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National Indigenous People's Day celebrated throughout the region, including the annual, colourful event at Marina Park **/3**



FUN-FILLED: Music, language, culture and food were all part of National Indigenous People's Day at Marina Park.



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LOCALNEWS

Thousands celebrate Indigenous culture

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis – TB Source

A fter generations of Canada's First Nations people were disconnected from their languages and traditions through colonization and attempted assimilation, many Indigenous people are feeling a renewed pride in embracing their culture.

Hundreds of people – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – gathered at Prince Arthur's Landing, just steps from the shores of Lake Superior, to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples' Day under pristine weather on Friday.

Held annually on the summer solstice since 1996, National Indigenous Peoples' Day is a nationwide recognition of the country's first peoples.

For Beatrice Twance-Hyans, a spiritual advisor for the organizing committee and a member of Biigtigong Nishnaabeg, growing up she didn't see a lot of large Indigenous cultural events in communities.

"When we see celebrations like this, the heartbeat of the drum which is the heartbeat of our mother earth, it gets people together and gets people proud of who we are as Anishinaabe people to recognize that identity of who we are as a people," Twance-Hyans said.

"We lost that with colonization but that's coming back, which is good. Now I know my spirit name. Now I know my clan. Now my grandchildren know their spirit name. That's a big part of who we are and belonging."

The day began bright and early, with a 5:45 a.m. sunrise ceremony. A ceremonial grand entry kicked off the afternoon powwow,

leading into a feast and wrapping up with an evening closing ceremony.



CULTURE: Cameron Tyance, 17, performs a traditional Indigenous dance.

Cameron Tyance, a 17-year-old from Kiashke Zaaging Anishinaabek, said dancing in his regalia during the powwow makes him proud to be Indigenous.

Tyance, who last week organized a powwow at St. Ignatius High School, is optimistic that having events cele-

"Today we all

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brating Indigenous culture will help break barriers and remove some of the prejudice that Indigenous people face.

"I think it's really important because it brings people together but it's also a teaching experience. You understand a little more about what goes on and what happens here," Tyance said.

"We're hoping today that (non-Indigenous people) will leave with fun, because powwows are always fun."

Ashley Nurmela, chair of the local organizing committee for Thunder Bay's National Indigenous People's Day event, said the day means a lot.

"It allows my children to be proud of who they are and where they come from and others children as well," Nurmela said. "For me, it instills great pride.

"Indigenous people Canada-wide can see the shift taking place. We can see the intergenerational trauma being undone for some people. The hard work of organizations, the hard work of corporations, the hard work of school boards all making that happen," Nurmela said.

"Today we all come together. We have an enormous amount of support from the community organizations right here in Thunder Bay and we work to provide more knowledge to move forward in a good way."



BEAR WISE NEWS

Bears love foodincluding bird seed



Report from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Bears have a big appetite and can consume up to 20,000 calories per day. They are attracted to anything that looks or smells like food, including bird seed.

Why do bears come into neighbourhoods?

Bird seed is a high source of

calories for bears and one of the top five reasons they'll venture onto our properties. When bears can't find enough food in their own natural habitat, they can travel great distances to find their next meal.

Bears also have a very keen sense of smell. They can easily pick up the scent of bird seed and other attractants left outside, such as garbage, a dirty barbeque and pet food.

And once they know it's there, bears will repeatedly return to the location if the food source remains available.

What can you do?

Remove the attractants that draw bears to your neighbourhood. Put away your bird feeders in the summer – birds can find plenty of food from natural sources – and instead offer natural alternatives like flowers, nesting boxes and fresh water to attract them to your yard. Keep garbage stored safely away until collection day and clean your barbecue after each use.

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LOCALNEWS

Indoor facility adds tennis, approved

By Matt Vis - TB Source

he process to develop the city's pro-The process to develop the children posed indoor turf facility has kicked off, with tennis and other racquet sports brought inside.

The multi-sport centre, a potential legacy defining project for this fledgling term of Thunder Bay city council, received in-principle support to proceed with a metal building structure at Chapples Park, including a six-court indoor tennis component. That decision, which still needs to be ratified at a future city council meeting to be finalized, would approve \$4.25 million for design and engineering work to get the project shovel ready.

Thunder Bay mayor Bill Mauro, who has championed the project through the first six-plus months of his term, said a new facility makes sense.

"This is a community building project. It is why people will choose to live here.



MAKING A RAQUET: Youth tennis players play outside city hall on Monday night.

It is why people will maybe choose not to move away," Mauro said. "You don't build a community by having very good roads.

"That's not what builds a community.

That's not what makes people want to live somewhere, because their roads are great."

City administration had prepared a report, recommending the estimated \$30 million indoor turf facility be located with Chapples Park and use a conventional building structure, rather than an air-supported dome. While a vision for tennis was included in the city's longterm recreation and Chapples Park master plans, the component was not initially part of the first phase of the project and had been identified as an opportunity for a future addition.

Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre president David McCallum, who said the club serves more than 2,000 tennis players across the region with a membership of more than 480 last year, lobbied for racquet sports to be included immediately.

"We feel that indoor racquet sports or indoor tennis needs to be a part of this community," McCallum said. "Any indoor tennis for us would be a benefit for our community and we are prepared to be part of that.'

Adding the six-court component increased the development cost by \$650,000 to \$4.25 million..

Administration provided a brief outline of some financing options.

Council earlier this year had already allocated \$4 million from the Renew Thunder Bay reserve fund to a newly created, standalone indoor turf facility reserve fund and committed the city's estimated \$1 million share of municipal accommodation tax revenue from this year. Thunder Bay has received \$6.9 million from Ottawa this year as onetime enhanced federal gas tax funding, which would be used as project financing. A breakdown of multiple long-term debenture options was also given.

Mauro, who noted the city could have as much as \$15 million through those funding sources without raising taxes, insisted there are options available.

Council also voted to identify the project as a priority for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, a federal and provincial funding program.

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Neighbourhood opposition

Residents against a transitional housing project on Junot Ave.

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis - TB Source

controversial proposed transitional hous-Aing project that would be located on Junot Avenue is generating fierce neighbourhood opposition.

About 200 passionate residents filled the Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay gymnasium at their Windsor Street building at a Thursday evening meeting, with the majority vocally opposing the development.

