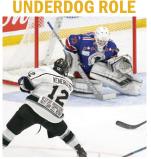
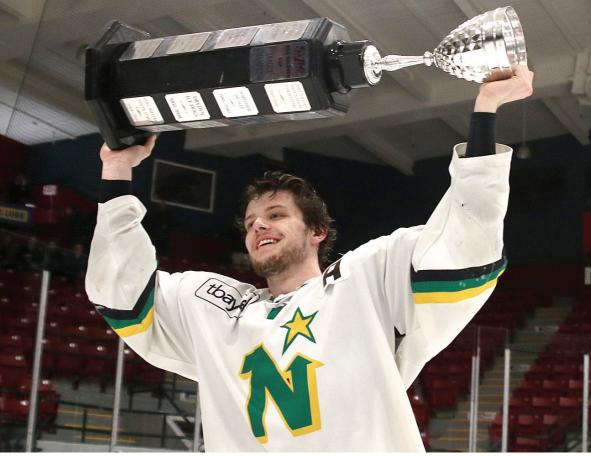




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### LOCALNEWS

# Kashechewan evacuees arrive in city

Approximately 250 people from Kashechewan First Nation arrived in the city following precautionary evacuation of the community **THUNDER BAY** 

#### By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The people of Kashechewan First Nation appeared to be in good spirits as they stepped off the plane onto the tarmac at the Thunder Bay International Airport.

Approximately 48 people arrived early Saturday afternoon as part of a precautionary evacuation from the First Nation community along the James Bay coast.

"There was a little less anxiety on their end than leaving their homes in more of a rushed manner in the past," said Thunder Bay Fire Rescue deputy chief, David Paxton. "It was more organized, a little more controlled in terms that they knew they were coming out on given days, they had more time to prepare."

The city will be hosting approximately 250 people from the community with four flights expected on Saturday and an additional four flights on Sunday.

"Depending on weather and flight times and any issues up in Kashechewan it might slow the



PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE: Evacuees from Kashechewan First Nation arrived in Thunder Bay on Saturday on the first of four flights scheduled. Four additional flights were also scheduled for Sunday.

process, which would affect the end result and maybe extend to another day," Paxton said. "But we may get it done in three flights tomorrow."

Kashechewan First Nation, home to approximately 1,900 people, has been prone to flooding nearly every spring for the last several years due to ice break up on the Albany River. Last week, the chief and band council declared a state of emergency.

In 2017, a framework agreement was signed by Kashechewan, the

provincial and federal governments, and Nishnawbe Aski Nation to examine the possibility of relocating the community.

Other communities, including Timmins, Kapuskasing, Smooth Rock Falls, and Cornwall will be hosting evacuees, with several other communities on standby if the need arises.

Because the evacuation was precautionary, Paxton said the process has gone very smoothly this year and people had more time to prepare, which hasn't always been the case in previous years.

"In the past, we've seen the military involved with flights of over 100 people at a time coming out on C-130s," he said. "This way it is more controlled."

The evacuees will be staying at a local hotel and Paxton said it is difficult to say how long they will remain in the city with conditions on the Albany River difficult to predict.

"It's hard to tell. It all depends on the break up of the Albany River," he said. "Right now, the break up is going as expected where we are starting to see some movement of it, but it is still frozen. But that could change daily."

"In the past, everything was going swimmingly perfect, but then they get some ice jams and the water levels rise 10 feet."



# 2 students arrested in school threat case

#### **POLICE** By Matt Vis – TB Source

Both of the suspects charged with allegedly directing threats towards Hammarskjold High School are students at the north-side school.

The Thunder Bay Police Service last Wednesday arrested 18-year-old Emilie-Jade Pakrashi and a 14-yearold male who can't be named under the Youth Criminal Justice Act, charging them each with multiple counts of public mischief and mischief endangering life.

At a Thursday afternoon news conference, police chief Sylvie Hauth said the investigation was a top priority for the force and while all of the threats ended up being unsubstantiated, they were extremely unsettling and disruptive.

"You do not know that at the time. Obviously, with the information that comes through when you have somebody saying there's a device that's going to go up in the school in the next hour, at that point we take it seriously and we take it for being true," Hauth said.

"When a threat comes in, we will always treat it as true. To do anything different would be, I think, irresponsible from our part as a police service. I think parents would want to know that when you have a threat, the seriousness of it is assessed and dealt accordingly. In retrospect, now it's easy to say that this is what we know."

Thunder Bay police Det.-Insp. Ryan Hughes said more than 30 individual threats, involving possible bombs, suspicious packages and potential shootings, were directed at the school anonymously through Crime Stoppers during the academic year up to Wednesday. Those threats resulted in 12 separate incidents where Hammarskjold was closed either for a full or partial day. One threat also included Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute, prompting that high school to close for one day earlier this month. As well, a number of nearby public and Catholic elementary schools initiated safety protocols each time a threat was received.

#### **Recent threats**

The charges that are currently before the court cover five dates within the last two weeks – April 8, 9, 11, 16

and 17 – even though the threats date back to October with multiple closures in February and March, as well as this month.

"There is a lot more work to do regarding the threats that have been going on for the last several months," Hughes said, adding there is potential for more charges to be laid against one of the suspects.

Hughes said it doesn't appear that the two suspects were acting together.

"From all of the interviews and the work the investigators have done to this date, we don't believe there was any involvement with the 14-year-old and the 18-year-old," Hughes said. Hughes said investigators over the last

several weeks were tracking a specific "computer device," knowing what the device was but not who it was connected to until Wednesday when Pakrashi was arrested. While she was in custody, additional Crime Stoppers threats were received and connected to the youth, who was subsequently arrested.

