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UNHAPPY WORKPLACE: Angelique Eaglewoman (right) announced earlier this year she was stepping down from the Bora Laskin School of Law after just two years on the job.

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LOCAL NEWS

Pugh won't run in 2018 vote

CITY HALL
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Eight years is enough for Paul Pugh. The veteran city councillor on Monday announced he will not run for a third term in McKellar Ward, instead saying he'll be actively supporting the campaign of newcomer Ashley Nurmela, whose decision to run helped spur Pugh's decision to step aside.

"The more I got to know about her and her qualities, I said, 'Hmmm, the timing is perfect.' We all do our best, we do what we can, but eventually we have to recognize that it's time to let others move forward," the 71-year-old Pugh said.

"This is the time for me to step back. I'm not going to disappear. I suspect I'll be a community activist for as long as I live. Why change now?"

Pugh counts the addition of new social housing in Thunder Bay and what he termed a growing and improved relationship with the region's Indigenous population, among his accomplishments on council.

"I think these are all important things for building a future for Thunder Bay," he said.

He's also glad the city is well on its way to mitigating flooding in affected neighbourhoods, particularly the Thunder Bay's east end.

Nurmela, a married mother of four who recently returned to college, said she decided to throw her name into the ring following a lifetime of community advocacy.

"I really enjoy what I do, so why not take it to the next level and be a part of shaping how the city moves



STEPPING ASIDE: Paul Pugh (left) will support Ashley Nurmela to take over McKellar Ward on city council.

forward, together with everyone?" she said.

If elected, Nurmela would also bring an Indigenous voice to the council table.

This was also an important factor in the reason behind her campaign.

"I would like to make it more inclusive and bring our community together in unity."

Pugh is the second ward councillor to announce he won't be seeking re-election on Oct. 22. McIntyre Coun. Trevor Giertuga has said he plans to run at-large. At-large Couns. Iain Angus and Larry Hebert have publicly declared they're running for mayor.

Candidates officially began filing their nomination papers on Tuesday and have until July 27 to do so.

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LOCAL NEWS

Changes needed at LU

Systemic racism alleged by ex-law-school dean

EDUCATION
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

First Nations leaders are calling for significant changes at Lakehead University after what is being called the disheartening resignation of Bora Laskin Faculty of Law dean, Angelique Eaglewoman.

Eaglewoman, who was the first Indigenous woman to be named the dean of a Canadian law school, resigned from the position earlier this month after being in the position for two years, claiming her decision was based on experiences of systemic racism at the university.

"From the very beginning of my tenure as dean, I felt there were certain staff and faculty members that were very resistant and over time I began to see the systemic racism and called for cultural competency training within the faculty of law," Eaglewoman said. "Then I began to experience from senior administration didn't see it the same way and weren't going to support me in those efforts."

In light of Eaglewoman's resignation and allegations of systemic racism at the post-secondary institution, First Nations leaders from Fort William First Nation, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, and Metis Nation of Ontario, are calling on Lakehead University to take the necessary steps to address institutional discrimination and move



LEAVING: Bora Laskin School of Law dean Angellque Eaglewoman has resigned.

toward reconciliation.

Fort William First Nation Chief Peter Collins said a letter will be sent to the Lakehead University Board of Governors outlining several recommendations, which include committing to appointing an Indigenous dean at the faculty of law, offering Fort William First Nation a designated seat within the Ogimaawin Aboriginal Governance Council, to develop an Indigenous reconciliation strategy, and to launch a full independent review and response to the issues and allegations brought forward by Eaglewoman.

"I think that is a couple of steps in the right direction," Collins said. "Talking about truth and reconciliation, they are a school who are supposed to be teaching that to our people and other First Nation

communities and non-Aboriginal communities so that they understand the traumatic issues that we've dealt with over the years and over generations."

Eaglewoman said her heart was overflowing and she is very thankful for the support from First Nations leaders, who she said played a pivotal role in bringing the law school to Northwestern Ontario.

"They see the importance of this law school and its role and what a difference it can make in Northern Ontario," she said.

Lakehead University released a statement Tuesday afternoon.

"Today, we are listening to, and reflecting on, what has been shared by our region's Indigenous leadership," the statement reads. "We are committed to creating the conditions whereby everyone at Lakehead University can flourish, and we look forward to ongoing dialogue and action."

Zaitzeff pleads guilty, receives probation

COURT
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Alexander Zaitzeff has been sentenced to 15 months probation after pleading guilty to several charges.

Justice Joseph Wilson handed down his sentence Thursday afternoon in a Thunder Bay courtroom.

Last Thursday morning, Zaitzeff, 69, pleaded guilty to one count of invitation to sexual touching, two counts of assault, and one count of unauthorized possession of a firearm. Defence attorney, Scott

Hutchinson, was seeking 12 months probation, while Crown attorney, Marc Huneault, was asking for between 18 and 24 months of probation.

A conviction on the charge of invitation to sexual touching carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 90 days in jail. But Justice Wilson credited Zaitzeff with six months of pre-trial custody that he said more than satisfies the minimum sentence. Both members of counsel were not seeking any additional time in custody. Justice Wilson cited several aggra-

vating factors he considered when determining his decision, including the severity and lasting impact the offences had on the victims. But he also cited Zaitzeff's apparent remorse following his guilty plea and a lack of any criminal record.






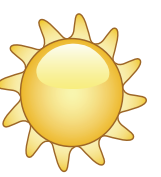
Terms of probation include no direct or indirect contact with the victims, a fine of \$500 for the firearm charge, abstaining from possessing or consuming alcohol, providing a DNA sample, being included on the national sex offender registry for 10 years, and to obey all orders and instructions provided by the probation officer.

Details of the charges are subject to a publication ban.