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, which has acquired the parcel of land between the Boys and Girls Clubs building and the Superior North EMS headquarters, is proposing to build a 58-unit facility for homeless Indigenous individuals between the ages of 18 and 29 that would have wraparound services provided by the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre.

The meeting, which was jointly hosted by Coun. Brian McKinnon (Red River) and Coun. Albert Aiello (McIntyre), comes about three months before a zoning bylaw amendment application that would be required to move forward with the project is expected to come to council in September.

Against location

Aiello, who is also the executive director of

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BRENDA PRPIC

the Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay, said the Windsor-Picton-Blucher area is not the right location for the facility.

The neighbourhood in the last year has been the scene of multiple violent, gang-related incidents, including a standoff and a shooting where a gunshot was mistakenly fired into a family home. It's also believed to be a neighbourhood where drug dealing is prevalent.

"For this transition home to be successful, you can't have these

kind of temptations right outside your door. That's very concerning for us and very concerning for the residents that live here,' Aiello said, rejecting the notion that his opposition goes beyond just having the facility in

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UPSET RESIDENTS: About 200 people showed up, most to voice opposition to the housing project.

his organization's backyard.

"I would definitely not be supportive of this facility going in the Limbrick area. I would not be supportive of this facility going in the Ogden and Finlayson area. I would not be supportive of this facility going in downtown Fort William. Really, it's all for the same reasons. There are temptations there." Aiello, who also raised concern about the

development's proximity to the Boys and Girls Clubs building as well as nearby schools, said there was no consultation done by city administration with his organization or the school boards.

Former city councillor Paul Pugh, who supported the project last year, said there will be no cost to the city or the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board with Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services paying for the construction and ongoing maintenance on the buildings.

"We have a very large, very significant, issue with homelessness and with people needing housing," Pugh said. "This would, not solve it, but it would take a significant chunk out of the problem."

Brenda Prpic, who has lived on Blucher Street for 46 years, said there are already more than 270 subsidized housing units within the immediate vicinity, arguing that is more than enough for the neighbourhood.

"When (people) hear (Windsor-Picton-Blucher), they think they're living in a ghetto," Prpic said. "If you're going to 60 units more ... the value of my property keeps going down and down and down.'

The previous term of city council last fall approved granting a portion of the land worth an estimated \$220,000 on Junot Avenue for a 20-unit facility.

Sold by council

Last month, council voted to sell the property for \$320,000, deducting the portion that had already been gifted and a \$25,000 non-profit discount from that sale price, nearly tripling the number of units that would immediately be constructed. Both Aiello and McKinnon voted against the sale of the land. In June 2018, four parcels of city-owned surplus land were identified as potential locations. In addition to the Junot Avenue site, property on Huron Avenue, the corner of

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Canada has to reconcile

On Monday, Canada turns 152 years old.

Thousands will flock to Marina Park for a full day of activities. Some will head to Fort William Historical Park to celebrate the country's past, while others may only make the trek to Hillcrest Park to watch the evening's fireworks.

Most will be decked out in red and white (and plenty of Toronto Raptors gear this year too, we suspect).

Regardless of where you're at or what you're wearing, you're coming together to celebrate a nation that has been consistently looked up to as an example of a country that has mostly done right by its people.

Unless you're Indigenous.

Then you're probably looking back at an entirely different reality.

One of pain and suffering, poverty and an overwhelming feeling you're not welcome in your own country.

It's a nation where Indigenous women are six times more likely than non-Indigenous women to be murdered.

Canada is not a very friendly place, sometimes.

As you reflect on what the country has given you and your family, take time to try to understand what your Aboriginal friends, neighbours and co-workers have gone through over the centuries.

Then, when the federal election candidates come knocking on your door this fall, insist they tell you just exactly what they plan to do to help Indigenous people thrive in a modern Canada.

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Thanks, Thunder Bay

To the editor: **T**o all of Thunder Bay, I want to start with a massive thank you. Thank you for making Thunder Pride 2019 an incredible success.

We saw record numbers of people join us throughout the 16 days and record numbers taking in the new block party and street festival.

We saw record numbers of people taking part in the parade and lining Algoma Street. Our organization was so thrilled and happy to see the level of engagement in Pride this year here in Thunder Bay.

What an incredible time it is for our organization, from the announcement in February on being awarded the 2021 Canada Pride National Conference and AGM, to the three local school boards raising the Pride flag to foster an even more inclusive and welcome school community or to our block party and parade, we have seen some wonderful moments so far in 2019.

To our volunteers, thank you!

To our sponsors, for your generosity and support of Thunder Pride Association, thank you.

To the citizens of Thunder Bay and our LGBTIQ2S community we give you a standing ovation for bringing our community together, for showing we have a giant heart.

We will not let the troubles or negativity take hold in our city.

Thunder Pride Association will continue our hard work to ensure all people have a welcoming, inclusive and diverse city of which to be proud.

Thunder Pride Association is a giant rainbow umbrella where every single human being is welcome and valued. Happy Pride!

Jason Veltri Chair – Thunder Pride Association

Raptors unite nation

To the editor:

Watching Canadians from all walks of life celebrate the Toronto Raptors victory reminded me of how Nelson Mandela used sport to heal a nation racially divided by apartheid. South Africa hosted the 1995 Rugby World Cup and when the local Springboks made an improbable run into the final match and beat the heavily favoured New Zealand team, celebrations in the streets brought the whole country together.

Rugby had united the nation and spoke to the start of reconciliation that many in South Africa did not believe could happen.

To quote Mandela's words: "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand. Sport can create hope where once there was only despair. It is more powerful than government in breaking down racial barriers."

We certainly can learn from sports such as basketball to put skin colour differences aside and look at each other as fellow human beings with potential and deserving equal opportunity, respect and fair treatment in our multicultural society.

> Moffat Makuto Multicultural Youth Centre, Thunder Bay

Yes to transitional housing

To the editor:

don't actually understand why this is a big deal.

Typical NIMBY attitude probably. If you think there aren't issues in some of those other areas you're either just woefully unaware or just kidding yourself.

But Junot has a lot of benefits the others don't. Remember this is for young adults that are transitioning from homelessness.

They aren't going to have vehicles or access to many things we tend to take

advantage of.

