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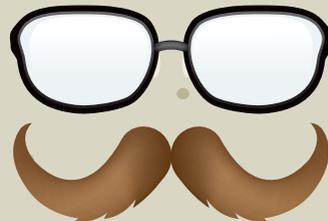
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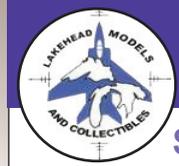
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# LOCAL NEWS



**NO ACCESS:** Gull Bay First Nation erected a blockade along one of the access roads to the Lac Des Iles Mine on Thursday.

## Gull Bay blocks road to Lac Des Iles Mine

**GULL BAY**  
By Matt Vis - TB Source

Members of Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek – Gull Bay First Nation have set up a blockade on the road leading to the Lac Des Iles Mine, with the community's chief declaring it will be in place either until there is a negotiated deal or "hell freezes over." The turnoff to the mine off Highway 527 was barricaded with a camp set up for members on Thursday, and Gull Bay chief Wilfred King said the community will continue to exercise its inherent rights to its traditional territory until the mine complies with a list of demands.

result of this operation. We've had some deals in the past and we felt there was still no respect for our community," King said.

"We had tried to work with middle management at the facility and they don't seem to want to recognize Gull Bay's concerns, whether they be environmental, whether they be working in conjunction with our business partners as well."

Tailings from the mine were discharged into the watershed in June 2015 after a tailings pond sinkhole caved in, raising environmental concerns from Gull Bay. Subsequent water testing found the controlled release was contained and there was no damage to the aquatic environment.

King said there was recently another controlled release and the community wasn't notified until hours later.

"This has gone on long enough. I see various communities striking deals with various mines and they have a very, very good relationship," King said.

"I think it's unfortunate we have to take measures to this level. We've

always tried to negotiate in good faith and tried to work with the mine in good faith. We feel they've just completely rejected our concerns at times."

The company had a strong start to the year, mining more than one million tonnes during the first quarter of 2018 and generating net income of \$5.6 million.

"We want a deal that's going to be enforceable. We want a deal that's based on respect," King said. "A deal that really recognizes Gull Bay has to benefit from any future development at this mine. This mine has made record profits recently and they have to come to the table to negotiate in good faith. We want a meaningful agreement."

The demonstration is restricting vehicles on either side of the blockade from passing through. King said exceptions would be made for emergency service vehicles. A mine rescue vehicle with personnel was permitted to pass through from the mine to reach the highway late Thursday afternoon.

OPP in a statement said police are working with the protest organizers to provide a safe and peaceful opportunity to exercise their lawful rights and to ensure public safety and order.

**"We're here to assert and claim our rights to the territory."**  
WILFRED KING

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LOCAL NEWS

# Protest calls for halt to Trans Mountain

Local group joins national protest against Trans Mountain Pipeline outside Minister Patty Hajdu's office

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Doug Dlazuk - TB Source

Shouts of shame on the Liberal government and shame on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau cut through the wind outside a local MP's constituency office as protestors across the country speak out against the federal government's purchase of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline.

"I was just like other people who had a similar reaction, I was absolutely appalled and floored that the federal government would move forward with such a decision without any consultation with Indigenous people or the public at large," said Lana Ray, an executive for the Council of Canadians Thunder Bay Chapter.

Protests were held at constituency offices across Canada on Monday, including a demonstration of nearly 40 protestors outside Minister Patty Hajdu's office in Thunder Bay organized by Ray and the Thunder Bay Chapter of the Council of Canadians.

Earlier this month, the federal government announced plans to purchase the pipeline project that transports crude oil



**SPEAKING OUT:** Nearly 40 people gathered outside Minister Patty Hajdu's office to protest the federal government's purchase of the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

from Alberta to the B.C. coast. The \$4.5 billion purchase of the pipeline that has been operating since 1953 could also see future expansions, such as twinning of the existing line.

Ray said there is a plethora of reasons

why the purchase of the pipeline is not in the national interest of the country.

"We have a country where we have treaties and we have protected in our constitution the inherit rights of Indigenous peoples," she said. "The vast

majority of British Columbia is located on unseeded territory of Indigenous peoples, that means Indigenous people still have title to that land."

There are also many outstanding land claims settlements, Ray added, and

moving forward with the pipeline project and expansion is breaking the federal government's promises of free, prior, and informed consent of Indigenous peoples.

"It just makes no sense," Ray continued. "It doesn't make sense socially, it doesn't make sense in terms of our values we have here in Canada, and it doesn't make sense economically as well."

Hajdu was in Ottawa on Monday but released a statement to thank the people in her riding for sharing their concerns regarding the project, but she stands behind the government's decision.

"By ensuring this project is built we are protecting our environment and thousands of good, well-paying jobs at the same time," the statement reads. "The Trans Mountain Expansion Project was approved by both the federal and British Columbia governments after the most rigorous environmental assessment in our country's history. We are pursuing it with confidence because this is an investment in Canada's future and our national interest."

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LOCAL NEWS

# Council approves hotel tax

**CITY COUNCIL**  
By Matt Vis - TB Source

People will be paying a bit more to stay in local hotel rooms beginning later this year.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night approved a recommendation from administration to implement a four per cent tax on all short-term accommodations effective Sept. 1, which is expected to generate about \$2 million annually.

It is estimated the 48 accommodation providers – hotels, hostels, motels and bed breakfast enterprises – offer about 2,360 guest rooms with an average daily rate of \$115 per night. As well, there are at least 75 Airbnb properties within the city.

The tax will be charged on stays of less than 30 days. It only applies to the costs of the rooms and not other services such as banquets or conference spaces provided by hotels. The provincial regulations prohibit the city from charging the tax onto Lakehead University and Confederation College when they rent out their residences during off months, though city administration said they are discussing the institutions voluntarily collecting the amount.

Coun. Andrew Foulds was adamant the city's portion of the funds should be used to promote and develop tourism, not for general infrastructure or offsetting levy increases.

"I view this with some excitement about some of the investments we can put in tourist facilities," Foulds said. "Like a new soccer plex, perhaps money towards an art gallery, reinvestment in the auditorium, other twin-padded hockey rinks. I view this as a tremendous opportunity."

In 2017 the city had occupancy rates of 73.2 per cent, surpassing the 69.1 per cent provincial average. Hotels were particularly busy during the summer months, when the city's nearly 90 per cent occupancy rate in July and August was the third highest in Canada.

The ability to impose the tax was only granted by the province late last year, which requires municipalities to devote 50 per cent of the revenue generated to a non-profit focusing on tourism promotion for product development. The remaining 50 per cent is kept by the municipality, which can

decide how to use those dollars.

The four per cent rate is standard with what other Ontario municipalities, including Kenora, London, Windsor and Sault Ste. Marie, have implemented.

Foulds argued the city would benefit from having the money to stay in line with other Ontario cities trying to attract traffic.

"They are able to put together tourist advertising packages that make us look silly," Foulds said.

"We don't have the resources to compete with those other municipalities when it comes to product development. This will allow us to compete for tourists. It will level the playing field for this municipality."