ALEXANDER ZAITZEFF

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LOCAL NEWS

Hebert to run for mayor

CITY HALL
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Larry Hebert is running for mayor. The three-term at-large city councillor on Friday confirmed one of the city's worst-kept secrets, saying he is planning on getting out of the municipal politics game and figured he'd take a shot at the city's top elected position before heading toward retirement.

Hebert, 70, is the former head of Thunder Bay Hydro and a long-time volunteer in the sports community, whose accomplishments include bringing the World Junior Baseball Championship to Thunder Bay in 2010 and the U18 Baseball World Cup to the city last September.

Hebert joins fellow at-large Coun. Iain Angus and 2006 mayoral runner-up Jim Gamble on what's expected to be a crowded ballot to replace outgoing Mayor Keith Hobbs, who has not completely ruled out a run at a third term in the mayor's chair.

"I've had three terms on council and learned a lot," Hebert said. "There's still a lot to learn, but I thought I don't want to do (that) anymore, so I'll take a chance and run for mayor. I know there's a lot of good competition and I may not get a seat, but so be it."

Hebert, who finished second in the at-large race behind Angus in the 2014 municipal election, said he brings plenty of experience to the table.

"I've been dedicated to the community my entire life. There's my involvement with the university and various sports events around and all kinds of charitable things. I volunteer at Shelter House through our church ... so I think I bring a wide array.

"Others have better credentials. I'm going to run a clean campaign. I'm not going to get down in the mud with anybody and do anything with anybody. I want to keep it a clean campaign."

The nomination period, which has been shortened in 2018, opened on Tuesday and closes on July 27.



WANTS TOP JOB: Three-term city councillor Larry Hebert says he brings plenty of experience to the mayor's chair.

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LOCAL NEWS

Evacuees arrive in city

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Evacuees from Kashechewan First Nation have begun arriving in Thunder Bay after a state of emergency was declared in the community because of potential flooding.

The first flight from the First Nation situated in the James Bay area arrived Saturday afternoon, with several more flights scheduled to arrive throughout the day and evening and Sunday.

“Right now they have three flights scheduled for tomorrow to arrive in Thunder Bay,” said Thunder Bay Fire Rescue deputy chief, Greg Hankkio. “That is the tentative plan. We will have to assess exactly how many guests we have after today. So it will either be two or three flights additional.”



DOUG DIACZUK

Annual flood risk

At the request of the province, the city has offered to take in 450 evacuees. About 350 were expected to arrive last Saturday. Kapuskasing is also hosting evacuees.

Kashechewan is located on the Albany River, which is prone to flooding in the spring when the ice begins to break up on James Bay.

Hankkio said hosting evacuees from Kashechewan is a collaborative effort on behalf of several organizations, including the city of Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Health Integration Network, and the Canadian Red Cross.

PRECAUTIONS: Kachechewan evacuees began arriving in the city last Saturday.

“Their lives are being disrupted and they are being moved out of their community under some emergency conditions,” he said. “When they arrive in Thunder Bay, it’s their home away from home and we make things as comfortable as we can for them while they are here.”

Hankkio added that it is a difficult and stressful time for the evacuees, but despite the difficulty, they are very friendly and remain positive during their stay in the city.

“It’s a safe place for them to be,” he said. “Genuinely they are happy and friendly people and we are

more than pleased to have them here and more than happy to help out.”

No timeline

There is no word on how long the evacuation may last, but the MNRF is continuing to monitor the ice breakup and water flow in Kashechewan and is providing the city with daily updates.

“Right now this is a precautionary evacuation in anticipation of some flooding there,” Hankkio said. “As far as the timeline goes, we don’t know. But we will take care of them until they are able to go back to their community.”

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

The mayoral race begins

Let the municipal election fun begin. Tuesday marked the official start of the nomination filing period, a three-month window for council and mayoral hopefuls to get their names on the ballot.

For council watchers, it's Christmas come early.

Will embattled Mayor Keith Hobbs walk away after eight years, or does he change his mind and seek a third term, either as mayor or at large?

Can perennial mayoralty candidate Frank Pullia finally pull out a win on Oct. 12.

The rumours are already starting to fly in the mayor's race.

We know Couns. Iain Angus and Larry Hebert are in. So too is Jim Gamble, a fringe candidate who finished second to Lynn Peterson in 2006. And rocker Kevin Cernjul also put his name into the ring on opening day.

Shane Judge is most certainly going to run for a second straight election.

Former mayor Ken Boshcoff is another likely candidate.

Then there are the wards. Two-term Coun. McKellar's Paul Pugh is leaving politics behind and McIntyre's Trevor Gieruga has hinted he plans to run at-large. That's two possible new faces at the council table. Add in three at-large candidates running for mayor and there could be a new direction on Donald Street come November when the new council is sworn in.

And that's not a bad thing.

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Keep truck route the same

To the editor:

Twenty-thousand, eight-hundred kilometres and right through town.

That's how many additional km 1300 cross country trucks will travel each day to transit Thunder Bay via the 16 kilometres longer Trans-Canada/Expressway versus Highway 102.

If safety is the concern, one sure way to reduce accidents is to drive less, rather than 1,300 trucks per day times 16 kilometres per truck equals 20800 kilometres a day more.

Any trucker who takes the Trans-Canada and Expressway to transit Thunder Bay is either a rookie or lost.

Dawson Road/Highway 102 (the original Dawson Trail) bypasses the city and is the more direct route.

Most communities are diverting cross-country traffic to ring road routes to avoid the city, but we're contemplating directing truck traffic right through it.

The historical reason the longer Expressway/Kakabeka route is designated as the Trans-Canada is that it touches on Thunder Bay (south) or what was the City of Fort William before amalgamation.