Being in a central location that has access to a variety of stores, shops, groceries, necessities within walking distance is extremely important. People will complain no matter where this gets built. That's all people here ever do.

Soccer dilemma

To the editor:

Why would people want to live in a city with nothing good to do in the winter? At the same time, this is outrageously cost-inefficient. Both sides have valid arguments.

> Brenan DesRosiers, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Say no to soccer plex

To the editor:

t really disappoints me and I am sure a lot of people that this current mayor and our wonderful previous mayor are so concerned with legacy projects because they want their name attached to a building.

Private enterprise should be more involved in the funding of this if it was such a profitable venture.

> Ballo Calcio, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Another housing option

To the editor:

Why isn't Fort William First Nation a part of this conversation?

I'm totally bewildered. Part of the issues facing people coming to Thunder Bay from reserves is that they are so completely separated from their way of life and culture (in addition to how hard it is to be away from friends/family, and other supports).

Fort William First Nation is beautiful and there's tons of room, and culturally appropriate services and supports.

It seems like a win-win solution. I'm sincerely wondering, and if I'm missing important pieces of the puzzle, I respectfully invite others to provide them.

> Lisa Van Pelt, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Lisa Ertolahti, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Perspective

Hometown vacation

Staycations have increased in popularity over the years

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

picked up a City of Thunder Bay publication a couple weeks ago and it re-introduced me to a quaint Canadian custom.

The feature article invited readers to rediscover Thunder Bay over the summer by planning a stay-at-home family vacation this year.

The idea of a "staycation" first surfaced about a decade ago and was attributed to down-home Canadian comedian, Brent Butt.

One episode of his television show (Corner Gas, Oct. 24, 2005) featured Brent enjoying a staycation in the field adjacent to his service station.

He sat on a flimsy aluminum lawn chair in the middle of a flat, dusty prairie as he smiled, set his soul free and went on vacation.

It was a novel concept at the time that was obviously intended as a comic gag but it soon gained "real word" status in popular culture.

Around 2008 when gas prices hit record highs, gasoline-fuelled vacations were cost prohibitive and some travellers needed less expensive alternatives.

That was when staycations became a reasonable choice for budget conscious (and ecoconscious) tourists.

According to Corner Gas, going on vacation is just a state of mind, a place you can visit anytime,

Simon J.

Dawson

tendant for the road.

anywhere without travelling too far.

This appealed to some but it was clear that many others would gladly pay the increased costs (financial and ecological) for the privilege of travel.

Staycationing was an idea whose time had not yet come - why should anybody stay where they are when there are so many other places to be?

The number of Canadians travelling overseas increased for over 15 years until it hit a record high of 12.8 million trips in 2017.

for the first time since

\$35.1 billion to that.

disperse population.

from somewhere.

where else" remains strong.

2003 but the lure of "being some-

The global travel and tourism

Canada ranks seventh in the

world for travel spending which is

impressive considering our small,

Whenever I get together with

friends and relatives these days it

seems like they are either just

about to leave or they just got back

industry generates trillions of U.S. dollars - Canadians contribute

Canadians traversed "When I was the planet in a frenzy of a kid, we globetrotting, crossing didn't have each location off their the money for bucket list before moving on to the next. family Last year there was a vacations ..." slight decrease in the number of trips abroad

The thrill of recent travel quickly fades and must be replaced with the anticipation of future excursions.

The feature article from the City of Thunder Bay is trying to generate that same level of enthusiasm for vacationing at home.

If not at home in your own back yard then at least in your home town or your home province or even somewhere in your home country.

You could travel the globe for

your entire life and still only see a tiny fraction of the Earth or you could staycation in Canada and still miss most of the country.

Canada comprises 6.1 per cent of the total land area of the Earth - how much of that can any person expect to see in one lifetime?

Not to mention the rest of the planet.

When I was a kid we didn't have the money for family vacations and for us and every summer was a two month staycation in the neighborhood.

Those were my fondest childhood memories and I am still content to hang out in my own back yard or my old home town.

I'm just like everybody else everything I've worked hardest for and so many of the people I love the most are right here with me.

When you have that, every day is a vacation no matter where you are.



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PLAY AT THE PLATE: Thunder Bay Border Cats catcher Joe Jimenez tags out La Cross Loggers outfielder Levi Usher in extra innings on Sunday. The Cats took advantage, winning the game 7-6.

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etters to the editor are most welcome. Those kept to 350 words or less have priority.

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INSPECTION

Approved Forest Management Plan Inspection

English River Forest 2019-2029 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Resolute FP Canada Inc. and the Ignace Local Citizens' Advisory Committee (LCAC) would like to advise you that the 2019-2029 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the English River Forest has been approved by the MNRF Regional Director and is available for inspection.

The Planning Process

The FMP takes approximately three years to complete. During this time, five formal opportunities for public consultation and First Nation and Métis community involvement and consultation are provided. The fourth opportunity (Stage Four) for this FMP occurred from: March 11, 2019 - May 10, 2019 when the public was invited to review and comment on the draft FMP. This 'Stage Five' notice is to advise you that the MNRF-approved FMP will be available for inspection for 30 days.

FMP Inspection – Final Opportunity

During the 30-day inspection, you may make a written request to the Director, Environmental Assessment and Permissions, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, 1st Floor, 135 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5, for an individual environmental assessment of specific planned operations in the MNRF-approved FMP.

The MNRF-approved FMP and FMP summary are available for inspection, by appointment, during normal office hours for 30 days: June 26, 2019 - July 26, 2019 at the following locations:

- Resolute FP Canada Inc., 2001 Neebing Ave., Thunder Bay, ON. Contact: Matthew Hupf, R.P.F. at 807-475-2458, e-mail: matthew.hupf@resolutefp.com
- MNRF public website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans, the Ontario government Information Centre in Toronto and ServiceOntario locations at 479 Government Street, Room 3, Dryden, ON, P8N 3K9 and Highway 17 and Highway 599, Ignace, ON PoT 1To; www.ontario.ca/serviceontario.

Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange an appointment with MNRF staff at the appropriate MNRF district or field office to discuss the FMP.

John Coady, R.P.F. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Hwy 599, P.O. Box 448 Ignace, ON PoT 1To tel: 807-934-2255 e-mail: john.coady@ontario.ca

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The approved FMP will be available for the 10-year period of the FMP at the same locations listed above.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Trevor Davis, MNRF Dryden District Office at 807-223-7522.