While Thunder Bay Hotel Association president Roberta Sawchyn was in favour of the tax, low-budget motel operator Sayed Elmahriki urged council to consider an exemption for businesses operating with 15 rooms or less.

Many of the people staying in his motels can't afford an increase of \$2 or more per night, he said.

"It would make it very difficult for our clients," Elmahriki said, adding there have been cases when people have chosen to sleep outside or in their vehicles over a difference of a couple dollars.

"Our clients represent the poor sector of our society, which are the single mothers on welfare, students new to Thunder Bay, people who used to live in the Shelter House on a regular basis and need a night away from the shelter."

The people staying in those motels aren't tourists and wouldn't benefit from initiatives boosting the local travel industry, he added.

Coun. Frank Pullia questioned the equity of imposing the hike onto people staying in the economy-rate hotels, calling it a tax on the poor. He eventually ended up supporting the recommendation.

That debate didn't set well with Coun. Paul Pugh, who noted he was chair of the city's poverty reduction committee.

"I think we're talking about the hotel industry and we should stick to that. We shouldn't muddy the waters by pretending that this is somehow anti-poverty or a housing program," Pugh said. "It is not. It is the hotel industry and we should deal with it accordingly."



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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### Benefits of a hotel tax

If you've ever travelled beyond Thunder Bay, chances are you paid a hotel tax or destination marketing fee.

Until recently Ontario municipalities were not able to impose such a tax on hoteliers and other short-term accommodation providers, though in some places across the province the businesses chose to charge and remit a fee on a voluntary basis.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night decided to join a collection of other provincial municipalities, who have all gone ahead with a four per cent accommodation tax.

Administration projects the tax will generate \$2 million annually, primarily coming from visitors to the city. While half of the amount collected must go to a tourism non-profit for product development, the remaining 50 per cent can be spent at council's discretion.

But rather than go towards repaving an extra street each year or being used as a cheap way to offset tax levy increases, the next city council that will ultimately decide how to spend that money needs to be strategic and look at the big picture.

If done wisely, that money can go to support projects and events that, yes, should drive further tourism but also provide facilities or opportunities for our own residents to enjoy while not having to take extra tax dollars from them.

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### Protest unfounded

To the editor:

I have been an oilfield worker for 15 years and until I went there and saw it, I too was as uneducated as these people. They do not understand what has been done there in the last 30 years. They have literally cleaned the earth. Before they started taking the oil out you couldn't drink the water because of the oil. You couldn't plant a garden. Trees barley grow cause they were coated in oil. Now they have put back and reclaimed land full of trees and wildlife. The oil companies have an agreement to put the land back better than they found it. There is already billions of dollars with the government to facilitate clean up. Those refineries have to be tore down one piece of steel at a time and the land returned to nature. Please educate yourself before protesting something you dont understand.

Clint Upton  
Via Facebook

### Hotel tax not unusual

To the editor:

For years I have paid these taxes at hotels across the continent, and accepted it, always wondering why these cities had attractions, facilities and reasons to visit that our city did not. Hopefully the new council will see fit to utilize the two per cent portion to add and upgrade our needed recreational attractions to not only attract even more tourists, but also keep people here in the community.

Richard Bosch  
Via Facebook

### Heavy trucks still an issue

To the editor:

I'm so tired of the heavy speeding transport trucks. With all the residential streets and people like me who have to make a left onto my street and have to wait for oncoming traffic and have to worry if a transport will stop. I've had one pass me while waiting to turn and man you see your life flash before your eyes. No way they should keep it that way. The passing on the right has to stop to. It's illegal to pass on the right hand side when half asphalt, half gravel. The only way you can is if it's a fully paved shoulder. And so many do that including the transports. They need to fix this along West Arthur and also along Dawson Road. That is what the extension is for.

Kim Aalto  
Via Facebook

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



# Pipeline purchase serves Canada's best interests



**BOB NAULT**  
FROM THE HILL

Much has been said since the federal government purchased the Trans Mountain Pipeline from Kinder Morgan last week. For some, there is a misconception that we have to make a choice between protecting the environment and growing the economy. We don't. We know this is a country where it is possible to do both at the same time.

Government infrastructure investments help build our country. If we go back more than a hundred years, we'll see the Canadian Pacific Railway wouldn't have been built without the help of the federal government. The same can be said about the oil sands in Alberta, which injected almost \$13 billion into the Canadian economy in 2017. Take our riding for example. The

federal government has invested millions into infrastructure projects, such as our airports in Red Lake, Kenora, Pickle Lake, Cat Lake First Nation, Fort Severn First Nation, just to name a few. More than \$40 million went towards improving internet infrastructure in our local communities last year, bringing us closer to having the 21st century technological services that are required for businesses to compete in today's world.

This March, a \$1.6 billion investment was made into the Watay Power Project to connect 16 remote First Nation communities to the provincial power grid. The project will not only create jobs and improve the lives of everyone in the communities - it will bolster the economy by continuing to open up the North.

Red Lake is still benefiting from a pipeline project that is delivering clean, affordable natural gas to local residents and businesses. The \$40 million project was funded in part by the federal government and saves residents and businesses money

while creating jobs locally.

I truly understand and appreciate the concerns of British Columbia residents. Our government is a leader when it comes to protecting our environment as we demonstrated recently when we invested in the IISD Experimental Lakes Area, which the previous conservative government failed to do. We again demonstrated our commitment by investing \$5.5 million to help improve water quality and the ecosystem in Lake of the Woods. These are but a few examples, so I remain very confident that all necessary preventative measurements will be in place to minimize any risk to the environment that the Trans Mountain Pipeline may present.

Not everyone is going to be happy with the federal government's decision to purchase the pipeline. At the end of the day, the government stepped up and made a decision in Canada's interest. That's what leadership is about. We need to do what is best for the country, and ensuring this pipeline gets built does just that.

**Bob Nault is the Liberal MP for Kenora**

# Perspective

# The Last Yang Laji

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

I was taking some aluminum cans for recycling the other day when I heard the news that China had banned “yang laji”.

We thought we had recycling under control when suddenly, China doesn't want our yang laji (foreign garbage) any more.

As I considered the implications I longed for a simpler time when “re-using” was still a thing.

I can recall when pop bottles and their two-cent deposit (five cents for big ones) were a legitimate form of currency in Westfort.

You could go to a corner store with a carton of six empties and walk away with a pocketful of candy and a couple pennies in change.

I'm sure some of you still remember penny candy.

That pop bottle economy lasted for years until cool beverages were updated to metal cans and later, plastic bottles.

It was devastating for those of us with no other source of income – you couldn't exchange cans and plastic bottles for candy.

Reusable, glass pop bottles were replaced with millions of disposable metal, plastic and paper containers.

Landfill sites expanded and soon, fortunes were made gathering up the disposables and disposing of them somewhere out of sight.

Recycling became big business and today it fuels a global enter-

prise and worldwide trade in good quality garbage.

Environmental costs notwithstanding, importing our discarded trash seemed like a good business opportunity for needy countries.