Pakrashi, who faces six counts, and the youth, who has been charged with eight offences, both appeared in court earlier Thursday. They were released from custody with



ARRESTED: Emilie Jade Pakrashi faces several charges.

conditions to not have any contact with students or staff at Hammarskjold or come within 500 metres of the Clarkson Street school. They are also ordered to not possess or use any computers or devices that have access to the internet.

Lakehead Public Schools director of education Ian MacRae said any decision about whether to suspend or expel the two students won't be made until next week at the earliest.

"It would be presumptuous for me to comment on that at this stage, given the fact they've made their first court appearance (Thursday)," MacRae said. "Certainly we will be moving forward Tuesday morning with

plans of that nature."

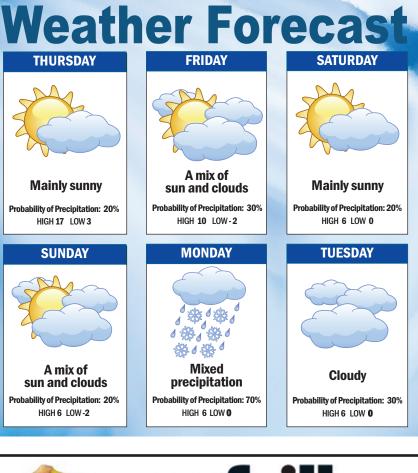
The series of threats resulted in a total of more than 200 uniformed patrol officers responding to the school, along with investigative involvement from the force's cyber crimes unit, criminal investigations branch and surveillance teams. The OPP had also been brought in to provide what Hughes described as minor assistance.

#### **Police presence**

Uniformed officers will be at Hammarskjold next week, though Hauth assured at this point it is a purely precautionary measure.

MacRae is optimistic their presence will help create a sense of comfort and security as the school attempts to return to a sense of normalcy.

"Our first concern is getting the academic program back on track so that students have access to extra help outside classrooms. Secondly, a lot of students participate in cocurricular activities, whether they be athletics, drama or music alike. Chess club was running (Wednesday) so we'll be getting those activities up as soon as we can." MacRae said.





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"When a threat comes in, we will always treat it as true." Sylvie Hauth

### LOCALNEWS

# **Churchill HS demolition underway**

The structure will be torn down by the end of July and make way for a play area at the new elementary school under construction THUNDER BAY

#### By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

fter standing for nearly 52 years And seeing thousands of student walk the halls, Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute is coming down.

Exterior demolition on the former south side high school began on Monday and is expected to take several weeks to complete.

Mark Hakala, capital project coordinator with the Lakehead Public School Board, said interior demolition began two weeks ago with the removal of door frames and other materials.

"The full and complete demolition will be done by the end of July," he said. "That is everything gone, including the underground concrete structure of the building."

Heavy equipment was at work



COMING DOWN: Demolition work on Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute began on Monday.

Monday morning on the south side of the structure removing brick and roofing material. The building has been divided into sections by the

contractor to be broken down. The demolition of the exterior structure is expected to take five weeks, while the below ground demolition will take another few weeks to complete.

"It is a significant undertaking to remove the building from the site," Hakala said. "There is a lot of structural steel, a lot of concrete to be removed, big grade beams below the surface of the ground to be jackhammered and removed."

"It will be flat within six weeks. You won't see a building here anymore.'

The decision to close the school was made in 2016 by the Lakehead School Board trustees. The last class graduated in June 2018 and students and staff, past and present, said it was an emotional time to see the school close its doors for a final time.

Remaining Churchill students were designated to Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute, the only remaining south side secondary

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school with the Lakehead Public School Board.

The International Baccalaureate program that was originally hosted by Churchill was moved to Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute.

The ground where Churchill once stood will make way for the playground area for a new elementary school that is being built on the former football field and is scheduled to be ready to receive students in September 2020.

"There is a lot of history that goes along with Churchill," Hakala said. "So it's a passing of the torch for the secondary school to be removed and a new elementary school. It's a fresh start."

The cost of the demolition has been factored into the \$30 million price tag for the new elementary school.

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EXPANDING: The Matawa Education and Care Centre received a \$16 million investment from the federal government for the continued renovations of the facility, which will include a 100-bed student residence.

# Matawa to build a student residence



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A \$16 million investment by the federal government will see the addition of 100-bed student residence at the Matawa Education and Care Centre **EDUCATION** By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source program."

Students from northern communities who are forced to travel to cities like Thunder Bay to pursue education opportunities can often feel alone and isolated, feelings educators themselves know all too well.

"It's a reality. This is not just a job for us," said Sharon Nate, an education manager for Matawa Education. "Many of the staff here have lived that

experience of leaving the north and coming to the city basically on their own. It is still happening today. It happened to my parents, it happened to myself, it happened to my child. I don't think that is going to stop anytime soon."

An investment of \$16 million by the federal government will allow for the continued renovation of the Matawa Education and Care Centre, which will include a new space for students to call home.

The announcement was made last Wednesday by Liberal MPs Don Rusnak and Patty Hajdu on behalf of the Minister of Indigenous Services.

An initial investment of \$1.9 million for phase one of the project allowed Matawa to convert the Grandview Lodge senior's facility on Lillie Street into the Matawa Education and Care Centre.

"It is going to do so much not only for the Matawa community, but the community of Thunder Bay as a whole," Rusnak said. "I've always advocated for bringing people together, but you have to do it in culturally appropriate ways. This facility as they slowly get working on it will deliver that to Matawa community members."

The project was meant to address recommendations of the Seven Youth Inquest by providing adequate education facilities to ensure student safety.

"This is very crucial for the safety of the students because this place will give them a sense of home," Nate said. "This will be their home. Safety is a major factor in developing the positive outcomes of this

Rusnak believes it will also help bridge the cultural divide between First Nation communities and the people of Thunder Bav.

"There's no getting around that there have been issues here in Thunder Bay. There have been issues long before the issues that came up in the Seven Youth

Ingquest," Rusnak said. "It will help bring people together, not only for the Matawa students who will go here, but the people of Thunder Bay. The people in the neighborhood. These are kids coming here for education, to better their life."