It was assumed that Fort William would lose tourist revenue if it were bypassed.

I suggest it makes more sense to petition the government to designate Highway 102 as the Trans-Canada Highway route and improve it using the associated federal funding.

The complication I see here is that funding for the proposed interchanges on the expressway is likely linked to it being designated as the Trans-Canada. With 1,300 more trucks per day we're sure going to need them.

Let's look to the future, and perhaps a map.

Bill King,
Thunder Bay

Dome ideas exhausted

To the editor:

About 10 years ago the Sportsdome Limited Partnership ownership group which consists of a number of local families and 10 or so local investors came together raising approximately \$1.5 million of their own money to help improve and subsidize local soccer.

No public funds were ever asked for, none were ever received.

The Sportsdome ownership group purchased then repurposed the former "Golf" Dome to a "Multi-Purpose" Sportsdome, paid the CLE all its back rent then owed from the previous out of province owner and moved forward to renovate the facility to modern standards.

After the dome collapsed in

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



November 2016 the Sportsdome did everything it could to reasonably work with the CLE.

Early in 2017, the Sportsdome gave written notice to the CLE that it fully intended to rebuild its facility.

During 2017, the Sportsdome made four different offers to Soccer Northwest to rebuild for soccer and be ready for their 2017 indoor season.

Soccer Northwest declined all four offers citing that the Chapples facility had somehow been promised to them.

Losing its anchor tenant to the Chapples project, the Sportsdome looked at a variety of other uses for which to rebuild its facility.

The Sportsdome had certain rights under its lease for a process to introduce new uses for the facility.

At the time, mid-2017, the Thunder Bay and Area Food Strategy was in the middle of conducting their Thunder Bay and Area Food and Agriculture Market Study.

The Sportsdome undertook an extensive investigation and then proposed logically to re-build a Regional Agricultural Food Hub given Soccer Northwest would not support rebuilding indoor soccer fields.

The CLE refused.

The Sportsdome exercising its right under its lease requested mediation for a Food Hub use, the CLE refused.

The Sportsdome exercising its additional right under its lease requested Arbitration for a food hub use, the CLE refused yet again.

The Sportsdome was left with no choice but to request a Judge compel

the CLE to deal fairly with its tenant the Sportsdome.

The CLE then abruptly cancelled the lease improperly in our view.

At the time the Sportsdome had all lease monies in trust with its lawyer for the benefit of the CLE, its insurance was fully compliant, all in all the Sportsdome remained committed to completing the clean up and rebuilding.

The CLE was fully aware of all these facts.

The matter is now before the courts thus we do not wish to comment further.

The Goal Sports Center team supported by the Lakehead Express Soccer Club is now in the process of expanding from its College Bubble location and attempting to get an additional facility up and running for October 2018.

Robert Zanette,
Thunder Bay

Drug policy failure

To the editor:

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberals have failed to take our drug crisis seriously.

The Trudeau Liberals have already announced that they will make prescribed opioids and even heroin available to drug addicts and they're still rushing ahead with the legalization of marijuana.

And now, Liberals want to go even further.

Last month the justice minister told Canadians that she's open to decriminalizing illicit drugs like crack, cocaine and heroin.

As we face an unprecedented opioid epidemic, the Liberal government should be focused on expanding drug treatment programs and making sure dangerous drugs stay out of the hands of vulnerable Canadians. Instead, the Trudeau Liberals are spending millions on marijuana legalization and paving the way toward more drugs being available to Canadians.

Canada's Conservatives take this drug crisis seriously. That's why we're demanding that Justin Trudeau put the safety and the health of young people first, ahead of their ideological disposition to drug use.

Marilyn Gladu, MP
Sarnia—Lambton

No thanks, Doug Ford

To the editor:

No thanks, I can do math. Doug Ford's promises would blow a hole in the budget of close to \$15 billion annually if he kept them all.

Plus, they're only planning on \$3.2 billion in annual cost savings.

Math being what it is, that's an \$11.8 billion annual deficit.

It's safe to assume anything he promises isn't going to happen.

Bill Ferguson,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

Perspective

Greetings Earthlings

Earth Day still hasn't captured the world's attention

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

I realize it's a little after the fact but did you know that April was Earth month and the 22nd was Earth Day?

It snuck up on me again this year and I still haven't sent out my Earth Day greeting cards – I have a feeling I'm not the only one.

Earth Day is the largest civic observance in the world, but this global holiday still hasn't swept the planet and is easily ignored by billions.

On the bright side, most Earthlings (even the ones who forgot) spent the entire month hanging out right here on Planet Earth.

While it's true that most of us don't have a choice, with all the talk about Mars colonization it's nice to know that Earth is still number one.

And kudos to the over one billion concerned citizens who decided to commemorate the day with enthusiastic and meaningful events.

The Earth Day Canada organization promoted its "Consume Less, Play More" theme across the country.

This group was trying to highlight the connection between outdoor play, something called "physical literacy" and environmental action.

They sponsored a series of outdoor, family-focused fun activities called "Pop-up Adventure Playgrounds".

The idea was to create a temporary space where kids could truly be kids without the distraction of screens and technology, rules and regulations.

It allows children to exercise self-reliance and creativity while having fun and connecting to their natural environment.

I applaud the efforts of Earth Day Canada, but this activity was invented back when I was a kid – we called it going outside to play.

Their pop-ups only lasted for one Earth Day and then they were gone – not only that, they were only offered to children in Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver.

By contrast, going outside to play is an everyday activity available to every kid in Thunder Bay right outside their own front door.

Unfortunately some other Canadian children growing up in big cities may have to wait until next Earth Day to enjoy their next outdoor fun activity.

Another part of this year's campaign was to emphasize the importance of trees to the environmental health of the Earth.