Our waste went to Indonesia, India, Vietnam, Malaysia and especially China, which imported 163 million metric tonnes of garbage in 2016.

But those days are gone – earlier this year China launched its official campaign against “yang laji” with a change in policy.

As of January 1st, 2018, China banned the import of recyclables and solid waste, trying to shed its reputation as the “world's garbage dump”.

The reputation was well-deserved – Great Britain sent China the equivalent of 10,000 Olympic pools full of garbage every year.

Until 2018 North America shipped two-thirds of its recyclables to China including 15 million tons of scrap paper and plastic from the U.S.

Three months after the ban went into effect there was already one million tons of waste paper stacked up somewhere in the U.S. economy.

As for Canadians – our numbers are smaller but studies show we generate more garbage per person than any other country.

That reminds me – I must buy more garbage tags at the Library so I can legally discard more than my

measly two-bag limit.

(Now that China is out of the garbage game I may have to re-think that strategy.)

“Big Garbage” companies around the world are reeling – they have no idea what to do with all that waste.

Canadian municipalities face garbage pile-ups, extra costs and lost revenue while warehouses full of trash wait for a solution.

Calgary and Halifax are stockpiling their refuse – prices for yang laji are plummeting after the recent Chinese ban and nobody wants it.

Toronto has been collecting \$20 million a year from recycling and is concerned about a loss of revenue.

I don't know what happens to recyclables in Thunder Bay – I like to think that at least one of my empty cans made it to China.

But where will my cans go now and what about that growing mountain of crap we have to deal with?

The most promising long-term solution is waste reduction which would require a drastic change in our disposable behavior.

Who knows – maybe the pop bottle economy will make a comeback and one day I can take some empties and my grandkids to the store for candy.

I hope it happens soon before we drown in our own yang laji.

**“Big Garbage’ companies around the world are reeling – they have no idea what to do with all that waste.”**

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In March 2018, Hydro One hosted public information drop-ins along the project route to provide initial opportunities for stakeholders to learn more about the Lake Superior Link project, meet the project team and provide feedback. Hydro One is aware of the extensive consultation already completed on the reference route alternative and will make best efforts to streamline consultation and studies whenever possible.

### The Planning 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 *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the studies and consultation activities that will be undertaken. Important elements of this work will be to evaluate the reference route and reference route alternative, assess potential effects and determine measures to reduce or mitigate these effects.

A draft ToR will be made available for review and comment during early summer 2018. Hydro One anticipates that the ToR will be completed mid-summer 2018, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (Minister) for review and decision. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the 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 via 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.

We will be hosting another round of Community Information Centres as outlined below to provide a project update and continue discussions about delivering tangible benefits to communities in the project area.

### Please join us:

#### Monday, June 11, 2018

**Thunder Bay**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Valhalla Inn – Viking Room  
1 Valhalla Inn Road

**Nipigon**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 32  
102 5th Street

#### Tuesday, June 12, 2018

**Red Rock**  
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.  
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 226  
43 Salls Street

**Dorion**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Dorion Community Centre  
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**Terrace Bay**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Terrace Bay Cultural Centre, 13 Selkirk Avenue

#### Wednesday, June 13, 2018

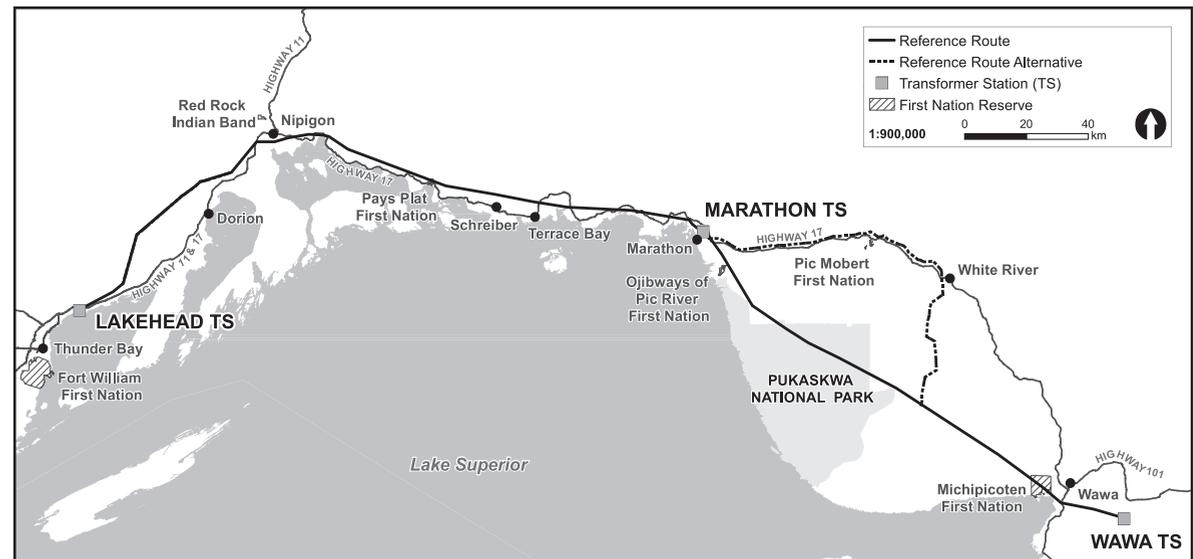
**Schreiber**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Schreiber Municipal Gym  
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**Marathon**  
2 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Marathon Centre Mall  
2 Hemlo Drive

#### Thursday, June 14, 2018

**White River**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
White River Community Centre  
6 Winnipeg Street

**Wawa**  
5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Royal Canadian Legion  
Branch 429  
51 Broadway Avenue



Information gathered at these Community Information Centres will be used both to complete the ToR and to gather information toward completion of the EA.

### For further information about this project, please contact:

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# PROJET LAC SUPÉRIEUR

## DU CORRIDOR

### AVIS – COMMENCEMENT DU CADRE DE RÉFÉRENCE ET INVITATION À UNE SÉANCE D'INFORMATION PUBLIQUE concernant le Projet du Corridor Lac Supérieur – Hydro One Networks Inc.

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) entreprend actuellement, conformément à la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* de l'Ontario, une évaluation environnementale (EE) pour le Projet du Corridor Lac Supérieur. L'étude de la Société indépendante d'exploitation du réseau d'électricité (SIERE) – *Updated Assessment of the Need for the East-West Tie Expansion, 2017* – qui évalue la nécessité d'étendre la ligne de connexion Est-Ouest existante, indique qu'une nouvelle ligne de transport « demeure la solution de rechange recommandée pour maintenir dans le long terme un approvisionnement d'électricité fiable et rentable dans le Nord-Ouest de l'Ontario ». L'EE examinera deux itinéraires possibles pour l'implantation d'une nouvelle ligne de transport à deux circuits à 230 kilovolts, qui s'étendrait sur 400 km entre le poste de transformation (PT) de Lakehead, près de Thunder Bay, et le PT de Wawa, près de Wawa (voir la carte). L'itinéraire de référence globalement suit en parallèle le corridor de connexion Est-Ouest existant de Hydro One, sauf qu'un nouveau tronçon de corridor est prévu près de Dorion et qu'une section de l'infrastructure traversant le parc national Pukaskwa serait modifiée. L'autre itinéraire de référence globalement suit en parallèle le corridor de connexion Est-Ouest existant de Hydro One, sauf en ce qui concerne ici aussi un nouveau tronçon de corridor prévu près de Dorion et un autre tronçon qui passera à l'extérieur du parc national Pukaskwa.