The renovations at the Education and Care Centre will see the addition of new classrooms, a gymnasium, and a student residence that can accommodate 100 students.

"Our concept and the idea of this program, when you enter this building, everything is open and accessible to people," Nate said. "The accommodation centre is more enclosed and private. It's for the safety of the students."

The Matawa Education and Care Centre has 140 students registered and when the renovations are complete, which is expected to be in September 2020, the facility will be able to accommodate 200 students.

Nate said the students are really excited about the new additions to their learning centre, but this new student residence will benefit any student travelling to the city to pursue education.

"That is more geared toward the younger students and the ones who leave their homes and adapt to the city," Nate said. "They don't necessarily have to go to our Matawa Learning Centre, they can attend other provincial schools. It will give them that option."

"This is very crucial for the safety of the students." SHARON NATE

# **Editorial**

#### **EDITORIAL**

## **Congrats to police**

A big congratulations goes out to Thunder Bay Police and other law enforcement agencies for their apparent success in bringing to an end the crisis at Hammarskjold High School.

Police last week arrested two students at the north-side school, charging them with multiple counts of mischief for a series of threats made against the school.

Hopefully the remainder of the student body, not to mention teachers and parents who were also affected over the course of the past two months, can get back to the business of education.

To the suspects, who have been banned from using or possessing devices that could connect them to the Internet, now is a good time to reflect on the pain and suffering you caused thousands of people in the city.

For what?

To miss a few classes? To get out of doing your homework? To get back at a teacher or classmates who were mean to you?

Odds are you're going to get a slap on the wrist, when a judge hands down your punishment, should be convicted – and it should be noted none of the accusations have yet been proven in court.

But you can bet the court of public opinion is going to cry foul should that occur.

To the Hammarskjold community, please remember that the rest of us shall always remain #vikingsstrong.

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#### St. Ignatius plan works

**To the editor:** Why have Thunder Bay city councillors rejected a proposal to build an indoor turf facility at St. Ignatius High School?

The offer could have saved taxpayers millions.

Michael Veneziale, a spokesperson for o Soccer Northwest, a party keenly interested in the project, had this to say: "We were hoping to be included at some point in time with the RFPs to see our thought process on it, and we weren't.

We had heard that there were a few options that we were really going to like, and then we were just essentially told that none of them were going forward for whatever reason." (tbnewswatch.com, April 12, 2019).

Mayor Bill Mauro's been pushing for a \$25 million dollar "legacy" facility at Chapples Park. Is he worried he'd have to share his "legacy" with school board trustees?

The public deserves better. The debate on the proposal should have been held in public, not behind closed doors. On why he couldn't explain council's rejection of the Catholic board's proposal, Current River councillor Andrew Foulds cited a tired, old chestnut of councils past: "confidentiality". The proposals weren't submitted in confidence. This was all council's doing.

All of these politicians promised greater transparency. Why aren't they ready to trust the public with the truth?

> Shane Judge Thunder Bay

#### **Dangerous lab cuts**

#### To the editor:

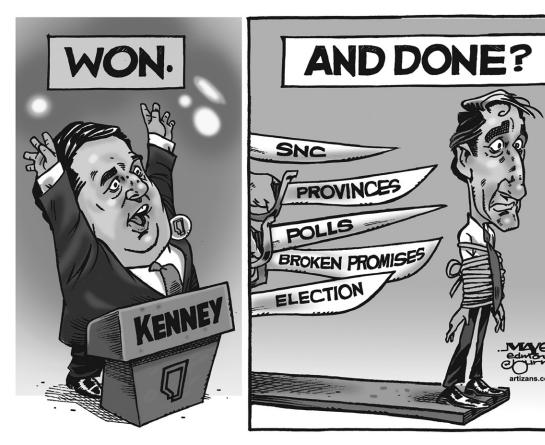
A sour website states "Public Health A Ontario keep Ontarians safe and healthy with our partners in government, Public Health and Healthcare". PHO has 11 labs across this province and if Premier Ford has his way there may be less or even worse none left in Ontario.

Public Health Labs have been in Ontario for more than 100 years and were taken out of the Ministry of Health in 2008 after the SARS outbreak and incorporated in the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Act that was born in 2007.

This was done to be an arm's length agency to react faster and more efficient to health care issues in Ontario.

Go back to 2000 when the Walkerton E.coli outbreak occurred. Numerous people died as a result in part back in 1996 when then Progressive Conservative premier Mike Harris closed the MOE Labs and privatized water testing.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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The people of Ontario deserve to be protected under for a not for profit system. Hopefully, Premier Ford will rethink his plan to dismantle or weaken the Public Health Ontario Laboratories and keep it in the taxpayer's hands.

He shouldn't roll the dice and let his corporate friends profit in pay for fee service set up in the private sector. Under this scenario, I foresee another Walkerton brewing and Ontarians will pay the price again.

> Clayton B McKibbon Supervisor, Specimen Handling Thunder Bay OPSEU VP, Local 716

#### Film Fest a success

#### To the editor:

The North of Superior Film Association extends heartfelt thanks for the enthusiastic response shown for the 26th Northwest Film Fest.

Thanks to Cineplex and the management and staff of SilverCity for their tremendous support, Laura Good and the Film Circuit team for booking titles and traffic coordination, our shippers including FedEx, Purolator, and Air Canada Cargo; our distributors including CCD Toronto, and our receivers at the UPStore.

A grateful nod goes to Wojo's Mojo and Upshot Coffee House for serving as advance sales for fest ticket packages.

Thanks to the local business community for their sponsorship support that is crucial to staging the festival .Thanks to *Thunder Bay Source*, Tbnewswatch, Thunder Bay Television, the *Chronicle-Journal*, Acadia Broadcasting and LU Radio for their coverage and exposure. Kudos go to our cheery volunteers for their customer service.