Anyone who grew up in Northwestern Ontario knows the value of trees – worldwide more than 1.6 billion people depend on the forest for their livelihood.

Here's what they're saying about the forest – planting trees is the most affordable, health-promoting and regenerative response to climate change.

For kids, climbing them is a good, unstructured way to learn risk-assessment, problem solving and resilience.

Happy Earth Day Canada – in this

country over a thousand new seedling trees are planted every minute.

I hope we can find enough Canadian kids for all those trees when they're full-grown and ready to climb.

On the international scene the Earth Day Network coordinates global events in almost 200 countries.

Their mission is to diversify, educate and activate the worldwide environmental movement.

The theme for 2018 is "End Plastic Pollution" – the focus is to fundamentally change human attitude and behaviour concerning plastics.

The exponential growth of plastics threatens marine life, disrupts human hormones and causes life-threatening disease.

The Earth Day Network is hoping for a groundswell of support 2020 which will be the 50th anniversary of this planetary environmental movement.

It's all up to the kids now – will they ever again choose tree-climbing over their compulsive need for screens and electronic devices?

"Less screen time, more green time." – Let this be the mantra for the next generation of environmentally conscious children who inherit this planet.

The future of Earth, Earth Day and all Earthlings is in their hands now.

It's all up to the kids now – will they ever choose tree-climbing over ... devices?"

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DOUG DIACZUK

A look back in history: Court Street

The Ruttan Block on the corner of Court Street and Red River Road is clearly visible in this picture as is the flag-bearing Eaton's building at left. The 1953 movie *Dangerous When Wet* starring Esther Williams was playing at the Paramount and the Odeon competed nearby. Both theatres are now closed.



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LOCAL NEWS

CLE clean-up date could begin shortly

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The eyesore left behind when the Sports Dome collapsed in November 2016 could be a step closer to the clean-up stage.

Al Law, president of the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition's board of directors, on Thursday said the organization several months ago terminated the lease agreement with the now collapsed facility's ownership and have been given the legal OK to begin removal of the mess, which has largely been left unattended since the bubble came down.

Law said unpaid rent was the basis to end the agreement with the Sportsdome Limited Partnership, which sets the stage for the CLE to issue a request for proposal to conduct the clean-up once the city orders them to do so.

"We want the site cleaned up, so we had to go through legal channels and go after the insurance companies, because

if there's monies that are going to be paid, we'd like that money directed toward the clean-up," Law said.

Until this week, the CLE and its board weren't legally allowed to touch the site, which last fall saw a portion of its artificial turf torn out to be used at a new indoor soccer facility at Confederation College.

Much of the bubble itself has also been carted away, but the infrastructure for the remainder of the Sports Dome still remains in place, fenced off from the general public.

This hasn't stopped seagulls, pigeons and rodents from befouling what was left behind, and Law said they believe people may have been inside the fence at various times since the collapse.

"We want the city to put pressure on us, give us a letter and then we'll move forward," Law said, adding the board has no idea what the final cost to remediate the site will be.

"There's major steel (there). You can see it for yourself, and how much is



MESS LEFT BEHIND: The Sportsdome collapsed in November 2016.

that going to take to clean up. There's quite a mess in there."

Robert Zanette, representing the

Sportsdome Limited Partnership, in a letter said they initially told the CLE, in early 2017, that they intended to rebuild the facility.

"During 2017 the Sportsdome made four different offers to Soccer Northwest to rebuild for soccer and be ready for their 2017 indoor season," Zanette said.

"Soccer Northwest declined all four offers citing that the Chapples facility had somehow been promised to them."

At that point, without an anchor tenant, Zanette said the ownership group looked at other options, which included new uses for the site, hoping to partner with Thunder Bay + Area Food Strategy, which was in the middle of conducting its Thunder Bay and Area Food and Agriculture Market Study.

"The Sportsdome undertook an extensive investigation and then proposed logically to re-build a regional agricultural food hub given Soccer Northwest would not support

rebuilding indoor soccer fields," Zanette said.

"The CLE refused."

A request for arbitration and mediation was also refused.

"The Sportsdome was left with no choice but to request a judge to compel the CLE to deal fairly with its tenant," Zanette said. "The CLE then abruptly cancelled the lease improperly in our view."

He added the lease monies was placed in a trust and their insurance was compliant, but because it's before the courts, he preferred not to comment further.

Law said there's no timetable to have the clean-up work completed, adding the board is hopeful a new facility can be built on the site, one that can host both soccer and trade shows.

It won't be another dome.

"It's the perfect spot for a soccer complex," he said, acknowledging the proposed Chapples facility could make it a tough sell.

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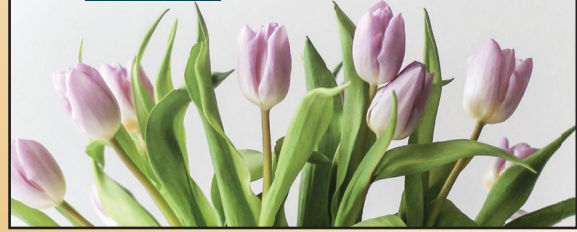


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STONE COLD: An early morning hail storm on Tuesday caught many in the city by surprise.

LEITH DUNICK

Dam's still a priority

However, city defers work in order to work on Main Street bridge

CITY HALL
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The long-awaited repairs to the Boulevard Lake Dam could begin as early as 2019, despite some dollars earmarked for the project being used on a major infrastructure improvement this year.

City administration on Monday night reaffirmed their support for the rehabilitation, while recommending more than \$1.1 million from the project's carry forward funding be diverted to offset cost increases to fix the Main Street bridge.

City engineering director Kayla Dixon made it clear the appropriation of funds doesn't mean the dam project has been shelved.