En mars 2018, Hydro One a tenu des haltes-information le long de l'itinéraire envisagé pour permettre aux intervenants de mieux se renseigner sur le Projet du Corridor Lac Supérieur, de rencontrer l'équipe responsable et de faire part de leurs commentaires. Hydro One est au courant de la vaste consultation qui a été déjà menée sur l'autre route de référence et fera tout son possible pour simplifier la consultation et les études.

#### Processus de planification

L'EE est menée conformément aux exigences de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* (la Loi). La première étape consiste à préparer un cadre de référence qui établit le plan des travaux et études à mener en réponse aux exigences de la Loi; le cadre indique en particulier les études et les activités de consultation qui seront entreprises. Une partie importante des activités consistera à examiner l'itinéraire de référence envisagé et l'autre itinéraire de référence, d'en évaluer les effets potentiels et de déterminer les mesures à prendre pour réduire ou atténuer ces effets.

Une version provisoire du cadre de référence sera mise à la disposition de la collectivité pour examen et commentaires au début de l'été 2018. Hydro One pense que le cadre de référence sera achevé en milieu d'été, après quoi il sera présenté au ministre de l'Environnement et de l'Action en matière de changement climatique (le ministre) pour examen et décision. S'il est approuvé, Hydro One entamera l'étude environnementale conformément au cadre de référence.

#### Consultation

Nous encourageons les parties intéressées, notamment les collectivités autochtones, les organismes gouvernementaux, les dirigeants municipaux et les membres du public à prendre part activement au processus de planification. Des occasions de consultation et de participation seront organisées tout au long du processus de planification; elles seront annoncées dans les journaux locaux, au moyen d'envois postaux et sur le site Web du projet. Les membres de l'équipe Hydro One sont toujours disponibles pour discuter le projet avec les parties.

Nous tiendrons une autre série de séances d'information publique (voir ci-dessous) pour faire le point sur le projet et poursuivre les discussions sur les avantages tangibles que ce projet représente pour les collectivités de la région.

#### Joignez-vous à nous :

##### Lundi 11 juin 2018

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**Red Rock**  
12 h - 14 h  
Légion royale canadienne, Filiale 226  
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**Dorion**  
17 h - 19 h 30  
Centre communautaire, 175 Dorion Loop Road

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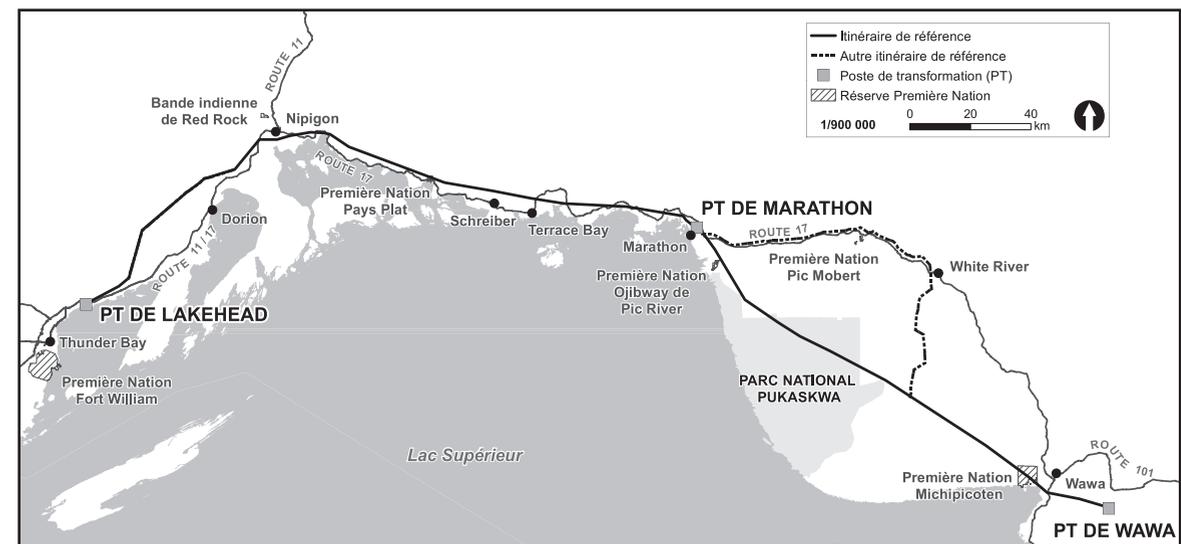
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L'information recueillie aux séances d'information sera utilisée pour la préparation du cadre de référence et de l'évaluation environnementale.

#### Pour d'autres renseignements sur ce projet, veuillez contacter :

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Tous les renseignements personnels requis lors de la soumission de commentaires, tels que le nom, l'adresse, le numéro de téléphone et l'adresse de la propriété, sont recueillis, conservés et divulgués par le ministère de l'Environnement et de l'Action en matière de changement climatique (MEACC) à des fins de transparence et de consultation. Ces renseignements sont recueillis en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* ou sont recueillis et conservés dans le but de créer un dossier qui sera mis à la disposition du grand public, comme le prévoit l'article 37 de la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée*. Les renseignements personnels feront partie d'un dossier public qui sera à la disposition du grand public, sauf si vous demandez qu'ils soient tenus confidentiels. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements, veuillez contacter le coordonnateur de l'accès à l'information et de la protection de la vie privée du MEACC au 416 327-1434.



# LOCALNEWS

IN BRIEF

## No injuries after fire destroys John Street home

**B**illowing black smoke and flames came through the roof of a John Street house after a fire broke out Saturday evening.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue crews were called to a blaze on the 900 block of John Street, where thick smoke filled the neighbourhood.

Platoon Chief Craig Venables said all four occupants were able to escape the residence and nobody was injured.

Firefighters battled the fire from the rear of the building, which saw flames visible through the roof of half of the duplex.

Venables said the fire is believed to have started outside the residence and the rear and main floor were fully engulfed.

The fire was contained to the one half of the duplex, Venables added.

An inspector is on scene and investigating possible causes.



**THICK SMOKE:** Thunder Bay Fire Rescue battled a fire on the 900 block of John Street.

### Dog Lake rescue

**T**he Ontario Provincial Police rescued a man Sunday afternoon after his Sea-Doo had broken down.

Police responded to a report of a missing man who had ventured out on

Dog Lake on a Sea-Doo and had not returned.

Officers from the Northwest Region Emergency Response Team, Thunder Bay OPP Marine and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry searched Dog Lake for the missing

Sea-Doo operator.

Police say around 4:53 p.m. the man was located cold, but uninjured.