A bow goes to fest co-ordinator Catherine Powell and the dedicated NOSFA board for an incredible job.

We are appreciative for the many compliments about the line-up and for the festival itself.

Lastly, but not least, thanks to our loyal patrons for their continued support over 27 years.

The best attended fest films: included The Bookshop, Wild Rose, Can You Ever Forgive Me?, The Sisters Brothers, Free Solo, and The Discarded, to name a few. Have a safe and enjoyable summer season. See you in September for Season 28.

> Marty Mascarin, President, North of Superior Film Association

## **Perspective**

GOING VEGAN

# **Talking to toddlers**

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

Our ability to interconnect using spoken language is a valuable tool,

We learn this skill when we are very young and some people grow to become very effective communicators.

Others struggle with language their whole lives and have trouble getting their message across and understanding what is said or written.

What accounts for the difference? The answer can be found at story time on the collective laps of moms, dads, grandmas and grandpas everywhere.

If you have ever spent time with toddlers you are familiar with the treasured tradition of reading aloud to children.

Snuggled in the warm, comfortable arms of someone they know and love while listening to a familiar and soothing voice is the domain of well-adjusted kids.

#### Awakening

That is also where they first start to understand how language works. As young captivated minds listen

quietly, study the pictures and hang on every word, you can almost hear the wheels turning.

This is a deeply human moment for both the snuggler and the snugglee - these precious memories often last a lifetime.

It's hard to imagine what goes through the mind of a toddler as they hear Dr. Seuss for the first or tenth or hundredth time.

But even if they fall asleep half way through a favorite bedtime story they are still making emotional and intellectual connections.

It is gratifying to immerse young children in words and language, watching them become fluent readers and excellent communicators.

In time they learn to read for themselves but there are still good reasons to continue reading aloud, even to older children.

It's a good way to help them understand more sophisticated concepts and language without stumbling over vocabulary and syntax.

Later, they will read to their own kids and re-live that same experience, but from a new perspective.

They will continue reading as their grandkids discover the joys of snuggles and stories on Grandma's or Grandpa's knee.

We all know instinctively that kids love story time and the benefits and advantages have been validated by scientific studies.

Parents who spend time reading, listening and chatting to their toddlers will likely raise kids with better language skills and higher IQ's.

For children, the period between 18 and 24 months of age is often referred to as a time of "language explosion".

Researchers are astounded that language skills measured at this early age can accurately predict literacy results ten years later.

Exchanging conversation with

18-month-old kids will ensure high literacy and verbal comprehension a decade down the road.

Reading to children and engaging with them in face-to-face dialogue improves language development and cognitive skills.

It also gives mom and dad a snuggly break from daily pressures.

But there is more - children quickly discover the warmth, comfort and deep meaning in written words and quiet conversation.

#### Human connection

Being physically and emotionally close to loved ones is a basic psychological need for kids.

The crinkling of pages in a favorite book triggers a psychological response that reduces stress and promotes well-being.

Young minds develop vocabulary, learn grammar and cadence and how to recognize tone, inflection and non-verbal clues.

Talking to toddlers is cognitively nourishing and emotionally sustaining, and leads to welladjusted, well-read, well-spoken adults.

Compare this to the current state of some inter-personal relationships.

I've seen it myself – a family of four seated in a restaurant, all glued to their smartphones and not a word is spoken for the entire meal.

It's sad to see that they have nothing to say to each other - I wonder how they all ended up in silence.

Maybe nobody talked to them when they were toddlers.



VEGAN PUP The Vegan Alliance of Thunder Bay hosted a display at Intercity Mall offering information on the benefits of veganism. Even Bart the dog enjoys the vegan lifestyle.

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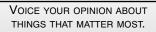
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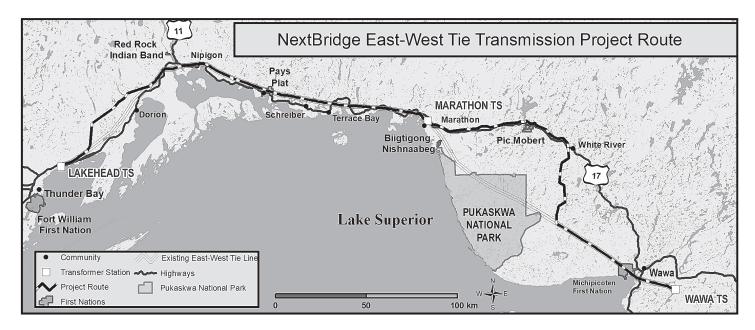
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# NEXTBRIDGE

### LOCALNEWS IN BRIEF Murder in Aroland FN

A<sup>21</sup>-year-old man is facing a murder charge after an altercation reportedly involving a firearm left another man dead.

Provincial police received reports early Friday morning of an altercation involving a firearm at the powwow grounds in Aroland First Nation, according to a Monday news release. Responding OPP and Nishnawbe Aski Police Service officers found a seriously injured man, who was subsequently declared dead by paramedics.

Officers found a second man at the scene and placed him under arrest without incident.

The suspect, Brady Gagnon of Aroland First Nation, has been charged with firstdegree murder and is being held in custody at the Thunder Bay District Jail until his next court appearance.

Police did not provide any details about the identity of the victim, but said an autopsy is scheduled to be held in Toronto on Monday.

#### Mt. McKay rescue

Two hikers are back on solid ground after becoming stranded on Mt. McKay and requiring rescue.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue responded to reports of two stranded hikers on Mt. McKay just after 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Firefighters responded with four pumpers, a technical rescue technician, technical rescue trailer, and a Kubota allterrain vehicle.

Snow conditions and the hikers not being able to accurately report their location hindered rescue efforts.