"This is our No. 1 priority," Dixon said. "We know we allocate funds as necessary to make sure this work gets done. Once we get that (environmental assessment) in hand this becomes the work we're focused on in 2019."

In recent years the project has been stalled by the ongoing environmental assessment process, which is yet to be completed.

Dixon said work on the dam could begin next year if the environmental assessment is approved this year, leading to detailed design and construction on the two-year project potentially beginning in 2019.

Coun. Andrew Foulds, who represents the Current River ward where the dam is located, said he was quite upset that the money to pay for the bridge was coming out of



DELAYS: City officials have again put off work on the Current River dam.

funds that had been previously set aside for the dam.

"We've put this off in excess of five years. We now have to go through the environmental assessment," Foulds said. "Putting this project off is not acceptable any longer."

The century-old dam, which is 700 metres upstream from where the Current River flows into Lake Superior, has been identified by an engineering assessment to have suffered concrete deterioration. As well, its structural strength has been deemed insufficient to meet Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act requirements to handle floodwaters from a regulatory storm.

Foulds said money has been spent

trying to advance the project.

"It's hundreds of thousands of dollars to go through that environmental assessment and we're still looking at a dam that's falling apart," Foulds said.

Council voted to award the contract to rehabilitate the Main Street Bridge, a two-year project to upgrade the Intercity area span.

This year's budget allocated \$4.2 million for the bridge and the pretender estimate was revised to \$4.7 million but the total cost to the city has been recalculated at \$5.3 million.

Restraints are in place on the contractor for when work can be completed and requirements to keep the bridge open during specific times in order to continue to allow heavy loads, particularly cargo deliveries received by the Port Authority.

"Putting this project off is not acceptable any longer."
ANDREW FOULDS



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Volunteer band honoured

THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Heather MacDonald-Craig says at 47 she decided to take up bag-piping.

It was something fun to do and a great way to give back to the community.

It certainly wasn't for the accolades.

Still, she was honoured, along with eight other members of the Thunder Bay Police Pipe Band, bestowed with the prestigious Sovereign Medal for Volunteers, given out by Canada's governor general in recognition of dedication and commitment to the community.

The award was unexpected, but fantastic she said last Thursday, after receiving her medal at a ceremony held at the Thunder Bay Police Service headquarters from acting Police Chief Sylvie Hauth.

"I come from a family of piping, and when I saw an ad in the paper that said would you like to learn how to play the pipes, when I was 47 years old, I thought, 'How hard can it be?'"

"Well, it's very difficult. It's like wrestling an octopus, actually. But I learned how to play. Lorne Clifford was my teacher. Being part of the pipe band is very much like a family. We're very, very happy to volunteer at senior's homes, at Remembrance Day services – anything to have to do with veterans and the elderly."

MacDonald-Craig said there's always some sort of ceremony around town or in the region where a pipe band adds that final flare.

"It's just a nice musical accompaniment to lots of special ceremonies and it's just fabulous to be a volunteer. I think, actually,



DESERVED: Members of the Thunder Bay Police Pipe Band accept Sovereign Medals for Volunteers.

that more people should volunteer. It makes you feel good and it accomplishes a lot," she said.

Pipe major Ken Wilson, pipe sergeant Alasdair Graham, and pipers Jerry Pearce and Greg Bird were also honoured at the police station ceremony, while drummer John Currie and piper Pam Ward accepted their awards earlier this year in Ottawa. Honourary clan chieftain Peter Toohey's award was also already presented, while two honorees chose to remain anonymous.

Hauth said the awards were important, as is the pipe band, which was first formed in

1984.

"I've listened to their music and been part of many events with them and it's a very important tie with our community," Hauth said. "The volunteer hours they put into these events and representing us as a policing agency out in the community is exceptional."

The hours they put in are phenomenal, she added.

"I think it is long overdue that we publicly acknowledge their service to our community and the many hours that they've dedicated to the band and what they provide to us."

Folklore Festival returns to Gardens

THUNDER BAY

By Doug Dlaczuk – TB Source

From great food, to amazing dancing, everything you could ever want from a quick trip around the world will be on display again at this year's Folklore Festival.

"We are of course going to travel the world in 48 hours," said Jeanetty Jumah, chair of sponsorship and promotion for the 2018 Folklore Festival. "This year it is going to be an amazing festival."

The annual Folklore Festival is celebrating its 45th year of bringing nearly every corner of the world to the city of Thunder Bay. This year will be no different, with performances from cultural dance groups, cultural activities, and this year, 19 international food booths.

"We have a new Syrian booth this year,



AFFORDABLE: Folklore tickets are \$5 for adults.

we have the return of the Slovaks who have not been to Folklore for years, the Greek booth is back and Thailand has returned,"

Jumah said. "The food court is packed."

On stage this year will be performances by Ukrainian dancers, the Pipes and Drums of Thunder Bay, Le Stelle Alpine Italian Dancers, the Kiiukurit Finnish Folk Dancers, First Nations performers, and performances by the Thunder Bay Chinese-Canadian Association, just to name a few.

This year's feature performer Saturday night will be Café Paris Martin Blanchet Jazz Quintet.

"Folklore Festival will be held at the Fort William Gardens on Saturday, May 5 from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday, May 6 from noon to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. Children ages four to 12 are \$1 and children under four are free.

For more information visit the Folklore Festival website.

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RURAL ROOTS

Try as I might, I keep on forgetting what all the little brown and grey ‘jobbies’ are. I usually have to haul out the field guide yet again to remind myself who is flitting about our woodpile where we put the bird seed.

Lots of ‘flittings’ taking place right now. I stand at the kitchen window that overlooks the woodpile and observe constant movement.

Most of that movement is caused by juncos, up to forty or fifty of them all vying for seed that has been scattered on the ground.