The Sea-Doo had broken down and the man had made it safely to shore waiting to be rescued.

### Police investigate attempted abduction

**P**olice are investigating an alleged attempted abduction in the south downtown core near Victoriaville earlier this week.

The Thursday noon-hour incident, which is said to have happened in the Donald Street area, was announced by the Thunder Bay Police Service in a Friday afternoon news release.

Police, which said the investigation is in the early stages and there is limited information to put out to the public and media, are not providing

specifics of the alleged incident.

Two witnesses that were said to have spoken with the complainant after the incident are urged to contact police.

Further details are said to be provided as the investigation develops.

### Tim Hortons robbed

**C**ity police are looking for a suspect in connection with a Sunday morning robbery at a northside coffee shop.

The man entered the East Avenue location and demanded money from the employee and then left the business on foot with cash.

The suspect is described as a 20 to 30-year-old Indigenous male standing six feet tall and weighing 180 pounds. He was wearing a black Carhartt hoodie, black pants and shoes.

Anyone with information can contact the police at 684-1200 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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MICHAEL CHARLEBOLS

**PROUD DAY:** New Lakehead University graduates gather outside the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

## LU honours exceptional students

**EDUCATION**  
By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

Having grown up in Thunder Bay, Lisa Tocheri was especially honoured to address her hometown graduating class.

"Lakehead has given us so many non-academic tools and keys to success that will help us," Tocheri said before Friday's Lakehead University convocation ceremony at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium, where she received her juris doctor degree from the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law.

"I know my job. I know the law. But Lakehead kind of taught me how to be a lawyer and how to be successful."

Tocheri was one of three students invited by the school to share their experiences at the trio of graduation celebrations on Friday and Saturday.

Interim university president Moira McPherson said the ceremony is a great opportunity for families of students to get a taste of Lakehead and the city.

"It's so special for our international students to bring

family members to attend this," McPherson said. "They get to meet friends, they get to meet faculty and staff. It's such a tradition but it has meaning in today's world."

The law students were joined by graduates who studied medicine, engineering, and natural resources management.

The occasion was also a special one for Beverly Sabourin, who was conferred as a fellow of Lakehead University for her contributions to Indigenous education.

She was at a loss for words to explain what the honour meant.

"History has shown for us years that Aboriginal people have not been validated or recognized," Sabourin said. "I've always felt that what I've done is what I've needed to do."

Tocheri said she was ready to leave town, but during her undergraduate years, Lakehead's law school opened its doors.

"I took full advantage of it," Tocheri said. "I'm really happy I got to do it here."

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LOCALNEWS

# Ten-years recommended

Joint Crown and defence submission recommends 10 year sentence for Clinton Netemegesic

**COURT**  
By Matt Vis - TB Source

**S**entencing for two men who have pleaded guilty for their roles in a 2016 homicide case has been pushed back two weeks.

Clinton Netemegesic and Cecil Matinet, who had been arrested and charged after 18-year-old Brent Donio was stabbed to death outside the Windsor Street housing complex on July 13, 2016, both appeared in court on Friday for a sentencing hearing.

Police at the time said emergency services were called to the area to respond to a fight involving three men. Donio was taken by paramedics to hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Crown prosecutor Gordon Fillmore and their defence lawyers presented joint sentencing submissions but Ontario Court Justice Chantal Brochu said she was not ready to make a judgment on Friday, adjourning the case to June 14.

The pair, who had each been charged with one count of second degree murder, pleaded guilty to



**TRAGIC LOSS:** Brent Donio, 18, was killed in an altercation outside a Windsor Street housing complex in July 2016.

lesser offences earlier this year.

Netemegesic pleaded guilty to manslaughter, with Fillmore and his defence lawyer Gil Labine making a joint submission seeking a 10-year sentence. After factoring in credit for time served, he would spend an additional six years and 10 months in prison.

Matinet pleaded down to aggravated assault, with Fillmore and his defence lawyer David Bruzzese recommending a sentence of one day less time served. He had served 524 days behind bars from July 2016 to December 2017, and received credit for two years and

56 days in pre-sentence custody.

Brochu acknowledged it was a serious matter that carries with it a serious penalty and said it was important to prepare a decision with proper reasons.

Labine, who is representing Netemegesic, asked for a three-to-one custody credit during the delay.

“He is anxious to get out of there,” Labine said, adding conditions at the Thunder Bay District Jail are “extreme” and “really intolerable,” particularly since May 1 when Netemegesic has been housed in a cell with three other inmates.

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AND THEY'RE OFF: Jackson Elliot, Eva Botsford, and Dean Moore race down hill during the 15th annual George Jeffrey Children's Soap Box Race.

## Young speedsters square off at soap box car derby

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

While racing motor vehicles is far out of reach, local youngsters got a taste of speed on Saturday at the 15th annual George Jeffrey Children's Soap Box Races.

It's all in the name for nine-year-old Brady Dziver who was racing in his first ever soap box car.

He said nerves played a factor the first time he hopped in the boxcar stop at the Waverley Park hill.

"Scared. I thought the hill was steeper," said Brady who qualified for a playoff position. "After I raced I thought it was really fun."

The event featured kids from ages seven to 14-years-old.

Despite the chilly weather, the sun was out on Saturday, and the energy was positive as usual, said Steve MacDonald.

"The event is still popular in the community. We are right in line with the numbers we put up each year."

Macdonald is the executive director of George Jeffrey's Centre, and he says the event is one of the two major fundraisers for the year.

With all proceeds going toward increased access to specialized care. MacDonald estimated the event will raise more than \$30,000 this year.

The Boys and Girls Club, acting as a partner charity, also benefited from the proceeds.

"We have families that have been coming for years," Macdonald said. "It trickles down through families...it's a wonderful event."



FIRED UP: Evan Donahue pictured in a flaming box car.



GETTING SET: Brady Dziver posing in front of his box car

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# Fighting arthritis one step at a time

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

Even though walking for extended periods can cause Brookelynn Jean pain in her hips, on Sunday she walked through the rain for her nana, who suffered from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. And now, at the age of 25, Jean is undergoing testing to see if she will also be diagnosed with the condition.

"It's unbelievable," she said. "Just to think about how much pain you can go through, I wouldn't want to know what it was like for my nana going through it my whole life."

Jean was one of dozens of walkers taking part in the 2018 Arthritis Society Walk to Fight Arthritis on Sunday at Marina Park.

Walks were held in cities across Canada and organizers with the Arthritis Society of Thunder Bay said it is their biggest fundraiser of the year, bringing in between \$15,000 and



**EVERY STEP COUNTS:** Dozens of walkers came out in the rain to support the Walk to Fight Arthritis, hosted by the Arthritis Society of Thunder Bay.

\$20,000 for research and awareness.

For Debbie Dushnicky, a member of the organizing committee with the Arthritis Society of Thunder Bay, it is important to educate the public that arthritis is not something that only impacts older individuals.

"I have a daughter who was diagnosed at 18 months," she said. "Not everyone knows that that is possible. I didn't before it happened. But she is doing well and the Arthritis Society has been invaluable to me, directing me where to go, what to do, what ques-

tions to ask."