Renseignements en français : Derek Johnson, R.P.F. au 807 223-7556.

Murray McMahon c/o John Coady

for several hours after a crash last Friday.

Drugged driver charged

POLICE

By Michael Charlebois - TB Source staff

Police have arrested a 43-year-old woman on drug-impaired driving charges after the woman was involved in two consecutive Balmoral Street collisions, the second sending one to hospital with minor injuries.

At approximately 8:30 a.m. last Friday, an on-duty police officer observed a GMC pick-up truck travelling north bound on James Street at a high rate of speed. The vehicle travelled through a red light at the intersection of Redwood Avenue and James Street, nearly colliding with a crossing guard who was within the intersection, according to a police media release issued last Friday afternoon.

Stopped pursuit

The officer pursued the vehicle using emergency sirens, but the driver failed to stop proceeding northbound on James Street at a high rate of speed.

Because the rate of speed was a public safety concern, the officer discontinued the pursuit.

Minutes later, the pick-up truck was involved in a minor collision at the intersection of Balmoral Street and Hewitson Drive with a white SUV. The pickup truck fled the scene and continued driving northbound on Balmoral Street.

The pickup truck then collided with a blue Honda Civic within the intersection of Balmoral Street and Central Avenue before coming to rest in the ditch directly in front of TBPS headquarters. The driver of the Honda Civic was sent to hospital and is being treated for minor injuries.

The 43-year-old Thunder Bay woman is facing charges of impaired driving by drug, dangerous driving, flight from police, and failing to stop at the scene of an accident.

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HELP ON WAY: Jails in Thunder Bay and Kenora will get intervention staff.

Jails get new crisis staffing

THUNDER BAY By Gary Rinne – TB Source

The province has announced plans to increase the number of crisis intervention staff at adult correctional institutions in northern Ontario.

By the end of this year, the Thunder Bay Jail and Correctional Centre, Kenora Jail and Monteith Correctional Complex will each have their complement of Institutional Crisis Intervention Teams increased by three members.

The announcement comes about three months after the union representing corrections workers asked the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services for help to manage overcrowding at the Thunder Bay District Jail.

At the time, the 147-bed facility had an inmate population of almost 200.

"What happens with that is increased tensions and more assaults. A lot of the same things that led to the 2015 riot..." said union spokesperson Mike Lundy.

In an announcement Monday, Solicitor-General Sylvia Jones said the government is taking "real action to modernize our correctional facilities and to introduce cutting edge interventions that prioritize staff and public safety."

ICITs are responsible for controlling violent inmates as well as removing and escorting them within the institution or transferring them to another institution.

Each ICIT member is required to complete 10 days of basic training that includes theory concepts, practical skills and scenariobased training on a variety of topics including hostage recovery, cell extraction and use-of-force concepts.

The government announcement did not include details of the existing ICIT staffing levels at each institution, but said the increases would bring their combined complement to 36.

In April, Minister Jones travelled to Thunder Bay to reconfirm the province's commitment to build a new 325-bed facility that will combine the aging jail and the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre.

A request for proposals from contractors is expected to be issued in the fall.

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Project Dryden, English River and Wabigoon Forests

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** invites you to inspect the MNRF-approved aerial herbicide projects. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the **Dryden**, **English River and Wabigoon Forests** (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about: **August 1, 2019**.



The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project is available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at Dryden Forest Management Company for the Dryden Forest, Resolute FP Canada Inc. for the English River Forest, Domtar Inc. for the Wabigoon Forest and on the Ontario government website at **www.ontario.ca/forestplans** beginning **June 26, 2019 until March 31, 2020** when the Annual Work Schedule expires.

NOTE: For the English River Forest, the Aerial Spray Plan will be conducted under the authority of the new 2019-2029 Forest Management Plan and Annual Work Schedule (AWS) pending approval. Otherwise it will be conducted under the already approved AWS.

Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the aerial herbicide project. For more information, please contact:

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INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Project Black Spruce, Dog River–Matawin and Lakehead Forests

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** invites you to inspect the MNRF-approved aerial herbicide projects. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the **Black Spruce**, **Dog River-Matawin and Lakehead Forests** (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about: **August 1, 2019**.

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LOCALNEWS





BIG WIN: Thunder Bay's David Deeley won a Lotto Max secondary prize on May 24.

Lottery nets \$106K prize

Thunder Bay man is \$106,231 richer following a Lotto Max win.

David Deeley took home the prize in the May 24 draw.

The winning ticket was purchased at Good Luck Lottery Shoppe on River Street.

SIU investigates death

The province's Special Investigations Unit is investigating after a man in Kenora died following his arrest by Ontario Provincial Police.

According to an SIU media release, just after 11 p.m. on June 10, officers with the Kenora detachment of the OPP responded to a business on Park Street for reports of a break and enter.

A 35-year-old man was located inside the business and arrested by police. He was transported to hospital in Kenora for treatment and later airlifted to a hospital in Winnipeg where he died on June 15.

A post-mortem examination was conducted in Winnipeg on June 17.

The SIU has assigned three investigators and one forensic investigator to look into the circumstances surrounding the arrest and the death of the man.

One subject officer has been identified as well as five witness officers.

Contract settled

Members of the Service Employees International Union working at the Chartwell Select Thunder Bay retirement residence will receive retroactive wage increases following an arbitration hearing.

A three-member panel has awarded pay hikes of two per cent retroactive to November 2016, another two per cent retroactive to November 2017, and a further one per cent effective immediately.

The arbitrators also approved some benefit changes.

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LOCALNEWS

City expanding its anti-racism accord

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Founders of the Indigenous Anti-Racism and Inclusion Accord are reaching out to the local business community to sign on to the movement.

City manager and accord co-chair Norm Gale last Wednesday spoke to members of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, urging them to embrace the idea, adding it could be a gamechanger in a community under the national spotlight for its poor handling of race relations in recent years.

"The original members of the coalition were large, public-sector employers," Gale said. "What we want to do now is have it expand to other public-sector employers, but also the private sector, the volunteer sector, the not-for-profit sector.

"Imagine the impact of Thunder Bay employers, most of them, or many of them, signing onto the accord, then taking demonstrable action, and not just the people who work in these organizations, but their families, their friends."