But they aren’t the only seed seekers. Over the past week I’ve counted up to eight grackles, six red-wing blackbirds, and a couple of sparrows and finches.

Interesting that the grackles and red-wing blackbirds seem to tolerate each other as they peck away.

But as soon as I open the front door, there is a mad ‘whoosh’ of wings as

the gathered feathered crowd rush away in several directions seeking safety.

Only the red squirrel, resident in the woodpile (poor thing. its residency will soon end), remains looking at me and continuing to eat the sunflower seeds.

Long ago it realized that I was not a threat. But when Baxter, our pooch, exits the house, that is another matter.

Slowly the riding/walking trails are losing the snow.

While last week I complained that the paddocks were still covered in the white stuff, this week it is almost all gone.

Only right along the edge of the bush is the snow still stubbornly cemented like a white border.

I long to be able to take the quad and cart along the trails to learn how many trees have been blown down after some of the very stiff winds we’ve

experienced.

Along the way, I might find a dead balsam or spruce that isn’t rotten and that would be just right for the fire-place.

My wife, Laura, and I are waiting until the trails are snow and ice-free so that we can get back to our ‘timber cruising’ when we go for walks.

Ostensibly we head out for exercise but the urge to look for standing-dead timber, ‘cheekos’, that can be easily felled, bucked, and brought back to the house to be split and then loaded into the wood box in the living room beside the fireplace, means that we tend more to amble.

I love the smell of burning balsam and/or spruce.

Meanwhile my head spins at the sight of the countless chores of fence repair, picking up debris off the lawn, preparing the gardens, and attempting to level the driveway that, over the

winter, developed pot holes and that make for a bumpy ride jostling the passengers (and driver) in any vehicle coming or going from the farm. That job is done by a blade attached to the rear of Big Red, my elderly diesel tractor.

I have learned through past experience that I must somehow add a couple of concrete blocks to the blade hitch to provide sufficient weight for the blade to gouge the dirt that can be dragged into the dips in the driveway.

In the flower bed the crocuses have been and are now gone. So short a time of flowering.

Daffs are next on the list to be revealed.

And I have to keep on telling myself that it won’t always be cold at seven in the morning.

But as the old joke goes: at least there are no biting bugs.

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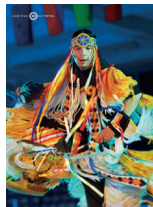
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Day of mourning held

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

For many people, getting up and going to work is just part of a daily routine. But in a blink of an eye that routine can change your life and the lives of the people closest to you.

Workers, union representatives, political leaders, and employers marked the National Day of Mourning on Saturday, remembering workers killed or injured in the workplace and renewing efforts to ensure worker health and safety.

“I think it’s important for the Thunder Bay community to acknowledge and recognize that in the workplace is such a common place,” said Carlos Santander-Maturana, president of the Thunder Bay and District Labour Council. “People go to work every day. In a blink of an eye, as one of the speakers today talked, their life changed forever.”

This year, the National Day of Mourning focused on ending violence and harassment in the workplace.

Ceremonies were held across Canada and the ceremony in Thunder Bay honoured four Hydro One workers who were killed in a helicopter crash on Dec. 17, 2017 near Tweed, Ont., as well as six individuals killed in the Humboldt Broncos bush crash who were working in various roles with the team.

“We need government officials, workers, employers to get together to ensure that proper measures are in place to protect workers from loss of life and major injuries,” Santander-Maturana said.

For Mike Lundy, a correctional officer with the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre, not only can years of stress on the job negatively impact an individual, but sometimes one night can change a life.

Lundy was called in the night of the riot at the Thunder Bay District Jail in December 2015. And while he was not



SOLEMN: Violence and harrassment were this year's focus.

directly involved with the incidents taking place on the top floor of the jail that was destroyed during the riot and saw one correctional officer taken hostage, he said he still has nightmares about it.

“What we saw and heard that night, I can’t even imagine what some of my co-workers went through that night,” Lundy said. “My life was definitely changed.”

Lundy added that many first responders and correctional officers face issues of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anxiety, which can have just as much of an impact on a worker and their family as an injury or someone killed on the job.

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Magnus unveils its 2018-19 schedule

THEATRE

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Thom Currie says he's not sure if he's ready for patrons tossing toast at the Magnus Theatre stage.

But it didn't stop him from choosing to add the cult favourite *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* to the seven-show 2018-19 lineup, which the Thunder Bay theatre's artistic director unveiled on Tuesday.

"It's going to be an absolute hoot," Currie said of the Richard O'Brien production, which has been thrilling audiences around the world since it was first introduced on the silver screen in 1975.

"To get to work with Julie Tomaino again, who did *We Will Rock You* with us last year, did the choreography on that, I'm kind of beside myself. This is going to be a great year."

The unofficial season kicks off in July, with *Back in 59*, a jukebox musical written by Currie himself and features songs from the early days of rock and roll.

Things take an interesting turn on the main stage with the introduction of *Bang Bang*, a drama penned by Kat Sandler about a white playwright who uses the shooting of an unarmed black man as the starting point for a hit play about to be turned into a major movie.

Following the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*'s run, Magnus dips into the Christmas season with Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*, which Currie said is not only fun for the entire family, but also tests the theatre company's capabilities.

"I'm thrilled to do *A Christmas Carol* because we're going to unpack all the special effects that we're capable of here at Magnus, because at its core it's a ghost story," Currie said.

Tradition continues

The one-man show *Huff*, written and performed by Cliff Cardinal, continues Magnus' tradition of offering up an Aboriginal show each year. It tells the darkly comic tale of Wind and his brothers, who have solvent abuse issues and are at high risk of suicide.