There are many different types of arthritis, including juvenile arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and osteoarthritis. The cause or age of someone diagnosed can vary depending on type, but common symptoms often include severe pain and inflammation in the joints.

"It affects your whole life and sometimes you can end up becoming bed ridden and can't do anything," Dushnicky said.

Jean, who is still awaiting further testing, said she experiences joint pain mostly in her hands, but also in her hips when walking. But despite the pain, she has come out to the Walk to Fight Arthritis for the last three years, along with her children, Cooper and Laina, to not only help raise awareness for arthritis, but support the organization that has helped her family so much.

"They've been there for my nana,"

she said. "We've always supported the arthritis society ever since my nana. I don't know what I would do without them."

And Jean is thankful to see people continuing to come out and support the walk, even in the rain, because she can see the faces of those who may be suffering from a chronic and painful condition, or caring for a family member.

Whoever someone may be walking for, each step taken is another one to help fight arthritis, and whatever happens for Jean, she is thankful she will never be walking alone.

"The way it happens in my family is it skips a generation, so I have to keep an eye out for my kids, which extremely worries me," she said. "If my daughter were to have it right now, I don't know what I would do to cope with it. I would have to have some kind of help and knowing that there is this organization is great."

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# Spring weather brings 'frost boils'

It is a mess. The area in front of Casa Jones where we park our vehicles is a morass of mud. We can no longer park there, at least until everything dries. Of course, Farmer Fred made it worse.

Every spring when the frost comes out of the ground, we get what is known as 'frost boils'. When the ground temperature begins to warm and there are pockets of water beneath the surface, the frost causes it to heave up into mounds, large bumps. On our property, these boils usually occur in our yard but over by the barn in the parking area. Most times, we just wait for the boils to subside. Occasionally they have crated mini-sink holes.

One year, a mini-sink hole appeared and water welled up to the surface. We were worried that somebody driving onto the property and seeking to park in the usual spot, would not detect the hole and down would go a wheel of a vehicle. At best, a shock; at worst,



**FRED JONES**

**RURAL ROOTS**

something broken. And our fault! So, Laura, the practical one in the family, shoved a metal fence post, the kind to which we attach wire through which would course an electrical charge if used to contain equines in a paddock. She attached orange tape and a yellow wire-holder to alert drivers of the danger. The hole went down almost two feet. I can tell the location of this anomaly since each spring there is a depression there but, mercifully, not a sink hole.

Frost boils are a yearly event. They occur anywhere that there is a gravelled

area like a dirt side road. We usually notice one or two on the road in front of our land but they subside after a while when the water retreats into the ground. Perhaps a mere bump is what remains.

This year is way different. This year for the first time we have a series of boils in front of the house. In places the ground boiled up. We hoped that by driving the truck and/or car over them would flatten them out. Didn't really work. Instead, I observed that we were creating a couple of depressions as much as six to ten inches deep. Then disaster struck.

We use propane to cook. We switched companies and they brought a new tank and removed the old one. The delivery truck was enormous with at least two-foot-wide tires and lots of them. The driver kindly offered to run over the boils in the hopes that the weight of the truck would flatten them. Hah! Instead the front wheel of the truck sank about two feet! Oops. And

when the driver, who instantly realized the error of this move, tried to back up, he was dragging the clay that inhabits this land. What a mess!

After the propane folk departed, I decided to hop on my trusty tractor, Big Red, and with the bucket, perhaps smooth out the mess, fill in the wells created by vehicle tires. We almost succeeded. But each time I drove forward over the spongy area, the weight of Red's tires, both front and rear, just created more trenches. "Aha!" I thought, "I'll just go and fetch some gravel from our much-diminished pile, dump it in the grooves created by the tires, and try to smooth that out."

Didn't work. Only created a much larger mess.

Laura returned from work in the car and as she drove over the now-disturbed area, the car sank and created not only deep grooves but when I went later on to get the mail and back the car out, the car bottomed out although I was able to

free it from mud. I can't remember where I was when son, Doug, returned in the truck from his summer job but the same thing happened and because the truck is heavier than the car, it created even deeper grooves. When he backed out to go to work the next day, the grooves got even deeper.

What gives? I complained to a neighbour who sympathised and said that his driveway suffered frost boils (though not nearly as severe as ours) for the first time. And speaking with a member of our roads crew, he admitted that this was a particularly bad spring for heaving roads caused by frost boils. Driving down some of the roads is akin to skiing down hills full of moguls hills.

So, we park elsewhere and make detours around the "sink zone" to get to and from the horse barn and wait for the anomaly to normalise.

And if the frost boils up as much as it did this year next spring, I will leave well enough alone.

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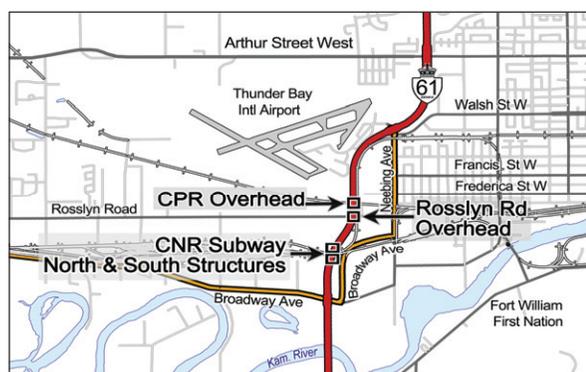
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DOUG DIACZUK

**NEVER TOO YOUNG:** Alexandra Kisselgoff holds a copy of her new book, *Fallen Tree*, released in May.

## Author has story to tell

Alexandra Kisselgoff, 11-years-old, published her first novel, *Fallen Tree*

**BOOKS**  
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Everyone has a story to tell. Sometimes learning the skills and gathering the courage to share that story with others takes years of practice and determination.

But Alexandra Kisselgoff, Thunder Bay's newest author, didn't want to wait, she wanted to tell her story now at just 11-years-old.

"It was really rewarding," she said. "It's not every single day you hear: Oh, an 11-year-old published a book."

Alexandra's first novel, *Fallen Tree*, was published last month by Xlibris Publishing. The novel tells the story of Jessie, a young girl travelling to Hawaii to see a concert and visit her family. However, during the flight over the ocean, the plane crashes onto a deserted island where she is cared for by a tribe of people.

If that was not trying enough, Jessie soon comes into contact with a company owned by the government that arrives on the island and begins cutting down all the trees. It is up to Jessie to help the tribe protect the island and their land.

Written for readers of all ages, Alexandra said she wanted to write a story about some of the things

happening in today's world.

"The book is about action and it's about problems in the world that are happening at the moment," she said. "People are cutting down trees and it's ruining habitats and disasters that happen."

As impressive as it is for an 11-year-old to write and publish a novel, the story actually started to take shape several years ago as just an idea in Alexandra's mind. But it wasn't until an English teacher inspired and encouraged her to pursue her passion for writing.

"It really started in Grade 4 when I first made up the story idea," she said. "It was very different from what it is now. Now I'm in Grade 6 and I basically learned more about how the world works and it's not perfect. I just wanted to let people know that the world is not perfect and there are problems in the world that have to be taken care of."

