-old male suspect, who appeared in court on Friday and were remanded into custody. They're facing four counts each of drug possession and one count each of drug trafficking.

Police said they wore biohazard gear during the search because of the belief powdered fentanyl was present.

Tsekouras guilty

A convicted drug dealer will spend an additional five years behind bars after pleading guilty to additional charges.

John Tsekouras, who police labelled as the kingpin in their 2012 Project Dolphin bust, pleaded guilty at the Thunder Bay Courthouse on Thursday to conspiracy to commit an indictable offence and trafficking cocaine.

The 44-year-old had been previously sentenced to more than 11 years in prison after being found guilty in 2015 on four charges – one count each of conspiracy to traffic cocaine and marijuana and one count each of trafficking cocaine and marijuana.

Tsekouras had appealed those convictions all the way to the Supreme Court, arguing evidence from his Blackberry mobile device had been seized and searched unlawfully and should not have been allowed as evidence. His appeal was denied earlier this year.

The sentence imposed last Thursday will add five years to be served consecutive to the previous convictions. A nine-year sentence was also imposed on the conspiracy charge, but it is to be served concurrent to the previous conviction. As well, Tsekouras was fined \$200,000 and ordered to pay a victim surcharge of \$60,000 with a 20-year window to pay.

Remaining charges against Tsekouras – which included conspiracy to commit murder – have been withdrawn.

Outdoor rinks closing

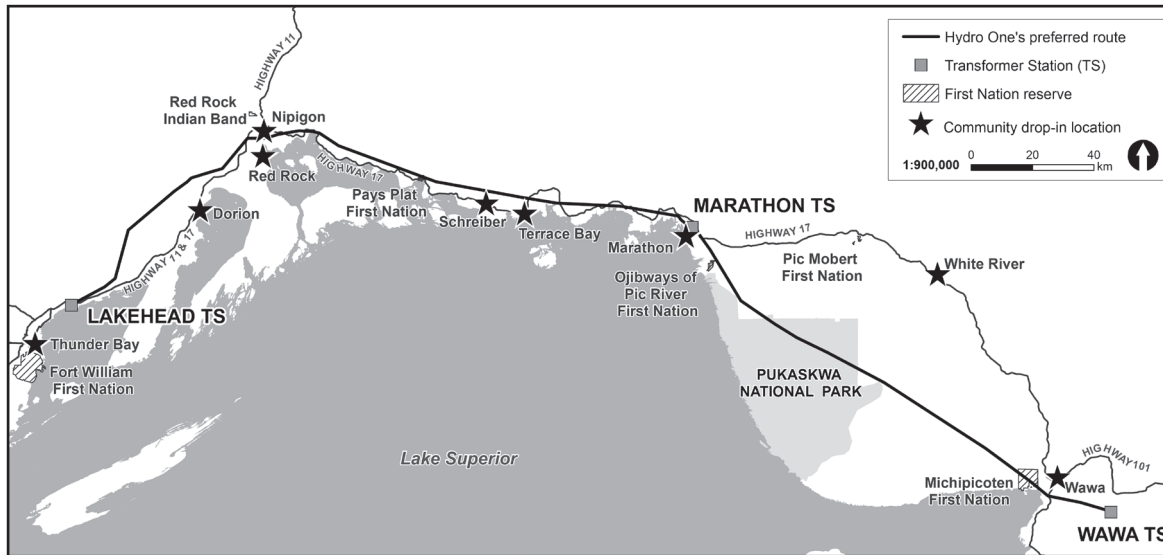
The city's outdoor rinks are closing for the season, but workers are trying to keep as many open as possible through March Break.

Those that remain open will close for the summer on Saturday. Change facilities at the supervised rinks will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Join the conversation about Hydro One's Lake Superior Link project

Hydro One has recently applied to the Ontario Energy Board to construct a new transmission line between our Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) and our Wawa TS, as shown on the map. We're calling our proposed project the **Lake Superior Link**. By maximizing existing infrastructure, our proposal is the most cost-effective solution for Ontario electricity customers while minimizing the environmental footprint.



We want to hear from you!

We want to ensure our project delivers tangible benefits to local communities, and will be hosting a series of information drop-ins along the proposed route, as shown on the map. Please stop by to meet members of the project team, learn more about the Lake Superior Link and provide your feedback.