Currie is particularly excited for the second show of the second half of the season, a co-production with the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre of *Buying the Farm*, written by Shelley Hoffman and Stephen Sparks, who met and fell in love on the Magnus stage and named their lead character after the theatre itself.

"For a theatre the size of Magnus and a community the size of Thunder Bay, to all of a sudden stand shoulder to shoulder with one of the largest theatres in the country is absolutely thrilling to me," Currie said.

"To work with those playwrights, Shelley Hoffman and Stephen Sparks is thrilling to me because I've known them both for years and years at the various theatres I've worked at."

The season concludes with *Boeing Boeing*, a French farce first produced in the 1960s based on the work of



LINEUP UNVEILED: Magnus Theatre's Thom Currie.

MAGNUS THEATRE 2018-19 SEASON

Back in 59
Bang Bang
The Rocky Horror Picture Show
A Christmas Carol
Huff
Buying the Farm
Boeing Boeing

Marc Camoletti.

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Evening performances are staged Tuesday to Saturday at 7:30 p.m., with matinees on Wednesday at noon and Saturday at 2 p.m.

Tickets range from \$21 to \$45 and are available at the box office by calling 345-5552 or online at www.magnustheatre.com, where a new booking system allows patrons to select their seat for the upcoming season.

Other highlights include a community fundraiser involving local lawyers, a number of concerts and the new Magnus Theatre Young Company, which will stage a classic play during the 2018-19 season.

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Thorogood getting bad to the bone back in the Bay

George Thorogood discusses his first (and last) solo album, Party of One

MUSIC
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

It's been four long years since George Thorogood, the rocker behind hits like Bad to the Bone, Move it on Over, and I Drink Alone, has played to Thunder Bay audiences, but that doesn't mean anything has been forgotten.

"For better or for worse, whether you love us or you don't, once you see us you remember us," Thorogood said in an interview with Tbnnews. "If you haven't seen us, I would say have a good night's rest and a good meal because you are going to need your energy."

Thorogood and the Destroyers played the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium on Tuesday. With more than 15 million albums sold and more than 8,000 live shows, Thorogood has been making hit music for the last 40 years.

But even in all that time, there are some things Thorogood still hasn't done, at least until now. In August 2017, Thorogood released what he called his first and last

solo album, Party of One.

"It was something that was long overdue," he said. "I was meaning to do it ever since I picked up a guitar."

The album was released by Rounder Records and includes Thorogood performing 15 songs from traditional blues, modern blues, and rock artists, including John Lee Hooker, Willie Dixon, Brownie McGhee, Bob Dylan, Hank Williams, and Johnny Cash.

"When we first started doing the many acoustic things I used to do before, some of them were songs I've been doing alone and then we did the rock and roll versions," Thorogood said. "We did those and halfway through it, we said is that enough material to stretch these things out? Why not start doing songs by people who admired or influenced you."

Bringing his own distinct high energy sound to some of these artists was challenging, not only musically, but physically.

"It put a lot of pressure on me," Thorogood said. "It put pressure on my hands. How I prepare for it is a lot of rest and a lot of sleep the night before."

And while this is his first solo effort, Thorogood said there will not be another because there is nothing more for him to do.

"I've run the gauntlet of what I can do," he said. "This is pretty much all I've got in me to do that. It wouldn't make it as special. That's why I say it's Party of One. There will be no Party of One part two."

Audiences in Thunder Bay enjoyed all their favourites Tuesday night, which are just as much fun to play for Thorogood and the band as it is for the audience to hear.

"They've become favourites, popular or whatever, and that's what we did them for," he said. "Now what we achieved that, we're going to keep playing them. That's why people pay for the tickets."

"For better or for worse, whether you love us or you don't, once you see us you remember us"

GEORGE THOROGOOD

IN THE bay

Emmy host choices raise questions



NBC recently announced its pick for the hosts of this fall's Emmy Awards. Saturday Night Live's "Weekend Update" anchors Michael Che and Colin Hanks will share referee and bounce duties at this year's awards show.

Given that the job is often handed off to a television comedian, it's no surprise that the network looked down its own halls for available talent.

However, the public response has been divided.

Some declared their pleasure with full caps and smiley-face emojis. Others were slightly more expressive, using complete sentences to congratulate the *SNL* duo on the addition to their demo reel.

However, once again the #MeToo movement reared its head, as some

on social media questioned NBC's choice.

In the past, both Che and Hanks have been quite comfortable making highly questionable and suggestive jokes.

Will they be able to read the temperature in the room? Or in America for that matter?

A recent article in The Daily Beast

questioned Che's "transphobic" language in his own stand-up show. (Hanks has been only slightly better.) Of course, general offensiveness has been Che's comedic bread and butter for years.

However, rather than brushing off the critique, Che responded by encouraging his social media followers to go after the journalist personally.

So in a time of political correctness when sexual harassment is still very much a hot-button issue, are Hanks and Che the right choice for such a respected primetime special?

Furthermore, where have all the female comedians gone? The Emmys have rarely deigned to use a female host.

In fact, Jane Lynch was the last one to grace the stage back in 2011. Is

NBC really that short on talent with two X chromosomes?

Just a quick reminder: *SNL* also features the multi-faceted Kate McKinnon and Leslie Jones.

And since their boss, Lorne Michaels, is the Executive Producer for this year's Emmys, getting them to take the job would be pretty easy.

Women have been pressured into unwanted activities in Hollywood for years. Surely, these two gals could be coerced to take a thankless hosting job for a night in September!

But regardless of the *SNL* connection, if Hollywood wants to support and promote female empowerment as it has claimed, women need to be the ringmaster for these kinds of events at least fifty percent of the time.

Then again, is the hosting gig for

an awards show with a dwindling number of viewers really going to impact the millions of women worldwide who are victims of sexual harassment?