Aside from overcoming the challenges of the craft of writing and telling an engaging and entertaining story, Alexandra also experienced what can cripple even the most experienced of writers.

"I get anxiety when people read my book to see how it is," she said. "One of the things that was a little bit difficult for me was letting my parents read it before I gave it to the editor. It gave me anxiety when

I got the edits back because I didn't want her to judge me, but the editor was really kind and supportive."

So far the reviews from family and friends have been very positive, which Alexandra said makes her feel very proud. And she has a lot to be proud of already. Alexandra plays piano and violin, has competed in the Lakehead Festival of Arts, and has won a speech competition at Ecole Gron Morgan School.

"It's one of the biggest accomplishments that I've had in my life," she said. "It's really good for me and I can tell people about it and they will see me differently."

With one novel already published, Alexandra said she has ideas for a second and she is hoping to get started on it soon. Because she has many more stories to tell, and for anyone else out there who has something to share, Alexandra said there is no point in waiting, no matter how old or young you are.

"Advice I could give is start now if you really want to," she said. "If you think you're too young or you're too old, it's not too late or too early unless you say it is."

*Fallen Tree* is available online at Amazon, Indigo-Chapters, and the Xlibris Publishing Website.

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# Hollywood's most recent fallen idols



ABC's biggest hit of 2018. That is, until she posted racial Tweets about a former Obama advisor. And while some were shocked, others revealed her ongoing racially-charged and conspiracy-theory-filled social media presence.

Given her years of offensive rhetoric, I was surprised ABC had agreed to the *Roseanne* reboot. I was not surprised by her racial comments that led to her abrupt dismissal. And everyone applauded the network president, Channing Dungey, who took a stand against ABC's financial interests and became the industry's moral compass.

But now, one of my television favourites, *Full Frontal*'s Samantha Bee, has stepped in a steaming pile of offensiveness too.

In the midst of Trump's political missteps and manipulations, Sam Bee, with her frank, sometimes rude, no-



**CANCELLED:** The reboot of *Roseanne* was cancelled by ABC.

holds barred assessments of the world, has become my political palette cleanser. Unfortunately, she recently referred to the daughter Trump with an unnecessary expletive. She was angrily pointing out Ivanka's tone-deaf Tweet showing her child in her arms while thousands of children have been separated from their undocumented

parents and lost in the system.

Amid the immediate backlash, Bee apologized for her word choice, claiming her passion for the subject got the better of her. Meanwhile, the Trump-in-Chief demanded that Bee be fired just as Roseanne had.

My world turned upside down. Was my idolized Samantha Bee as bad as racist Roseanne?

Of course, the situations were vastly different. Bee was reading a script off a prompter. It was written in advance and signed off by multiple staff. In contrast, Roseanne was alone, typing with her thumbs in the middle of the night while on powerful medication.

So for me, Bee committed the greater sin. But what's the saying? "Love the sinner, hate the sin"?

Well, my respect slipped a notch. However, Sam Bee has used millions of words that I agree with and so I

choose to forgive the one noun I don't like. (It's a math thing.)

In fairness, I tried to do the same with Roseanne. Unfortunately, I can't separate the racist from the rant because despite her excess of words over the years, there aren't many that I agreed with or enjoyed.

However, other people did. That's why the *Roseanne* reboot was an immediate hit. And why I find Channing Dungey's politically correct response somewhat suspect.

Dungey knew about her politics and social media activity. She chose to ignore it — until she couldn't.

Fortunately, Ms. Barr can no longer use her show's success to promote her agenda. But for the righteous Ms. Dungey to suddenly claim that this recent rant was not acceptable, suggests that the ones that came before it were. And there falls another idol.

Hollywood is full of people we idolize. They're rich, beautiful, and speak out against injustices. Some play characters that inspire us. Others comment on society's failings while we nod in agreement thinking, "This person gets it."

Unfortunately, more and more idols are falling from grace.

Roseanne Barr was hailed for creating television's most inclusive working class family in the 80's and

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "Success isn't necessarily permanent — but neither is failure." — Author Unknown

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### ACROSS

- 1 Border
- 5 System (abbr.)
- 8 Nail with a hole
- 12 Geological vein angle
- 13 Buddhist column
- 14 Kemo
- 15 Renegade
- 17 Isle of Napoleon
- 18 To or from a distance (pref.)
- 19 Fishing leader
- 21 Disfigure
- 22 Isle
- 23 Assuage
- 25 Travel
- 29 Eight
- 32 Fraction of a rupee
- 33 Benedictine title
- 35 Hindu soul
- 36 Monsieurs (abbr.)
- 38 Giant
- 40 Peacock blue

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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- 4 Fr. pronoun
- 5 Oblique
- 6 Eucalyptus tree
- 7 Milestone
- 8 Compass direction
- 9 Sabal
- 10 Eastern bishop's title
- 11 Endearment
- 16 Chin. dynasty
- 20 Indo-Chin. language
- 22 Military macaw
- 24 Rogue
- 25 Stoppage
- 26 Switch positions
- 27 Tacit
- 28 Kippur
- 30 Danish county
- 31 Burmese knife
- 34 Chills and fever
- 37 Weep
- 39 Cornmeal
- 41 Mother-of-pearl
- 43 Pelvis (pref.)
- 44 Mineral deposit
- 46 Ogle
- 47 Wing (pref.)
- 48 Nob
- 49 Key
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- 53 Haggard novel

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## Border Cats cruise at home

After a slow start, the Border Cats broke through and allowed dominant pitching to carry them to victory versus Mankato in their home opener on Friday night

**BASEBALL**  
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

In the first official home opener in two years, the Thunder Bay Border Cats gave their fans a treat Saturday night.

1,154 fans were in attendance to witness the Cats down the Mankato Moon Dogs 5-2.

“Hopefully this sets the bar,” manager Mitch Feller said. “We got a bunch of brand new guys... and once we get these guys to establish the offense and pitching staff this team will take off.”

It took the Border Cats until the fifth inning to record their first hit, but Billy Cook led off the frame with a double to deep left.

It looked as though they would leave Cook stranded on third with two outs when Gunner Hellstrom sent a routine ground ball to Moondogs’ shortstop Nick Novak. However, Novak fired the ball over the head of the first baseman, allowing Cook to score.

Nick Conti sent an RBI triple off the wall in left field in the next at bat, and came around to score after a Trent Athmann RBI single gave the Cats a 4-2 lead.

“You always have to capitalize on other people’s mistakes,” Feller said. “Today we got that momentum in our favour and never looked back.”

The Cats added a run in the sixth inning on a double down the left field line from Brady Gulakowski.

From there, the pitching kept the lead safe.

Relief pitcher Drew Gooch got the win after providing four solid innings



**GETTING INTO THE GROOVE:** Drew Gooch got the win in his home debut. He pitched four innings of relief, giving up one earned run on four hits, striking out three.

in relief to settle the Mankato bats. Starter Connor Wood was pulled to begin the fourth inning.