Rescuers searched for approximately an hour and a half before locating the two hikers, a 19-year-old male and 24-year-old female. A high angle rope rescue was conducted and the two were rescued from the mountain.

The pair were checked and found to be uninjured and did not require medical treatment.

#### Stunt driving charge

• ntario Provincial Police have arrested a pair of speedsters caught driving more than 50 kilometres an hour beyond the posted Highway 17 speed limit.

Police say the driver of a Ford Mustang was caught doing 145 kilometres-an-hour, while the driver of BMW was clocked driving even faster.

The incident occurred just after 1 a.m. on Friday morning.

Both drivers were charged with stunt driving, their vehicles were impounded for seven days and their licences were suspended for an equal amount of time, both mandatory under the Highway Traffic Act.



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Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) is initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act for a proposed new transmission line between Thunder Bay and Dryden. This project, referred to in the past as the Northwest Bulk Transmission Line, has been renamed Waasigan Transmission Line by Hydro One. Waasigan is an Ojibwe word for "bringing power". The need for this project has been identified by the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) through their long term electricity planning. Hydro One believes that bringing power to northwestern Ontario is important for supporting future economic growth in the region.

The EA will determine a preferred route for a new double-circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) in the Municipality of Shuniah and Mackenzie TS in the Town of Atikokan, and a new single-circuit 230 kV transmission line between Mackenzie TS and Dryden TS in the City of Dryden (see project map).

#### The Environmental Assessment Process

This EA will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The first step is the preparation of a Terms of Reference (ToR) which will set out the framework and work plan for addressing these requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the studies

and consultation activities that will be carried out. Important aspects of the EA process will be to identify and evaluate alternative routes, assess potential effects of the new transmission line and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

The anticipated completion date for the ToR is early 2020, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will then proceed as outlined in the approved ToR.

#### Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated through community newspaper advertisements, mailings and on the project website. Members of Hydro One's project team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

Hydro One will be hosting a round of Community Information Centres as outlined below to introduce the project, discuss the route selection study area and to answer questions on the project goals and the EA process.

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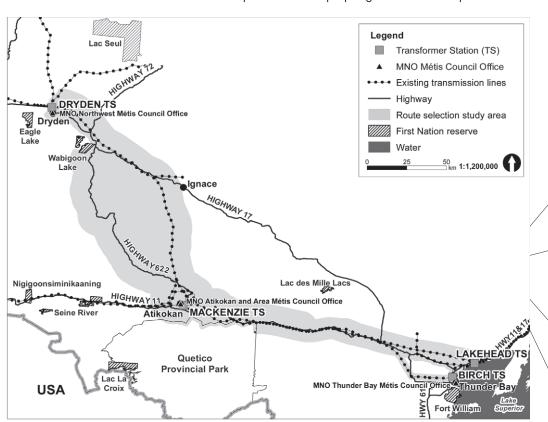
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TOUGH SPOT: Nurse Amy Leah Potter spent more than six months in a Yemeni war zone, treating victims of the conflict with Doctors Without Borders.

# **Treating casualties of war**

#### THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

or 90 minutes, Amy Leah Potter wasn't sure she'd make it back to Canada alive. Embedded in the middle of a bloody and brutal civil war in Yemen with Doctors Without Borders, the Thunder Bay nurse had been pulled over by armed guards and held. Conversation was not possible.

Her driver and captors - who later apologized - spoke no English and Potter's Arabic was limited.

"Well. I

guess this is

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die."

**AMY LEAH POTTER** 

"Well, I guess this is how I will die," she thought.

Luckily, the misunderstanding was cleared up and she was released, allowed to return to work patching up the casualties of a war that began in 2015 that arose from the ashes of the Arab Spring uprising, when Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi took the reins of power from ousted authoritarian president Ali Abdullah Saleh. He was immediately challenged

by a movement known as the Houthi, who attempted to take over all of Yemen, leading Hadi to leave the country four years ago.

According to the United Nations, about 123 civilian casualties per week, though they have subsided in Hudaydah, the port city where Potter was stationed, thanks to a UN- backed ceasefire. Outside the city, the violence is growing and the country's economy has taken a massive hit.

"I wanted to go there to help out where I could," she said, explaining why an educated Canadian would voluntarily insert themselves into one of the most volatile places in the world.

"That's what you do when you're with Doctors Without Borders. You go where you're needed."

Last September, before heading to the Middle Eastern country, located on the eastern shores of the Red Sea, Potter's only experience with war was from TV shows and movies.

"Of course, it's nothing the same," she said. "The first monthand-a-half there it wasn't too bad. We could hear fighting in the distance, but it seemed pretty far away, so we were a bit removed. And then as time progressed, the fighting intensified until it was right outside our door.

"We actually had to move our guest house after it became compromised. Our guest house, the

hospital and our office were all hit by random bullets. So it became really, really close. It surrounded us."

She and her colleagues quickly learned to stay below the windows in their home, whose lower section was reinforced with extra thick concrete, when bullets started to fly.

It didn't stop Potter from occasionally climbing up to the roof of her home to watch the air strikes, a near nightly occurrence, and she quickly learned to tell the difference between an airstrike and a shelling.

"I hate to say it, but it almost becomes a way of life. You know that's what it is. We were lucky. We were in an area where Doctors Without Borders was well known, so we would only be affected by random bullets. We were never a target," Potter said.

The work was like nothing she'd ever seen. "I worked for quite a few years in emergencies and different trauma wounds. So I've seen a lot of gunshots, but I've never seen the 50 millimetre bullets coming in, and in children," Potter said. "There was one little girl, the bullet was the entire length of her foot.

"We had a lot of shrapnel injuries, a lot of amputations - a lot of things you might see once or twice in your career working as a nurse in North America, but you would see daily in other countries.'

Would she go back?

In a heartbeat, Potter said, adding she had a chance to leave early, but chose to stick it out until March when her mission concluded.