Gale, who said the city has taken definitive action on 25 of the 30 recommendations directed at the municipality following the Seven Youth Death Inquest, added Thunder Bay is working diligently on the other five.

The accord, which launched a year ago, is just one of many efforts sparked as a result of the report.

"Our hope is that this expands and leaders will emerge," Gale said.

Initially started by the city, the accord included the likes of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, St. Joseph's Care Group, Lakehead Public Schools, the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board, Lakehead University and Confederation College. Gale stressed businesses that sign on

won't be dictated as to how to proceed. Instead they'll be encouraged to forge their own paths forward.

"Employers and organizations are diverse. There is no attempt by



HOPEFUL: Matawa CEO David Paul Achneepineskum speaks last Wednesday.

members of the coalition to shoehorn or force members of the coalition into saying something specifically or doing something specific," Gale said. "By signing onto the accord, you commit publicly to doing something in your own way about racism, and then committing to it.

"What that is, is up to the members of the coalition."

Signees do get a toolkit, which will be developed in part by the city's new manager Indigenous relations and inclusion.

Matawa First Nation CEO David Paul Achneepineskum, who joined Gale on Wednesday, said when he first moved to Thunder Bay in 1988, he often felt awkward and unwanted, adding he took it as a challenge to change attitudes and misunderstandings that often exist between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.

The accord is a way to further that line of thinking, while giving his organization a chance to do their part to sow good relations and clear up myths that tend to encourage age-old stereotypes.

"Being citizens of Thunder Bay, we

have to do our part as well. You cannot be sitting outside and demanding that things improve. You've got to ... take it by the hand and be involved in the change. And I believe that that's happening more and more," Achneepineskum said, explaining why Matawa was quick to sign onto the accord.

Melissa Hardy-Giles, owner of the Indigenous education and job training service Origin, said with so many young teens coming into the city for schooling from outlying communities, they need to feel safe. The accord is one way to make it happen.

"It's very important that the business owners take this very seriously," Hardy-Giles said. "Because anyone can say that they're inclusive. Anyone can say anything actually, until they take action ... I love that Thunder Bay is standing up, because we don't really have a great name across the nation, so I think it's very important that we start showing some positivity in our city."







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BAG BONANZA: Students at Pope John Paul II School and St. Martin Elementary School joined forces to help eliminate the need for plastic bags.

Students fighting problem of single-use plastic bags

EDUCATION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Students at Pope John Paul II School and St. Martin Elementary School have banded together in a Bag Bonanza, an effort to keep plastic bags out of local landfills and waterways.

The youngsters held a contest to see who

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could collect the most reusable bags, and then their older colleagues designed and created stands to house them, which will be placed in locally owned grocery stores where shoppers can use them as alternative to plastic.

Celeste Carrier, a Grade 4 student at St. Martin, said plastic bags are an environmental disaster.

"A lot of plastic bags have been going in the ocean and breaking up into little pieces. A lot of the animals have been dying and we've been seeing a lot more dead zones

(according to) scientists," the 10-year-old said on Friday, after the stands were unveiled at Pope John Paul II School.

"All the animals that lived there are dead or gone, because of all the plastics at the bottom of the sea." Celeste said she's hopeful their efforts can spread.

"I think it could do a really big thing if people actually notice it," she said. "Reusable bags don't break that easily if they do go in the ocean - and they really shouldn't."

School-mate Juliet Stamler, a Grade 3 student at St. Martin, said the project, which was conducted in cooperation with Eco Superior, is an important first step.

"The bags do go in the ocean and affect animals," she said. "The way we got students to bring in (reusable) bags was encouraging them with a pizza and Persian party."

She estimated she brought in 33 reusable bags alone to contribute to the project.

Isis Budiselic, a Grade 8 student at Pope John Paul II School, said

her class helped build the stands and she's hoping it encourages the public to think twice about using plastic bags while grocery shopping.

'Single-use plastic bags are not good for the environment at all," she said.

It's all about changing attitudes and also teaching younger students about the importance of protecting the environment.

"Because when they're older and have kids they may teach them to reduce and reuse, so it's not putting any stress on the environment, keeping plastic out of the eco-system," Isis said, adding she's worried about the world she might inherit.

Teacher Taryn Kachur, a teacher at St. Martin School, said they got the idea from Plastics No More Thunder Bay.

"We thought it would be a great fit for our school, the concept of building boxes and having reusable bags available for shoppers to take and use instead of purchasing the single-use plastic bags," she said.

"As a school we are very passionate about the environment, fundraising and community outreach."

The goal is to expand the project beyond locally owned grocery stores and into larger, national chains, such as Superstore and Wal-Mart.

Summer begins with first boat trip



Ah, this past Friday, the first official day of summer. And what a glorious day it was: lots of sun, warmth, breezes, a perfect day to finally head out in our boat to our favourite lake.

My wife, Laura, in addition to being The Gardener, is The Angler in the family.

Oh sure, I cast a lure into the water just to watch the beads of moisture on the line reflect the sun like tiny prisms as it whips out over the lake surface. I also like to test my accuracy, see how close I can get to just below that over-hanging tree under which there are supposed to be fish. Laura catches the fish; they ignore me. It is all right because fishing is not important to me. Just being on water is.

The lake we like is Northern Lights. Until a couple of years ago, the last 25 miles to the landing was gravel and sometimes, depending on weather, volume of traffic, etc., it could be very rough.

Now it is paved almost right to the landing that makes for a smooth ride. The landing is sand. We did our check-

list making sure that I put in the drainplug before we put the boat in the water.

Unplugged

One time I forgot and as the boat rapidly began to fill up, I madly inserted the plug and then we had to bail out the water before launching. The other bit of preparedness is to tighten the battery connections. I recall us taking off and the engine died. What the...? Eventually I figured it out: on the journey to the boat launch (this was before they paved the road) the nuts securing the battery cables had loosened. Now, I have a checklist that we follow scrupulously.

There barely a breeze ruffling the surface of the lake. Off we went and soon we were skimming across the water. I steered us up over top of Paradise Island, a very large land mass tha, in one small bay along its shore, has a beach of black sand.

But this time we went to a small island I have camped on several times when canoeing.