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Marathon
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LOCAL NEWS

Farmers get nearly \$1M from province

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Farmers in the region are hoping to see greater crop yields coming from the fields with the help of better drainage below. The Ontario government is investing \$994,080 in a tile drainage project that will benefit 23 area farms operating more than 1,300 acres of land.

The announcement was made on Monday by MPP, Bill Mauro, along with local farmers and members of the Thunder Bay Agricultural Research Association, who is leading the project.

“It is significant,” Mauro said. “I think people are becoming more and more aware of the significance of our local agricultural community as more of us become aware of local food and food security. This is a piece that is going to continue to enhance the agricultural commu-

nity in our region.”

The funding comes through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and Mauro said the tile drainage project can create crop yields two to four times greater than what they are now.

“For (farmers) it is a very big deal in terms of the economic yield they can get from their work,” Mauro said.

Kevin Belluz, president of the Thunder Bay Agricultural Research Association, said farms will be invited to submit applications to be part of the project. This is the second time a project like this has been done in the region, and Belluz said there could be a third in the future as well.

Tile drainage involves installing a drainage system under the fields at prescribed depths and spacing. It is a big job that requires specialized equipment and the right weather conditions, but Belluz said the work has significant benefits.

“Essentially it is going to allow the

farmer to get into the field sooner in the spring and also maintain a more suitable moisture level for crops growing all summer long,” Belluz said. “When we are in a short season like we are in the north and barely have enough growing degree days to produce a crop, this ability to get in and plant in a timely fashion in the spring is critical to sometimes even getting a crop off.”

Belluz added tile drainage also

provides farmers with more options in how crops are managed, including leaving different cover crops in place for longer periods of time, having to deal with less soil erosion, and creating healthier soils in the fields.

The project could also see existing farms expand, with proper drainage allowing farmers to work land that was otherwise inaccessible, creating even greater crop

yields.

“This is sort of what we’ve been seeing is farmers taking advantage of this programming is expanding existing areas they already have that were not in production because they were finding it too difficult for them to work that land or it just wasn’t profitable enough,” Belluz said. “So this is making significant difference there in terms of opening up new land.”



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ROOMY HOME: This Pioneer Drive home is the top prize in this year's Rotary House Lottery, which will be drawn for on July 1 at Marina Park.

Lottery House tix on sale

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A finished basement is a first for the Rotary House Lottery, one of the many features found in this year's \$546,143 grand prize home.

The 1,620 square-foot home, located on the corner of Pioneer Drive and Woodcrest Road, contains three bedrooms on the main floor and two more in the basement, three bathrooms, including an ensuite in the master bedroom, granite countertops in the kitchen, four Energy Star appliances, a walkout concrete patio in the basement, a gas fireplace and engineered hardwood floors on the upper level.

New feature

David Knutson, chair of the Fort William Rotary Club's house lottery committee, said the finished basement should help the organization sell out its complement of 12,000 tickets even faster than the past two years.

"That really has added a lot of living space, with a lot of storage," Knutson said, noting the added finished basement space provides room for a home office or extra bedrooms for when out-of-town guests come calling.

"It's move-in ready and there's really

nothing to be done to this home except bring your furniture."

Located next door to Woodcrest Public School, Knutson said the home adds to the lottery's 32-year legacy, and should help them raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for local charities in 2018, including the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation, the George Jeffrey Children's Centre and Hagi Wilderness Discovery Capable Centre.

This year, for the first time, a portion of the proceeds will be put toward the capital campaign funding the construction of the Thunder Bay Art Gallery's proposed waterfront location.

The money is invaluable, said Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation board chair Jody Nesti, who accepted the final installment of a \$500,000 pledge to the hospital's Exceptional Cancer Care fund, and whose organization will continue to benefit from the lottery for years to come as the capital campaign for a cardiovascular surgery unit gets underway.

"We are very grateful that we did secure such a large amount from the Fort William Rotary. It has gone a long way to bringing exceptional cancer care to our community," Nesti said. "They have helped us purchase cyclotrons and other equipment that helps us diagnose and treat people who

unfortunately have been diagnosed with cancer."

It says a lot about the community, she added.

"They say Thunder Bay has a giant heart, but Thunder Bay has more than a giant heart. Words can't even come close to express the generosity of the people of Thunder Bay and the outlying communities who contribute to such a campaign and support the Fort William Rotary in their endeavours, such as this lottery house," Nesti said.