“Coach came over and said I was going to get in,” said Gooch, a native of Argyle, Texas who played his first game at Port Arthur Stadium.

“I did not think it would be that soon. But to have that run support and have the defense make all the plays

they needed. That was huge.”

Pitcher Andrew Gross finished off the final two frames, and struck out the side to close out the game.

Billy Cook was the top offensive player for the Cats, providing a double, triple, and two walks.

Despite the strong showing in their home opener, the Border Cats’ bats fell silent in their next two. On

Sunday, they lost to the Moondogs by a score of 5-2 after Mankato starter Jonathan Ludwig held the Cats to two hits and no runs over seven innings. On Monday, the visiting Eau Claire Express rallied to score two runs in the ninth inning, and held on to win 3-1. Nick Conti had the lone hot bat for the Border Cats, reaching base three times.

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## Caland claims first Staal Foundation Open spot

Thunder Bay golfer shoots a four-over 76 in TBDGA qualifier

**GOLF**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Barry Caland is one of the city’s most decorated golfers, but he was missing one accolade he badly wanted – a chance to play in the Staal Foundation Open.

He’ll get his chance in 2018.

Caland bested the blustery conditions on Saturday at Whitewater Golf Club to shoot a four-over 76 to capture the Thunder Bay District Golf Association’s qualifier and claim a spot in the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada event scheduled for next month.

Caland has won 13 majors in the Thunder Bay District open, which remains a record to this day.



**READY TO PLAY:** Barry Caland (centre), Walter Flaszka (left) and Staal Open tournament director Ken Boshcoff on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

# Track meet seeing lower participation

## TRACK AND FIELD By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

The Northwestern Ontario regional track and field meet is facing a numbers problem.

The meet is held every year in May, and as Superior Secondary Schools Athletics Association activities director David Pineau observes, the amount of athletes participating continue to dwindle.

"We've been down athletes for a number of years," Pineau said. "I wouldn't say track and field is being hit harder than any other sports, but the stands are not nearly as full as they were 20 to 30 years ago."

The downwards trend is owed in part to an aging demographic, decline in enrolment, and a decreased number of schools. But Pineau believes sport specialization to be the most problematic factor.

"Unfortunately football, hockey,



MICHAEL CHARLEBOLS

**OFF AND RUNNING:** Jocelyn Ertl of St. Patrick High School participates in five track events including 100-metre hurdles.

soccer, and other players aren't showing up," he said.

St. Patrick High School Grade 11 student Jocelyn Ertl is a multi-sport athlete with an emphasis on track and

field. She says participation provides both social and physical benefits.

"I like it because there's something for everyone, it brings the whole community of kids together and we're

just a big family," she said.

Ertl, who participates in five different events at the meet, says the benefits of one style of sport can be applied to others.

"Doing all the speed work for hurdles helps me a lot on the runway for long and triple jump," she said. "Track [and field] overall just keeps me fit and active."

Ertl qualified for the provincial championship in both of her junior years, and is hoping to do the same this year.

"I think as a kid it's really important to do a bunch of sports at a time, whether it's soccer, or gymnastics, or track," she said.

Pineau, for many years, has been preaching the benefits of multi-sport participation.

"Certainly in terms of the mental and physical break that athletes need from their primary sport," Pineau said. "But in every sport you can gain skills that helps across sports."

"It's such a wonderful event... all the stuff is so positive and we need kids taking part in that."

For those who do attend, the experience is immensely fulfilling.

Annika Jozin had to travel over five hours from Wawa to attend Tuesday's meet, but it was all worth it as she broke the midget high jump record at a height of 1.61 metres.

"No," Jozin said bluntly if she thought she would break the record. "I mean I thought I might win but I really didn't know what I was going to do."

Jozin, who attends Michipicoten High School as a Grade 9 student, broke the record with her father looking on.

"We didn't expect a record here at all, she just tries to beat her personal best," her father Steve said. "She's been working so hard and this has been her dream to come to meets and perform."

"I've never felt anything quite like this," she said.

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## sports NEWS

# Saints oust rival Falcons in penalty kicks

**SOCCER**  
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

It was a perfect ending to a perfect season said St. Patrick High School head coach Traci O'Hara.

In a game that won't soon be forgotten in the minds of coaches, players, and fans, the Saints capped an undefeated season by beating the St. Ignatius Falcons 1-0 in the SSSAA girls' varsity soccer championship.

The game was largely a defensive

struggle with few scoring opportunities for either side throughout the regular period. Teams exchanged the lead three times before St. Patrick's Camryn Sorel shelved the championship goal.

It ended the Falcon's two year championship run.

"I was very nervous, I didn't think I was going to score," said the 10th grader, who usually plays midfield but spent the night on defense.

"I was looking at the left side the whole

time and shot it right," she said. "It feels amazing."

The win ended a two-year drought for the Saints whose last championship came in 2015. The two schools have exchanged the trophy each year since 1997.

In the fifth round of penalty kicks, St. Patrick goalie Erin Szturm made a key save against St. Ignatius' Erin Ruberto, which allowed Sorel to net the go-ahead goal.

The team will now head to Windsor for the provincial championships on June 7.



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**SEASON FINISHER:** Peter Pilato (St. Ignatius) takes on Saints' Joshua Lloyd and Chris Veneruz during the championship match.

## Falcons finish season on top

The 4-0 win over Saints capped a Falcons season that saw them give up zero goals

**SOCCER**  
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The Falcons are back on top. After a dominating 4-0 win against the St. Patrick Saints, the St. Ignatius Falcons will wear the crown of city champions for the first time since 2014.

The result was just as telling the way the game played out. The Falcons held the Saints to just one shot on goal the entire game. They will end the season having outscored opponents 55-0.

The win avenges a finals loss against the Saints in 2016. Kevin Bai, who scored the first and fourth goals of the match, remembers the feeling.

"It was the worst feeling," Bai said. "It was great to get this."

Bai's first goal came courtesy of his head, following a scrum at the 19-minute mark.

The Falcons spent most of the first half relying on their defense to preserve their lead.

"We pride ourselves on defence all year," Falcons coach Frank Ianni said. "We defend by committee."

The Saints' lone chance came at the 51-minute mark, when a blast from Justin Kawei gave Eric Nisioiu a header right beside the goal, but he sent it wide.

That's when the floodgates opened.

Anthony Valente fired a perfect ball downfield which Peter Pilato neatly took care of, rolling it by the Saints goalkeeper.

Michael Carpino and Kevin Bai each added a goal before the celebration ensued.

"We like to push in the second half because that's when teams are a little tired," Ianni said.

Both teams will have the opportunity to play in the provincial championship this year as Thunder Bay will host the OFSAA tournament, allowing for the runner-up Saints to play as the host.

The two teams joined together in a massive huddle, chanting "OFSAA, OFSAA" after the game ended.

"A lot of us are friends..." Bai said. "We play on the same [Thunder Bay] Chill team, so we're really looking forward to going to OFSAA together."

"Winning the city championship is huge, but we have to play OFSAA at home," Ianni said.



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