"It feels bad to leave just because the fighting got bad," she said. "It's what we do with Doctors Without Borders."

### TB**Life**

# **Runner treks 100K for youth program**

#### **THUNDER BAY** By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

After running approximately 50 Akilometres, Antonio Stefanile said with a smile that so far, it's been great, really easy. But there's nothing easy about running 100 kilometres.

"It's been tough. The last couple of hours have been pretty tough, but we've had some amazing support from people coming out to cheer us on," Stefanile said. "My friend Claudia here has been running with me for quite a while. It really helps to have that support to get me to Hillcrest Park, which is pretty close."

Stefanile, 34, took on the challenge of running 100 kilometres in support of Thunder Bay Team Unbreakable. The run began early Sunday morning 30 kilometres south of the Pigeon River Border Crossing and followed



GOING THE DISTANCE: Antonio Stefanile ran 100 kilometres in support of youth running program, Thunder Bay Team Unbreakable. He was joined along the way by supporters, including runner Claudia Tropea.

Highway 61, Boundary Drive, before cutting through city streets on the way to Hillcrest Park. "It was a personal challenge, a way to celebrate my birthday, and the message of Team Unbreakable and helping build youth confidence, perseverance, and overcoming barriers is something that connects with me and is close to my heart," Stefanile said.

Team Unbreakable is a running program for youth that helps them train, track progress, and gain selfesteem. As of Sunday afternoon, Stefanile raised more than \$3,100, well above the \$1,000 goal.

The program is important to Stefanile, who has used running as a way of gaining confidence and overcoming mental and physical challenges, and he would like to see youth achieve the same success.

"It's helped me become more confident in my ability to set goals and achieve them," he said. "More so, it's helped me understand how your mind is just so powerful, so much more powerful than your body."

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Running for the past 14 years, Stefanile competed in the Firefighters 10-Mile Road Race in 2006. He has also competed in marathons and co-founded the UpRiver Running.

Taking on 100 kilometres is something he has never done before but finishing any run, no matter the length, involves the same mental and physical drive.

"Every time you persevere and push through those barriers, it reinforces the fact that you can achieve more than what you are capable of," Stefanile said. "I think that is what draws me to the sport, and the sense of community too. Everyone in Thunder Bay is just amazing."

Stefanile finished his 100-kilometre run just before 4 p.m. after running for more than 13 hours.





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# **Could it be? Has spring finally arrived?**

At last, the snow is melting at a Arapid rate. The sudden snowstorm last week that covered all of the bare patches, is all but a memory.

Most of the field behind Casa Jones is now bare; only small evidences of snow remain around the house. While I am still feeding the birds (and, inadvertently the deer), I no longer think that they will either freeze or starve.

Not sure if our two sandhill cranes are nesting on our property or not. They return each day to feed, to peck at the ground, on I know not what. But then I hear their strident calls and look to see them airborne, their huge wings slowly flapping as they rise and head off over the trees to the southwest or southeast. Either way takes them beyond our borders. Ah well, at least I get to see and hear them each day. The geese are back, too

I keep thinking that I can now tromp



along the trail. Nope. Still too much snow in the shaded woods that is hard for two feet. It is the last to go. But I'm confident this too, shall pass and me and our pooch, Baxter, will once again go on forays into the bush.

Every spring the first walk along the riding trail is a reconnaissance trip to check out how much clearing will be necessary. Strong winds throughout the winter usually topple suspect poplar and balsam whose roots are only just beneath the surface of the ground. Then next trip will be astride the quad towing the manure trailer in which I deposit the chainsaw. If the tree that has fallen across the trail is a punk poplar, I cut pieces just long enough for me to heave into the bush to rot, to return to the soil. If the downed tree is a green balsam or spruce, I delimb and, cut into fireplace-size pieces to haul back to the house, split, and stack for next year. But if the wood is from a 'chiko', a standingdead tree, where some of the bark has flaked off and the wood is solid, then it, too, is bucked, brought back to the house, split, and either burned in the fireplace on those still-chilly mornings, or stacked to used when needed.

So, wood gathering is one of my favourite activities that I'm anticipating once the snow goes.

But the bare ground is still very wet. Where we have thrown hay across the fences to horses in their paddocks, some escapes or is blown by the winds under the fence such that it has accumulated to cover the snow. The hay acts as an insulator and the snow underneath takes much longer to melt. Why didn't I rake the loose stuff up after each time I fed the horses in their paddocks? An excellent question and I'll get back to you on that.

We now have wee streams of meltwater running downhill across the driveway. My wife, Laura, loves taking a long-handle shovel and creating small rivers that allow the water to flow away from the huge puddles that seem to from every year. Even I have been known to use the heel of my boot to re-open these rivulets that seem to get clogged by vehicle or foot passage.

It is impossible to walk from the house to the barn without playing the slip-slidy game in the mud on the driveway. Vehicle passage certainly doesn't help creating ruts. Big Red, my elderly tractor, really makes a mess. I was so hoping that the winds and drying would go apace so that when I did have to fire up Red and fetch another round, hay bale into the horse paddock, the tires wouldn't gouge so deeply. But, alas, that storm last week delivery fresh snow (folks in town didn't seem to get any) ensured that the drying process would be slightly delayed. Rats!

At least the days are warm enough that I've been able to switch footwear from snow boot to rubber or as my neighbour, Linda Turk, refers to them as 'barn boots'. There are several places where I can't avoid sloshing through meltwater when delivering hay to the equines outside. Thank goodness there are no leaks in the boots.

Laura has been clearing in the flower garden on the south side of the 'hoosie'. Good Friday she showed me all the daffodils coming up to bloom soon, I hope. But, all by themselves, there were two crocuses in full bloom, one white and one purple. Very appropriate, I thought, for Easter.



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HAPPY HUNTING: Kids were having a blast hunting for Easter Eggs at Charry Park last Friday.