Affordable

Tickets are \$100 apiece, or three for \$250 and are available at the home on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. They can also be purchased at locations throughout the city, including the Airline Hotel, Balmoral Park Acrua, Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel, the Finnish Bookstore, from Fort William Rotarians, the George Jeffrey Children's Centre, J.B. Evans, George's Market, RBC locations and Wanson Lumber.

"Whoever wins the house, for \$100 you're going to get a hell of a house," said Paul Facca, representing the home's builder, Lorimar Construction Ltd.

Ten early-bird draws for \$5,000 apiece will take place weekly between April 18 and June 20. The top prize will be drawn on July 1 during Canada Day celebrations at Marina Park.

"It's move-in ready and there's really nothing to be done to this home except bring your furniture."

DAVID KUNTSO

LEITH DUNICK

Homewrecking part of life



FRED JONES

RURAL ROOTS

covering the wood back to be able to fill the wheel barrel and transport the wood to the wood door and then toss it down into the boiler room. I had been working on this particular row for two sessions of wood-gathering when suddenly I came across a nest. My wife, Laura, was helping me load the wheelbarrow and throwing the pieces down into the basement.

“Ah-h, we have discovered a squirrel nest,” she observed. Indeed, we found an assortment of material that made up the nest. “Too bad, Skippy. Sorry about that. But Casa Jones must stay warm” I said. I figured that the ‘Skippy’ would just move house.

Which, no doubt he/she did since there was no interruption in its feasting on the bird seed.

It wasn’t long before a small herd of deer also discovered the riches at the woodpile. Daily they would arrive to clean up the scattered seed, sometimes two or three times a day as I replaced the food for the birds once the deer had cleaned them out.

So, we have the airport of comings and goings of various types of birds. The jays only arrive about once per day but the chickadees are a constant customer. The Saturday that Laura and I ventured on snowshoe to see if we could find an ancient horse-drawn harrow, I spotted a brown nuthatch mixed in with the chickadees. Is this a sign of spring? Not quite yet.

The deer come every day. Occasionally I have seen our pair of ravens sorting through the seed for the cracked corn that I include in the mix but mostly the feathered crew consist of the flitty creatures like the chickadees and the blue jays who don’t flit but are not constant customers.

Lately I have found hair on the ground around where the deer have been grabbing the seed. If I was an avid fly fisherman, I would be grabbing this free stuff with which to make flies for angling.

But I am not. The horses are very woolly now and shedding. A couple of times the owners, who board horses in our stable, have brushed their steeds.

They have commented on how much hair they have removed from their mounts. They have also remarked on watching the ravens scooping up the horse hair. Aha! Just about the right time for the ravens to be building their nest. They are the first to nest and produce eggs after all. We hope that, unlike last year when a sudden deep freeze and rain arrived and killed the just-born hatchlings, this year’s brood will survive. We like our ravens.

As long as the nights are chilly and Casa Jones must be kept warm, I will be raiding the woodpile. The ‘Skippy’ will just have to keep moving house.

I wonder if in the world of squirrels I am seen as a heartless landlord?

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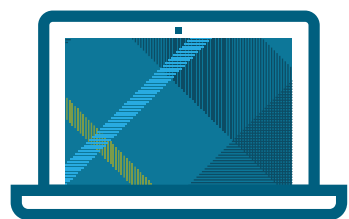
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ON STAGE: Gabe Ferrazzo (from left), Michael Hinsperger, Dennis Dubinsky and Cheryl Silen in the *Moose's Ransom*.

10x10 returning

THEATRE

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

For seasoned actors or those just starting out, stepping into the shoes of a character and bringing them to life on stage in only 10 minutes is no easy feat.

But that didn't stop dozens of actors from coming out to the first day of auditions for this year's 10x10 Play Showcase.

"It's all about believing," said Arlene Korhonen-King, who was auditioning for her third 10x10 play on Saturday. "Once I take on the role of that character, I am that individual. The idea of the background story and the story in and of itself can get you ready for what you want to present to the audience."

The 10x10 Play Showcase challenges playwrights to craft a 10 minute play to be performed on stage. With the 10 plays chosen from 35 submissions this year, it is now up to the directors to cast the characters, and the actors to bring those characters to life.