There is one small spot where you can beach the boat which we did and then we brought our lunch stuff up to the campsite. Absolutely gorgeous! The wind was just thinking that it might amp up the speed but not by much.

But it was the incredible smell of the pine needles as the sun had warmed the ground that was carpeted with both white and red pine needles. I just sat and did a lot of slow, deep breathing.

Lunch and deep breathing done, we launched the boat and Laura, the Angler (remember?) threw in her line.

This winter, our friend and gent-of-alltrades installed a windshield through which I could now walk. We had bought this boat used and to get to the trolling motor up front, I had to climb over the owner-built windshield made out of soft plastic.

Balancing act

There was only really one spot where I could preform this dunking-defying feat and I always worried that my lousy sense of balance might claim me as a victim.

Never happened, fortunately. Now, it is easy to pass up front, lower the electric trolling motor, and slowly buzz around as The Angler so decrees. Example: "Can we just go back long the shoreline here another time please? I'm sure that I had a couple of nibbles." And so on. I got to know this lake of many bays and islands from canoeing over the years.

Many was the time when it was a slog to paddle to a campsite. Now, in an afternoon in the motorboat, we could cover most of the lake. Wow!

We could speed from the southeast side a couple of miles west and up to one of our favourite campsites in just a couple of minutes.

When time is short because you have to return to do late-night feed of equines, kick them outside because the worst of the biting bugs have gone to bed, and then clean stalls, being able to cover a lot of water is a bonus. Mind you, 'tis a bit of a culture shock to come from water, the heady incense of pine needles to mucking out horse stalls.

But as we work in the barn, we talk about our extraordinary adventure on the lake in ideal conditions for the first official day of summer.

And planning when we'll be back.



Rain garden partnership a win-win

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

abitat for Humanity has partnered with Eco Superior to build an environmentally friendly rain garden at a recent home build.

Julia Prinselaar, a program co-ordinator at Eco Superior said it's part of a larger project, called Rain Ready Thunder Bay, as a way to help manage storm water in neighbourhoods and communities across the city.

"We've got a front-yard garden," Prinselaar said, explaining the latest project. "So it's going to take runoff from the rooftop of (the homeowner's) house. The house was built last year, and so it's partly a demonstration project in the neighbourhood.

"It's educating the public on what can be done, what homeowners can do and for communities to come together to take ownership to help manage storm water on the lot level."

Essentially rain gardens are landscaped

depressions, a lot like a regular perennial garden with the added function of diverting water.

"They capture runoff from a hard surface, like a rooftop or a driveway, and basically the water is meant to be held there for a short period of

time and reduce the volume and flow of runoff into municipal storm drains," Prinselaar said.

"It's to the city's benefit because we are reducing the volume of runoff that could potentially flow into storm drains in the city. So it's reducing that burden. When you see more of these in

communities and neighbourhoods, you can start to see a collective impact on help toward reducing flooding."

It also helps with water quality, the runoff treated in the ground naturally before making its way back to nearby waterways, in this case, the Neebing and the McIntyre rivers. "And we also see the community partnerships. We're bringing people together," she said.

Habitat for Humanity's Dion Horton, the build co-ordinator, said it's a great partnership, adding his organization and the families they help want to be

"They capture runoff from a hard surface, like a rooftop or driveway ..." JULIA PRINSELAAR

good neighbours. This is a perfect way to do it, he said. "We want to be as green and

friendly to the environment as we can be," Horton said. "When Julia approached us wanting to help get a grant and start doing rain gardens in these homes, we were very excited and very eager to partner with her," Horton said. "It's to be better neighbours,

beautify the city and protect the water run-off."

Homeowner Ron Sawchuk said he was only too happy to take part.

"It will be nice for other people to get involved," he said, knowing his home will be a showcase of what can be done with rain gardens in the city.



INTO YOUR GARDEN: Eco-Superior's Julia Prineselaar helps build a rain garden at a Dease Street home built last year by Dion Horton (centre) and Habitat for Humanity.





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GARBAGE PATROL: Arvana Hubbard-English picks up trash at Mckellar Park Public School.

TBLife Police help clean-up

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

ity police are helping to host a series Gof neighbourhood clean-ups over the next six months, aiming to create better relations within a south-side community.

Thunder Bay Police Service, through its Zone Watch program, on Thursday launched Project Footprint, a campaign in the McKellar South area, which a spokesman said he hopes will lead to positive change and have an impact on crime prevention.

Media co-ordinator Scott Paradis said there's plenty of optimism as the program begins.

"The idea is that over the next six months a lot of community engagement activities will take place here, with the goal of trying to make a statistical, measurable difference in community safety," Paradis said.

Even police aren't exactly sure what it might look like at this point.

But Paradis said they have plenty of ideas.

"Ideally it will mean fewer calls for service in this area. But it could potentially mean more calls for service in this area, if we build a relationship with this community and they start calling us more when things are out of place.'

Project Footprint began on Thursday with a clean-up involving students at McKellar Park School, the first of at least eight community clean-ups scheduled between now and Oct. 3, each starting at either Dease Park or Patterson Park.

"Throughout the summer and into the fall, almost on a bi-weekly basis, we'll be doing the clean-ups," Paradis said.

It's just a start of what could lead to much larger initiatives.

"That's part of neighbourhood beautification. But also we'll be assessing the needs of the community at those times. We'll also be having crime prevention through environmental design," Paradis said, adding they've got specially trained officers who can help in this area.

"They're going to come down and we're going to look and see where some of the stresses are, and try to implement ways to improve that.'

Sivanna Perry, a 13-year-old Grade 7 student at McKellar Park School, said it's important to clean up the neighbourhood, first and foremost for civic pride.

"People can be happy to look outside. And the more litter there is, it hurts the animals," the youngster said.

"It's great feeling I'm helping out the Earth and making it a better place, for everyone to enjoy it."

Paradis said police chose McKellar South because it's a medium risk neighbourhood, adding if it proves successful they may shift to higher risk neighbourhoods down the road.

The next clean-up date is June 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., starting at Dease Park.

The program is also supported by Eco Superior and Tbaytel.





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GROWING TOGETHER: Jocelyn Carobelli (top left), Liam Myers, Daniel Ironsand, Logan Metansinine and Peter Stickel in front of the Gateway garden at the Boys and Girls Club.