# Annual Easter egg hunt is still drawing huge crowds

Sunny weather adds to the excitement of the annual event, held at Frank Charry Park last Friday

#### **THUNDER BAY** By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A wet and soggy baseball field didn't stop more than 1,000 youngsters from the pandemonium that is the Hill City Kinsman's annual Easter egg hunt at Frank Charry Park.

The Good Friday tradition, warmed by a spring sun finally doing its job, is a lot of fun said neighbours Ryan Santorelli and Heidi Johnson.

"I wanted to take part in the Easter egg hunt because I wanted to get a prize," said eight-year-old Heidi. "I like that you get to collect eggs and collect lots of chocolate."

Wise beyond her youth, Heidi said over the year's she's developed quite the strategy to maximize her egg return.

"You start running when he says go and you pick up as many eggs as you can carry and then you go to the next spot," she said.



NOTHING LEFT BEHIND: The annual egg hunt saw more than 1,000 kids this year.

Ryan, also eight, said he was there for a singular purpose.

"To get the eggs and get chocolate," he be said. w

Eight-year-old Eva Kirkland said she

uses her speed to her advantage.

- "People can't really run that fast, so I get a lot of chocolate," she said.
- Her friend, Mila Piksiades, said the chase is the best part.
- "My favourite part is when you get the eggs," she said.

Watching the youngsters, who went out in four waves, sorted by age group, in search of plastic eggs filled with chocolate, prizes and even a voucher for a bicycle.

Organizer Jason Freeburn said the smiles on the children's faces after all is said and done makes it all worthwhile.

"We love giving back to the community and having so many kids out here and seeing them get that instant gratification when they get their eggs and open them up. It's awesome," Freeburn said, after the last egg was snatched from the ground at the East End park.

"It was chaos. This year, because we had such great weather today, it brought out that many more people. We were actually quite surprised, even the guys that have been out her doing this for over 10 years we quite surprised at the crowds. This might be our biggest crowd ever." <u>IN THE **bay**</u>

# **Television uses sentiment to sell coffee**

dvertisers know that sentiment is Aone of the best ways to sell a product. If they tell a story that tugs at the heart-strings, people are more likely to choose their product. Even if the story is a little, well, bizarre.

In the '80s, one of the most wellknown ads was for Impulse Body Spray. A beautiful woman walks down the street unaware of a man she's passed.

He sniffs the air and immediately starts running after her, stopping at a flower vendor along the way.

The tag line said, "When a man you've never met before suddenly gives you flowers ... it's Impulse." What could be more romantic?

Women swooned. Men were incredulous. Could this ever happen in real life? Well, I once had a guy admit to following me for five blocks before he finally approached me. It was sweet. And creepy.



I took the long route home. How is it that TV can make the most bizarre scenarios seem totally plausible? Even appealing?

Tim Hortons has become a pro at connecting with our sentimental side. A couple years ago, a "Warm Wishes" commercial briefly shut down a Fort Frances outlet. Tim's sent in workers overnight to drape red wool on every piece of furniture and the coffee cups



DECORATED: Tim Hortons once dressed up its Fort Frances store in bright colours.

before putting a giant red toque on the roof.

They then wrapped a string of red

yarn through neighbourhoods, around park benches and trees. This led residents to the restaurant where everyone gathered.

The idea was to spread warmth in what was, according to the ad, "one of the coldest places in Canada." Consumers loved it.

Except the temperature was a balmy 1 C that day.

This guerilla marketing tactic got people there out of curiosity. They stayed because the coffee was free and cameras were rolling.

Another dive into the Tim's schmaltz was based on a true story of a couple cleaning out their parents' garage in preparation of selling their home. (The key words are "based on," not a word-for-word re-telling of the tale.)

The woman looks around remembering her childhood there. Suddenly, they find a box of old coffee cups with momentous dates written on them: the day they moved in, the day she got engaged.

Apparently, they had Tim's every time. So according to the commercial, every cup tells a lovely family story.

But while the ad shows pristine cups, we're talking about old used disposable coffee cups - the ones with soggy chewed rims and stains in the bottom that most of us toss in the garbage. Instead of taking a photo to mark the occasion, her obsessivecompulsive hoarder father has held on to a box of germ-infested mementos.

Yet, when we watch these ads, we can't help but be swept away by the sentiment. Let's face it, television is full of negative news and hard-sell advertising. So a bit of the warm and fuzzy goes a long way to reminding us of the positives in life.

Even if it's in a mouldy coffee cup. This column previously ran in Thunder Bay Source. Fiona will be back with a new column next week.

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# **Stars wins sixth SIJHL title**

#### SIJHL By Leith Dunick - TB Source

he Thunder Bay North Stars nine-year Superior International Junior Hockey League championship drought is over.

Assistant captain Keighan Gerrie tallied twice in the third period on Saturday night to break open a onegoal contest and the North Stars captured their first Bill Salonen Cup title since 2010, downing the visiting Red Lake Miners 4-1 in front of a season-high crowd of 2,120 at Fort William Gardens.

Jayden Mrakic, with his first of the post-season, and Kyle Auger also scored for Thunder Bay, giving them their league-high sixth SIJHL championship.

"Ever since the start of the season, this is what we've been looking forward to," said Gerrie, the playoff MVP who led the league in scoring with 102 points during the regular season.

#### First step

"It's just another step along the way. We've got the league championship and now we're looking for the Dudley and then hopefully the RBC (Cup).'

The Dudley, of course, is the Dudley Hewitt Cup, the Ontario Junior A championship, which begins April 30 in Cochrane, Ont.

The Stars will be making a return trip to the tournament, having represented the league last year in Dryden as the SIJHL representative.

"They're obviously also all really good teams,"

Gerrie said, already looking ahead. "They won their leagues too, so we know it's going to be hard, but if we stick to our game we feel like we can do a pretty good job there.'