Cathi Winslow, 10x10 artistic director, said the annual showcase offers a challenge to all those involved, especially the actors who are tasked with embodying a character in such a short time on stage. But Winslow added that is why so many people come out to audition.

"Part of the appeal of our show is it is such a short rehearsal period," she said. "They have less than a month from the time of casting and then they have rehearsals and the show. Compared to a lot of other plays it's a much shorter time commitment and that appeals to people who have limited time available."

This year, Winslow expects at least 40 roles to be cast.

She added that in past years it has been challenging to find enough actors for all the roles, typically middle-aged men, but that is starting to change.

"Playwrights are experimenting now with more women's parts and different age ranges or characters who can be gender-fluid," she said.

For John Condon, who is directing *The Soul-Mate* by Bronson Carver, auditioning for a 10 minute play isn't all that different from a traditional one.

"Each part that you are going to get, maybe instead of having 100 minutes of lines to memorize, you are only going to have a few minutes in a 10 minute play," he said. "Sometimes for people to be able to have their first experience auditioning and being in a play, this can be a really good experience. They are small, creative, fun plays that are easy to sink your dramatic teeth into."

And that is why Korhonen-King has acted in two 10x10 plays and is trying for her third. She encourages anyone who might be interested in theatre to throw any fears away and try out for those 10 minutes on stage under the spotlight.

"That is the beauty of 10x10, whether you are a novice or a seasoned actor, this is an opportunity to get your feet wet," she said. "They welcome everybody of all abilities and talents and it's a great way to start."

A second day of auditions will be held on Saturday, Mar. 17 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the Waverley Resource Library. Everyone is welcome to audition. The 10x10 Play Showcase will be held on Apr. 13 and 14 at Magnus Theatre. For more information, visit the 10x10 website.

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IN THE bay

ThunderCon cancels Sorbo appearance

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source staff

Organizers of ThunderCon, a two-day event scheduled for Thunder Bay in October have announced that Kevin Sorbo will not participate after all.

Just 10 days ago, they issued a news release with the headline "ThunderCon guest list features Legendary Might of

actor Kevin Sorbo."

The American actor is best known for his on-screen roles as Hercules and as Captain Dylan Hunt in the sci-fi series *Andromeda*.

"I am so excited that we are able to bring Kevin Sorbo to Thunder Bay," ThunderCon executive officer Toller Madsen said in a news release on March 2.

"Big screen or small, he's a talent whose fans cross both genres and the globe.

"We are very lucky to be able to bring him to ThunderCon."

On Monday, the ThunderCon website stated: "It's with regret that, due to circumstances beyond our control, Kevin Sorbo will not be attending ThunderCon 2018. We apologize to any fans who may be inconvenienced..."

The notice offered no explanation for the cancellation.

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved 2018–2019 Annual Work Schedule for the Dryden Forest, English River Forest and Wabigoon Forest

The **Dryden District Office** of the Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** has reviewed and approved the April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) as approved in the Forest Management Plans for the **Dryden Forest, English River Forest and Wabigoon Forest**.

Availability

The AWS will be available for public inspection at the MNRF Dryden District Office, Ignace Field Office, Dryden Forest Management Company (DFMC) for the Dryden Forest, Domtar Inc. for the Wabigoon Forest, Resolute Forest Products for the English River Forest and the MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans beginning **March 14, 2018** for the one-year duration of the AWS.

Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

Tree Planting and Fuelwood

The SFL holders below are responsible for tree planting on the listed forests. Please contact the respective forest for information regarding tree planting job opportunities.

For information on the locations and license requirements for obtaining fuelwood for personal use, please contact the Ministry District Offices below. For commercial fuelwood opportunities; please contact the respective SFL holder.

More Information

For more information on the AWS or to arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the AWS or to request an AWS operations summary map, please contact:

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SUPPLIED

SHARING SOME LAUGHS: Iain Stewart and Daniel Kroll rehearse Magnus Theatre's latest production, *Bed and Breakfast*, by Mark Crawford.

Home and heart

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Small town to big city, or the reverse: big city to small town. An ending; or the best new beginning for a couple with decisions to make.

To me, when I meet this couple these seem like circumstances worth keeping.

Magnus' upcoming production is a humour-filled drama about private, personal relationships and the friendly-to-curious-to-down-right-nosy types of relationships that develop in close-knit communities where everyone seems to know everyone else's business. Or tries to.