Student gardeners learn new skillsets

"It's pretty

peaceful and

quiet."

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THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

Students with a preference for a hands-on approach to learning are giving back to the community.

The final touches were placed on the Gateway garden last Tuesday at the Boys and Girls Club, capping off a four-month project.

"It's pretty peaceful and quiet. Every other high school you have to walk through a crowd and hear a bunch of noise,' said Grade 10 student Daniel Ironsand.

Gateway is an alternative education program that enrolls students from the Thunder Bay District Catholic School Board from St. Patrick and St. Ignatius high schools.

Thirty students between Grades 9 to 12

started constructing a greenhouse from scratch in February, and are now using it to plant tomatoes, peppers, and lettuce behind the Boys and Girls Club building on Windsor Street.

The garden was started by students during the previous school year.

Ironsand said he enjoyed the hands-on approach of building a structure and doing the labour required to build a garden.

Jocelyn Carobelli, a Gateway program teacher, said the program is designed to fit the student's learning preferences.

"We just try different programming and we're able to customize the education for each student as best as we can."

She says the garden project is fulfilling by the way it benefits the community.

"We started the garden last year and students were telling us they were accessing the food with their families in the summer," she said.

"They felt a lot of pride in what they were able to build for themselves and their community.'

The community is welcome to visit the garden behind the Boys and Girls Club and take fresh produce.

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TUNE TIME: Organizer Greg Chomut unveils the Wake the Giant Music Festival lineup last Friday at Marina Park, where the event will be held Sept. 14.

Wake the Giant lineup set

Sept. 14 event will feature Coleman Hell, Metric and Crown Lands July Talk, who maybe not a whole ton of people have heard about, but MUSIC

"You have

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Coleman Hell,

a local

favourite."

SEAN SPENRATH

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Petric, July Talk and Thunder Bay's own Coleman Hell will head-line the first of what organizers hope will be many Wake the Giant Music Festivals.

The one-day event, scheduled for Sept. 14 at Marina Park, was created as a way to help bridge cultural gaps in a city that has hit the national spotlight in a negative way, deemed one of the most racist communities in the country.

It developed out of the Wake the Giant movement, which encourages local businesses to showcase inclusiveness and show the city's Indigenous population, especially students, that they're welcomed and wanted.

The lineup also includes Crown Lands, an up-and-coming Aboriginal band, Nick Ferrio, Wolf Saga, Ansley Simpson, Luke Warm and the Cold Ones and local favourites, the Battle Nation Drum Group.

The festival will also feature a two-day workshop for Grade 7 and 8 students from remote communities, a chance to work with the artists in an up-close-and-personal setting in the two days leading up to the event.

Organizer Sean Spenrath said it was a huge relief to finally be able to unveil the lineup, after putting hundreds of hours into the project.

"It's been close to a year that we really started to organize this and to see it come full circle and finally be able to reveal today is exciting for us," he said.

There's plenty to be excited about, he added.

"You have bands on there like Coleman Hell, a local favourite. Everyone loves Coleman. He's got some great music and he's a huge source of pride for Thunder Bay. Then you pair him with a band like

when they do hear that music they're going to know that they're one of the biggest up-and-coming Toronto-based bands."

Getting Metric, who formed in Toronto in 1998 and went on to win multiple Juno Awards, is a huge coup, Spenrath said.

"They've been on countless late-night TV shows, they have No. 1 hits and they're just a fantastic band," he said.

Having Indigenous content was also important.

"The great thing about that is they're up-and-coming. What we get to provide for them is a stage they wouldn't normally have," Spenrath said. "By sandwiching them between these massive artists, we're saying that we're recognizing that maybe they don't always get this opportunity, but we're going to give you this opportunity.

'Thunder Bay is going to step up and provide this national exposure for this up-and-coming band. That's just another way that we're showing as a city that we're trying to flip the switch on the chapter that's been written about Thunder Bay over the last 10 years."

Fellow festival organizer Greg Chomut said the whole of Canada is looking to Thunder Bay to see how it reacts to its racism issue, including the bands.

"These bands that we've had the chance to talk to, they were wanting to be a part of something, some kind of positive change in Thunder Bay, before we talked to them," Chomut said. "That was what really helped get it going."

Chomut said he believes the event and the Wake the Giant campaign is already having an impact, making young students feel welcome in Thunder Bay. About 150 Grade 7 and 8 students will be flown in ahead of the festival and given a chance to see just how welcoming Thunder Bay can be, a year or more before they come to the city to study at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School.

Tickets are available at www.wakethegiant.ca.

IN THE **bay**

When CEO's sue: Robert Murray's case

Renergy Corporation takes his mining company and his reputation very, very seriously. It is for this reason that said CEO had his lawyers send a "cease and desist" letter to cable comedian and political commentator John Oliver after learning that Oliver's show, *Last Week Tonight*, would focus on the coal industry and his company, in particular.

One of Murray Energy's mines collapsed in 2007 and this past year, Murray has appeared on numerous television shows to promote his friend, Donald Trump (Oliver's favourite target) and the mining industry.

Now if that isn't waving a giant red flag in front of a bull while singing "Na, na, na-na, naa", I don't know what is.

So one Sunday night, Oliver charged



and Murray's lawyers retaliated. John Oliver, his writers, HBO and Time Warner (because they have more money) are being sued for defamation.

The suits claims that Oliver "executed a meticulously planned attempt to assassinate the character of and reputation of Mr. Robert E. Murray and his companies." Furthermore, they say the show has damaged his already failing health and will likely kill him.

Hoo-kay. Mr. Oliver, hats off to you, sir. That's some power.

Murray has sued many news agencies for similar transgressions. And the implosion of "fake news," Russian hacking, and "alternative facts" has certainly made it hard to know what to believe.

But Oliver's show is not a news program.

I repeat: Not a news program. It takes points from news stories and gives them a comedic perspective. (Note: news programs don't usually include audience laughter.)

Much of what Oliver questioned were Murray's televised comments versus employee testimony and published formal reports after the Crandall Mine collapse. Murray's legal team says Oliver ignored the various documents which they personally supplied. (Of course, those might be just a wee bit biased.)

Instead, his team chose to reference the Mine Safety and Health Administration's 472-page official report. The MSHA contradicted Murray's claim that an earthquake caused the collapse and cited numerous structural and procedure failures by the company that all-but guaranteed a collapse.