Captain Ryan Mignault, whose diving pass set Gerrie free for a breakaway goal 65 seconds into the third, said winning the title on home ice is a much different feeling than losing it, like the Stars did last year at the hands of the Dryden Ice Dogs.

"It feels unbelievable," he said. "You put so much work into it and it comes down to seven games at the end of the year and you're putting everything out on the line for it. To get rewarded for all that work is an amazing feeling."

Auger, who tied Gerrie with 102 points, becoming the first defenceman in SIJHL history to crack the century mark, with Queen's We Are The Champions blasting in the background, said letting last year's title slip away hurt for a long time - but the pain is now gone.

"Obviously I'm happy to be on the other end. We never got to that third win last year, so we didn't really get the nerves like we did today. But I thought we left it all out there and it feels awesome. I haven't won my whole life, so it feels really good."

The Stars, who dropped the series opener 6-1 on home ice, won four straight, evening the series in Game 2, sweeping the Miners earlier in the week on the road and capping a season that saw them ranked No. 2 in the country with Saturday's 4-1 victory.

It could have been a lot worse for the Miners if it wasn't for goaltender Zach Willims, who faced 49 shots, turning aside 45 of them - several in spectacular fashion.

Locked in a one-goal game, Jacob Brown hit the post on the backhand late in the first. Logan Mihalcin was stuffed after charging through a pair of Red Lake defenders and Jonathan Kilby was denied on a partial break

The Miners best chance to even the score came early in the second when Liam Stalwick stepped out of the penalty box and broke free on North Stars goalie Brock Aiken, but to no avail.

#### Just missed

Mrakic, who opened the scoring in the first two minutes of the game, had a stellar chance on another breakaway, but couldn't lift the puck past Willms' outstretched pad and it remained 2-1 through 40 minutes.

Gerrie scored quickly to open the third, then added his eighth of the playoffs five minutes later, cutting across the middle and backhanding it off the post behind Willms.

Stratton Pickett had the Miners lone goal, evening the score, using a screen to beat Aiken at 7:36 of the first.

North Stars coach Rob DeGagne said it was a great first step toward a national championship.

"You've got to win this one first, right? It means a lot to these kids. They had a spectacular year. They worked hard all year. They did everything we asked them to do. They're young men, they make mistakes like everyone else, but boy oh boy they sure came to play."

**KEIGHAN GERRIE** 

"It's just another step along the way."

# **Kings relish underdog role at TELUS Cup**

#### HOCKEY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

nthony Biniaris says it's time to put Athe city back on the hockey map. It's been long enough since the Thunder Bay Major Midget Kings have won a national championship, 22 years to be exact, said defenceman Anthony Biniaris, listed by Hockey Canada as a player to watch on the host side.

The Kings, who lost out on a regional title earlier this month, losing to Tisdale in overtime in the championship match, come into this year's event mostly off the national hockey radar.

That's not a bad thing, Biniaris said. "I think we like that underdog mentality, because normally the host team is that underdog. But we're ready to shock some people and make us proud," he said Sunday, after a final practice at their Fort William First Nation Arena home



KEY SHOT: Thunder Bay's Christian Veneruzzo fires a goal past Calgary's Garin Biorklund on Monday night. Calgary scored four times in the third to beat the Kings 7-4.

The Kings are one of six teams vying for the title this week at Fort William Gardens, a lineup that includes past

winners like the Toronto Young Nationals, the Calgary Buffaloes, the Tisdale Trojans, and the Magog

Cantonniers, who last year won silver. The Halifax Macs round out the sixteam tournament.

Forward Gareth Aegard says the leadup to the TELUS Cup has been a lot of work, but the games to get there and the hundreds of hours of practice have been put in. Now it's time to see how they stack up against the nation's best.

"We're all just kind of itching for Monday night," said Aegard, adding being able to compete in Thunder Bay for a national title is about as good as it gets.

"I think just having it at home is just extra special, being able to show everyone in town, our friends and family. It's a chance of a lifetime, being able to participate in a national championship. We're looking to win, we're looking to do whatever it takes.'

Unlike the other five teams taking part this week, the Kings spent most of their season playing out of the U.S-based

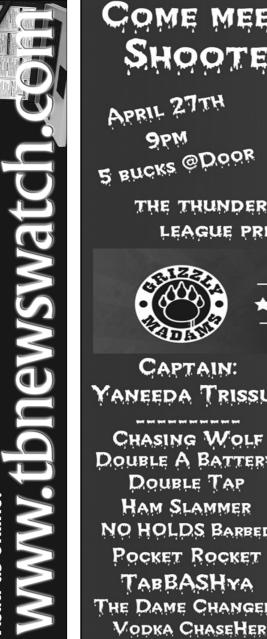
North American Prospects Hockey League, taking on teams from St. Louis, Nashville and Colorado Springs, putting up an impressive 13-6-1 record and sweeping five playoff games to capture the Dixon Cup.

They went on to an appearance in the Telus Cup West Regional final, falling a goal short of winning the title, after sweeping Kenora earlier in the Hockey Northwestern Ontario playdowns.

Goaltender Jordan Smith, a ninthround pick of the Peterborough Petes in 2017, said from his perspective, success this week will only come of the Kings can maintain their composure on and off the ice, with all the distractions that come with taking part in a national championship.

"We have to just be calm and not look too far ahead. Everyone has to buy into the system," Smith said. "Of course the hockey is what we're here for, to win a national championship.'







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#### 64. CRAFT & FLEA MARKETS

Attend the annual Thunder Bay Military Family Resource Centre "Spring Yard & Craft Sale" Saturday, April 27th 10:00am-1:00pm. Held indoors at HMCS GRIFFON, 125 N. Algoma Street. Admission: \$2. BBQ, draws and more. Shop at over 60 tables to shop through. Open to the general public!

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