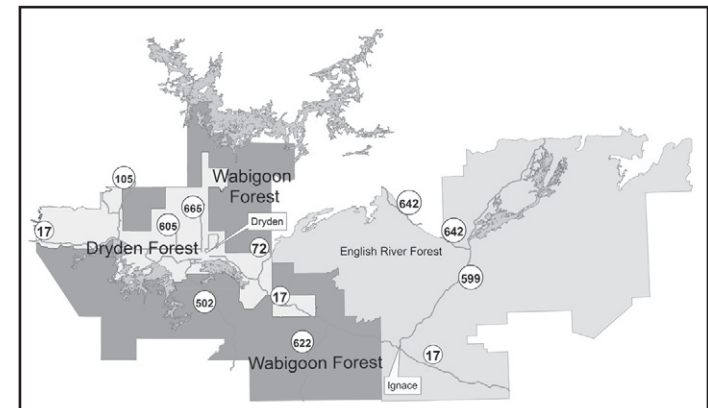
Bed and Breakfast by Mark Crawford brings us the story of a couple who decide to give up their hectic rat-race working lives in TO, following the death of an elderly aunt with a grand old home in a picturesque tourist town away from the sprawling metropolis. Initially the news of Brett's inheritance is exciting: a sunny opportunity for both Brett and Drew to switch lanes as it were, take up new roles as the welcoming hosts of a bed and breakfast. But as usually happens in life, unexpected snags and challenges and hurdles arise. The attractive personable couple continued to smile, as neither would give me a hint about what awaits them in their new environs.

Brett (actor Iain Stewart) tells me his career as an interior designer with his own television show, okay a little segment on an obscure cable channel, isn't as glamorous as one might think. "It doesn't pay a lot; but I do love my work. I just love seeing people's faces when they walk into their (newly redesigned) place. Aunt Maggie? Oh, yeah, thanks. We're just back from her funeral. She was such a fun lady; really the matriarch of the town. With a hair salon. And a policy of 'no gossip in this chair'." He grins. "She is, was, one of my favourite people. Her house, well it's humungous. Drew and I are thinking: possibly a bed and breakfast? There are five bathrooms! It's a big project, but I've been looking for a big project. This might be it. Besides, I miss the kind of connection(s) I had when I was growing up in this small town. In a big city, sure, there's the freedom of anonymity. But in a small town, as I remember it, neighbours have each other's back."

I learn that Brett and Drew have been together for ten years. City-boy Drew works in the hospitality industry, at front desk meeting all kinds of people with efficiency and poise. Daniel's smile is genuine. He tells me about Drew, originally from a small prairie-town, now wondering if big city life is it.

"I'm in my mid 30's. It's a tough life, here in TO. Do I stay here for the rest of my life? You're always fighting; you're always struggling; you're always working. Maybe city life has taken its toll on me." Those genuine eyes, and voice. "And now this opportunity just presented itself to us; not prepared for it, yet the more Brett and I talked about it, we've decided it would be foolish not to..."

Bed and Breakfast opens at Magnus on March 22; gala night March 23. On to April 7.



IN THE bay

Inclusiveness may be getting out of hand

Frances McDormand's demand for inclusion riders during her recent Oscar acceptance speech has had everyone talking.

Just days later, actor Michael B. Jordan announced that this contract clause which requires studios to hire diverse crew and cast would definitely be adopted by his own production company.

Diversity and inclusion are popular words these days. And with good reason.

Despite their proportion of the population, many different cultures, races, and minority groups are not represented in the media. They are part of the world and yet not part of that world.

Then there's also the ongoing issue of the lack of good female roles in entertainment.

Women comprise half the population, but fail to show up half the



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time in shows and movies.

However, just as many movements develop a life of their own and go beyond their initial intent, Hollywood's desire for inclusiveness may already need to be reined in a little.

RuPaul first made headlines in the early '90s as a drag queen. This six-foot four-inch gay black man wore stilettos and giant hair to become an out-spoken and loved character in

entertainment. Then 10 years ago, he launched *RuPaul's Drag Race* – part modelling, part talent contest for men who dress as women professionally.

It's a very specific contestant who appears on the show.

And *Drag Race's* popularity continues today because of its sensitivity, humour, drama and compassion.