I don't think even the almighty Ellen DeGeneres' presence could add anything to the cause at this point. I'd like to think we're beyond the kind, but inevitably useless, lapel pins and "We stand with you" rhetoric - especially now that Bill Cosby's finally been found guilty. It's time for real (and legal) action.

So in the end, "Comedian/Host" is hardly a job title that will make or break a resumé.

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Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "J" = "S"

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "What great thing would you attempt if you knew you could not fail?" - Robert Schuller

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ACROSS

- Chair
- Electric reluctance unit
- Wampum
- Tamarisk salt tree
- N. Caucasian language
- P.I. food
- Austral. island
- "Dies _____"
- Yale student
- Cat
- Confederate States of America (abbr.)
- Tin
- Indian music
- Hasty pudding
- One of the Seven Hills of Rome
- Corn lily
- Hindu servant
- Carried away
- Hold

DOWN

- Loathe
- And other: abbr. (2 words) (Lat.)
- Russ. range
- Democrat (abbr.)
- Encounter
- Revise
- Wild vanilla
- Greek letter
- Scala (2 words)
- Down with (Fr., 2 words)
- Earth personified
- Niger-Congo language
- Edible root
- Raccoonlike mammal
- Medieval fiddle
- Thus (Lat.)
- Outside (pref.)
- Top
- Foremost part
- Adjusted gross income (abbr.)
- Resin
- One of the Apostles
- "Fables in Slang" author
- Sleeping
- Fool
- U.S. mountain
- Dye
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- Phoenician city
- Enclose
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LEITH DUNICK

READY TO PLAY: Thunder Bay's Keighan Gerrie returns to action for the North Stars after being sidelined by injury.

Stars set for Dudley

SIJHL
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Joe Newhouse says the Thunder Bay North Stars may have backed into this week's Dudley-Hewitt Cup, but they plan to show the competition it's where they belonged all along.

The North Stars, coming off a hard-fought six-game defeat in the Bill Salonen Cup final to the host Dryden Ice Dogs, says the excitement has been building ever since.

"It's a big opportunity. It's almost once-in-a-lifetime, you could say. Not many people get to play their junior careers and get to play in the Dudley or a chance to go to the RBC (Cup), so yeah, we're excited," the veteran defenceman and North Stars captain said on Sunday prior to practice, the final on-ice tune-up before the team hit the road on Monday for Dryden, where the Stars and Ice Dogs will be joined by the Wellington Dukes of the Ontario Junior Hockey League and the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League champion Cochrane Flyers.

Not knowing much about Wellington and Cochrane makes it tough, but Newhouse said they've seen some film and can develop a game-plan from there.

It's not the time to start reinventing things, he added. "We're a big, fast strong team. We're good from the goaltender out. If we stick to our own game we'll be fine. It doesn't matter what other teams do too much," Newhouse said.

It'll also be a North Stars squad blessed with an offensive weapon it was missing during the SIJHL final, with forward Keighan Gerrie cleared to return to the lineup.

The youngest player in the league this past season, Gerrie scored 24 goals and 51 points in 53 games for the Stars and said it was tough watching from the sidelines as the SIJHL playoffs wound down.

He's eager to get back on the ice to try to help deliver the North Stars second Dudley-Hewitt Cup title, 12 years after NHLers Robert Bortuzzo and Carter Hutton led the team to its first.

"I'm back, so hopefully we've got some momentum coming into the Dudley now. We've just got to put it all out there for the 20-year-olds," he said, adding he plans to bring a little offence to the Thunder Bay team that kicks off the tournament on Tuesday afternoon against Cochrane.

"I'm well-rested now, had a couple weeks off. Hopefully I'll be fine out there, making plays and maybe putting up a couple of points."

North Stars coach Rob DeGagne said Gerrie will be a boost to Thunder Bay's offence, and his return couldn't come at a better time.

"It'll be huge," DeGagne said.

"He'll be a big addition to our lineup. Whatever it does, it gives us more depth in the third and fourth line as well. We get better players that move down the ladder and it makes our whole team stronger."

The first-year coach said the team was disappointed at not taking the SIJHL title, blaming it on running out of gas while dealing with injuries and suspensions.

"We know we can play with Dryden. We know we can beat Dryden. So really our goal this week is to play well in the first couple of games, get some wins under our belt and prepare to get to the weekend. We want to get to the weekend and then anything can happen."

The teams will play a three-game round-robin, with the No. 1 team earning a bye to Sunday's final and the second- and third-place finishers playing in Saturday's semifinal.

The Stars take on Wellington on Wednesday and Dryden on Thursday.

Siau gets 25-game ban

SIJHL
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Thunder Bay North Stars forward Avery Siau will serve a 25-game suspension after punching an opposition coach in the face.

Siau was involved in a pair of off-ice incidents during and after Game 3 of the North Stars Superior International Junior Hockey League championship final.

Late in the contest, the already-suspended player approached the penalty box and began taunting a penalized Dryden player, who was serving a penalty. Matthew Pitchenese lunged at Siau, but sat back down.

Following the game Siau and Dryden coach Kurt Walsten had an encounter, that led to a punch being thrown and landed, leaving Walsten with a nasty

black eye.

Siau was suspended indefinitely. He had a face-to-face meeting with league officials, who handed down the 25-game sentence, one of the longest suspensions in SIJHL history.

He's served three games already and will serve at least another three during next week's Dudley Hewitt Cup, where Thunder Bay will attempt to capture the provincial championship for the first time in 12 years.

The 20-year-old Siau had 24 goals and 63 points in 49 games for the North Stars in 2017-18, collecting 76 penalty minutes. He added another seven points in 10 playoff games.

The North Stars intend to appeal the suspension.

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