Oliver also shared a story from the United Mine Workers of America Journal that claimed a talking squirrel told Murray to start his company.

Of course, Oliver agreed, it likely did not happen.

But later, he did invite a giant squirrel on the set who told Murray to "eat shit" — which was apparently a coded directive for viewers to crank call the CEO and hack the company's website with a similar message.

So obviously Robert Murray is suing.

Oliver used Murray's own words against him.

He used official reports to contradict him. He used a giant squirrel named "Bob" for comedic effect.

And according to the suit, "nothing has ever stressed [Murray] more." Nothing.

Not the mine collapse. Not six employees dying. Not laying off hundreds of employees or cutting health benefits. Nothing.

Maybe it was a hatchet job. Maybe Murray was unjustly targeted. But given Oliver's well-documented "alternative facts," Murray's better off going after the squirrel.

This column originally ran in 2017. Fiona will be back with a new column next week.

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Thunder Bay Chill battle Des Moines to 2-2 draw, despite two red cards

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Stealing a page from their 2008 championship season, the Thunder Bay Chill survived a pair of red cards on Saturday night to earn a 2-2, come-frombehind draw against the Des Moines Menace.

Down 2-0 after Hamish Ritchie fired a low shot past Chill keeper Matthew Mozynski in the 51st minute of the game, Neville Morgan was tossed, leaving Thunder Bay down a man. Not to worry.

In the 58th Pedro Adan lofted a high kick from near centre that midfielder Marco Kuemmerle was able to head over the outstretched hands of Menace goalie Brendan Ledgeway, cutting the Des Moines lead in half

It was also the first goal the Menace (6-0-2) had allowed all season long.

The Chill weren't done.

But first the officials added another obstacle to their path to a point, handing Thunder Bay midfielder Ruben Garcia his second yellow of the contest, an automatic ejection.

The Menace continued to press for an insurance goal and nearly got it, but Gerber Chavez and Ignacio Goya De Anca failed on back-to-back point-blank chances deep inside the Thunder Bay box, thanks to clutch stops by Mozynski.

The Chill got their break in the 74th, when Sullivan Silva was brought down inside the inside box.

Manuel Achondo caught Ledgeway going the wrong way on the ensuing penalty kick, evening the score and earning the Chill a badly needed point.

"As soon as they called the PK, I went for the ball," Achondo said. "I'm used to taking PKs and to be honest I like to take the responsibility. I have confidence in myself taking PKs. My team trusted me, so I just went for it and thank God, it went in.

"It was amazing, hard to describe, but if I had to I'd say it was kind of the reward for the hard work the team did all over the 90 minutes."

Though it only delivered a point, and the Chill really could have used all three, it was a moral victory, reminiscent of a similar victory in the 2008 Central Conference championship semifinal win over the Cleveland Internationals in which they played the second half with just nine men on the pitch.

It was a wild second half, said Thunder Bay coach Gio Petraglia, who after the red cards were issued told his players to forget about tactics and just get the job done.

"The Thunder Bay Chill spirit came out. That's very simple. It doesn't matter how many men we had on the field. It mattered the way we worked and the amount of work we put in," Petraglia said. "I thought we fought more with nine men in this game than we have so far this season. I believe this is a recharge for everyone. If we fight this way, there is no reason why we can't make the playoffs."

The Chill improved to 3-3-2, leaving them 11 points behind first-place Kaw Valley FC with two



games in hand, nine behind second place Des Moines.

Mozynski, who allowed a Marek Webber tally in the seventh minute, said the comeback tie could be the catalyst that turns their season around.

"The whole group was just battling. Everyone was working for the guy next to him," Mozynski said. "Hopefully we can build off the result. We're going to start shifting gears to the next couple of games we have at home. Hopefully we can get a decent crowd out again and continue to put some good performances on."

The Chill host expansion Green Bay on Saturday and the St. Louis Lions on Canada Day. sports NEWS

Seeing son win Cup a thrill for Bortuzzo

HOCKEY By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

ost young local hockey players dream of Winning the Stanley Cup, but realizing that dream is a different story.

It rarely happens.

The love of the game is passed down through generations, and while most have Lord Stanley's dreams fizzle out at some point, holding out hope for their children becomes generational ritual for diehard hockey families, including Oscar Bortuzzo, whose son Robert accomplished the feat this season with the St. Louis Blues.

"It's something I (dreamed) about when I played. For it to come true as a father, I mean, it's hard to describe," the elder Bortuzzo, a retired Holy Family School teacher, said.

On July 12 the hockey world watched as the St. Louis Blues defeated the Boston Bruins 4-1 in Game 7 of the Stanley Cup final. It was the Blues first Cup, ending a 52-year championship drought.

"(It's) sort of surreal," Oscar said, describing the feeling when his son hoisted the Cup.

Robert didn't dress for Game 7, but played an important part in the team's postseason success.



CHAMPIONS: Robert Bortuzzo (centre) with his mother Susan and father Oscar in Boston after winning the Cup.

"What do you think is going on back home in Thunder Bay?"asked Sportsnet's Scott Oake.

"I hope they're having a blast. I owe a million thanks to a million people back home. I just want to say thanks to my friends and family, and buddies and... we're going to have some fun this summer," Robert Bortuzzo said.

Like so many other Thunder Bay families,

Oscar quickly became Robert's father and coach as the youngster was growing up.

"He was a team player, I played him fairly," Oscar said. "One thing I'll always remember is the outdoor rinks. He always loved the chance to get to an outdoor rink."

Robert is no stranger to championships, having won a Dudley-Hewitt Cup in 2006 playing with the Fort William North Stars.

Even then, Oscar Bortuzzo was skeptical.

"A lot of people said he could be a really good player at a higher level... Which was great to hear as a parent, but I just didn't see it."

Now in his fourth year with the Blues, a season of high expectations began with controversy.

Robert got into a fight during practice with teammate Zach Sanford in December and subsequently became a talking point in the mainstream media for a team hovering near the NHL cellar. But the arrival of rookie goaltender Jordan Binnington sparked an 11-game win streak in

February, turning their season around for good. "At one point, Robert tells me, his coach (Craig) Berube turns to him and says 'Things are going to change.' I swear to God. And once they started winning and expecting to win, the city





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