So it's surprising that RuPaul has recently come under fire by the LGBTQ community.

In an interview with *The Guardian*, RuPaul said that any trans woman who had started the physical transition process should not be allowed on the show.

His reasoning? "Drag loses its sense of danger and

its sense of irony once it's not men doing it, because at its core it's a social statement and a big f-you to male-dominated culture."

In response, LGBTQ rights activists argued that physical characteristics don't determine gender identity and these women should be allowed to compete.

So a contest that has men dressing as women in sequins and big hair should now include women dressing as women in sequins and big hair? That's the argument in this time of complete inclu-



RUPAUL

sivity. Perhaps the LGBTQ should check itself when it's arguing equality with the man who helped blast open the door to discussions about gender identity and what was once a misunder-

stood fringe community.

And besides, what's wrong with having a show specifically for men? Is our local Bachelors for Hope Auction wrong because it's exclusively designed to sell men to the highest bidder? OK, maybe so.

But inclusiveness should not negate specialization. Black Entertainment Television focuses on African American entertainers. Hispanic Heritage Awards celebrate Hispanic culture.

Should they be condemned for not including the Anglo-Saxon population?

Inclusiveness is important if we're to ever reach social equality.

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ACROSS

- 1 Broad structural basin
- 5 Prayer beads
- 9 Island
- 12 In the same place (Lat.)
- 13 Above
- 14 Cheer
- 15 Verdi opera
- 16 Shortly
- 17 Nat'l Security Agency (abbr.)
- 18 Drunk driving (abbr.)
- 20 House (Fr.)
- 22 Article
- 25 Atl. Coast Conference (abbr.)
- 27 Explosive letters
- 28 King
- 29 Wound mark
- 31 Dull color
- 34 Dance company (abbr.)

DOWN

- 35 Immature insect
- 37 Antiaircraft artillery (abbr.)
- 38 Lake
- 40 Television channel
- 41 Peeve
- 42 According to (2 words)
- 44 Atomic Energy Commission (abbr.)
- 45 Born
- 46 Enlarge
- 49 Body of water
- 51 Small (Scot.)
- 52 Ireland
- 54 Wildly talk
- 58 Insult
- 59 Pain
- 60 Nurse shark
- 61 Ibsen character
- 62 Grass
- 63 Us dam

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7 Emerge	21 Indiana (abbr.)
8 Yearly church payment	22 Trolley
	23 Daughter of Zeus
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	26 Rom. box
	30 Colza
	32 Berne's river
	33 Roast
	36 Noun-forming (suf.)
	39 Guido's note (2 words)
	43 Almost
	46 Grape disease
	47 Christmas (abbr.)
	48 Gaming cubes
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Irwin returns home with Olympic silver

Three-time medalist plans to host hockey school this summer

HOCKEY

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Local hockey player, Haley Irwin, said coming home with an Olympic silver medal doesn't necessarily feel like a win.

"In order to win a silver medal, you have to lose a hockey game and that is a lot to handle in that moment so it can be very emotional," she said.

But despite the emotions and the heartbreak on the ice, cheers from family and friends greeted the three-time Olympic medalist when she returned to Thunder Bay on Saturday.

"It feels good," Irwin said. "I haven't been home in a very long time and I'm excited to be back in the city and hopefully share the medal with a few people."

Irwin and Team Canada earned silver during the 2018 PyeongChang Winter Olympic Games, losing the gold medal to the United States 3-2 in a shootout.

Irwin kept Team Canada going during the final game with their rivals from the United States, scoring the tying goal to make it 1-1 early in the second period.

"That's what we needed and we needed that next goal," Irwin said. "After that our mission was to get the second one. We were kind of playing it



TRIPLE OLYMPIAN: Haley Irwin (left) shares her Olympic silver medal with her mother Kerry Irwin and niece Lillia last Saturday.

shift by shift."

Team Canada was unable to break away and lost the game and its third gold medal in a row in a shootout.

Standing on the ice and watching members of Team USA receive the gold

medal was a heartbreaking experience for her and her teammates, Irwin said.

"We went there to win a gold medal, there's no secret behind that, that's the honest truth," she continued. "We didn't accomplish that. In the final game,

when you are standing there, there is a lot of emotion."

This being Irwin's third Olympic Games, the 29-year-old's future with Team Canada is still up in the air and she said she intends on taking some

time to decide what her future will be with the team.

"I'm getting older now and I've been through a lot of injuries in the last few years and my body has taken a toll," she said. "I will take some time now to reflect and think about that and make that decision when the time is right."

But now that she is back home for a brief visit, before returning again later this spring, Irwin plans on sharing her experiences with family, friends, and young aspiring hockey players in her home community.

"I think each journey is different on how I got there and how we got there as a team," she said. "Those experiences have changed and it's a different story every time, whether it's Vancouver, Sochi, or now in PyeongChang. It's just sharing those experiences so hopefully it can inspire others."

Part of that inspiration will involve hosting a hockey school this summer for young women hockey players who aspire to be on the Olympic stage, just as she did as a young player growing up in Thunder Bay.

Irwin said the school will be held from July 16 to 20 at the Tournament Centre for players in atom, bantam, and peewee.

"It will really give me a chance to work in the community and with the youth and for the girls here who play hockey and aspire to one day play for Team Canada," she said. "I hope I get that interaction with them and hopefully help them in that direction."

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Wolves talking with Thomson

Former star took over coaching hoops team in January

BASKETBALL
By LeithDunick - TB Source

Odds are good Ryan Thomson will be back behind the bench next season with the Lakehead Thunderwolves men's basketball team.

School athletic director Tom Warden on Tuesday said while no decisions have been made, he is planning to meet with Thomson to discuss his future with the program, after the former Thunderwolves star took over an 0-10 team from Manny Furtado at the Christmas break and guided it to a 2-12 finish.

Warden said for now Thomson is busy recruiting talent for next season and beyond, a role required in the interim contract he signed when agreeing to grab the reins of his former team.

"Obviously he took over in a tough situation and I honestly think he did really well. And I know that his athletes feel that," Warden said. "But he and I have to sit down and talk about what the next steps are and where we go from here."

"So far I'm very pleased with Ryan's work and the way he's managed our program under difficult times."

Thomson, who last played with the Wolves in 2013, brings an impressive pedigree to the OUA coaching table.

He served under former LU coach and current Boston Celtics assistant



ON THE BOARD: Ryan Thomson was 2-12 after being named Thunderwolves interim coach.

Scott Morrison in the NBA D-League, and was working with the National Basketball League squad in Saint John, N.B. before Warden contacted him about the Thunderwolves job.

Thomson, speaking after his team's final game last month, said the team is in good shape, despite the record

and the departure of a key player like guard Mor Menashe, lost to graduation.

"I think we have a lot to build on. I think we saw when we compete and do the little things we talk about in practice every day we have a chance to win. It's going to be a little bit tougher without Mor's voice in the

locker room and certainly we're going to need other guys to step up and hopefully some other new guys to come in and fill that void by committee," Thomson said, not giving any indication he plans on being anywhere other than the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse when the 2018-19 basketball season rolls around.

Thomson said he had one real goal when he arrived and he thinks he got the job done.

"Certainly we were focused on helping guys get better and that's still our focus," he said. "I think we saw it with a couple of guys with their confidence especially. Other guys got a chance to play. I thought (Nahshon Hurst) was great in the second semester. I have a lot of high hopes for (Rashean Simpson) going forward."

Warden said there was no timetable in place to make an announcement, adding he'll be sitting down with the coaches in all of the school's varsity athletic programs to go over how their respective seasons went and where there might be room for improvement.

Wolf tracks: The athletics department named its athletes of the month for February. Menashe got the nod in men's basketball, while Grand Marais, Minn.'s Lily Gruber-Schulz got the nod for the women's team. Other recipients included Camille Hamm and Geoff Way-Nee in Nordic skiing, USports silver medalists Jessica Bershatsky and Jacob Luczak in wrestling, track and field's Rebekkah Pyle and Derek Patterson, Meghan Routier in volleyball and Sam Schutt from the men's hockey team.

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ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S PUZZLES

Grid with crossword puzzle answers: TALAMALA, IBIDUPON, AIDA SOON, etc.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "To be exempt from the passions with which others are tormented, is the only pleasing solitude." — Joseph Addison

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Lakehead Stamp Club Fri., March. 3rd to Sun., Mar. 25th, 2018 at Thunder Bay Art Gallery... STAMP EXHIBITION

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