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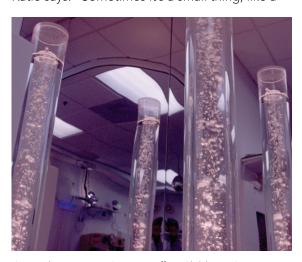
Meet occupational therapist Katie McBean who changes children's lives



By Janine Chiasson

While a Master's student at McMaster University, Katie McBean accepted an 8-week placement at George Jeffrey Children's Centre. Upon graduation, a full-time position came up and she jumped at the chance. "I always wanted to work at a children's treatment centre," says Katie. "I was excited to come to Thunder Bay, and ten years later, I'm still here."

As an occupational therapist working with children from birth to age five, Katie often has to explain that her tiny clients do work everyday. Jobs like getting dressed, going to school, or participating in circle time – essentially, the activities of their daily lives. "I feel fortunate when I see how our services impact families," Katie says. "Sometimes it's a small thing, like a



Snoezelen Room at George Jeffrey Children's Centre.

child can now eat their spaghetti with a fork, or a big thing, like a child can now independently access their home because they have a ramp and parents no longer have to carry their child in and out. This is a huge and meaningful change for the whole family."

Sometimes, Katie feels, the community doesn't realize the number of kids or the breadth of needs that George Jeffrey addresses. "We see families at an incredibly vulnerable time," Katie says. "For some of our families, just leaving the house is incredibly challenging."

George Jeffrey helps families through rehabilitative programming that includes occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language pathology, and social work, plus many specialized programs like a feeding clinic, augmentative communication program, seating program, and more. "Specialized equipment like a classroom chair that allows a child to sit at a table with their friends can create a great experience that other kids and families take for granted," Katie says.

"For us, it's hands-on work connecting children with their families, peers, and community, with Tbaytel it's a digital connection, but we're both bringing people together." "Unfortunately, government funding doesn't take care of all our needs and we rely on loyal community partners like Tbaytel to help us with supports and services," Katie says. "George Jeffrey and Tbaytel both work to connect people – for us, it's hands-on work connecting children with their families, peers, and community, with Tbaytel it's a digital connection, but we're both bringing people together."

"As a clinician, when I see a child gain a new skill, the look on their face, or their parent's face, is so rewarding and so motivating," Katie says. "I'm proud to work at George Jeffrey Children's Centre surrounded by people who want to make children's and families' lives better. I can't think of a better thing to do."

Who is Your Hometown Hero?

You can be part of the ordinary miracle team. Grab a friend and go find a Who is Your Hometown Hero? poster board at local businesses like Tbaytel, Wayne Toyota, or Gillon's offices, then donate a few dollars to post a message recognizing your personal hero. Follow and find out more about this fun community project at georgejeffreyfoundation.com



CHANGE NEEDED: NAN Grand Chief, Alvin Fiddler (left), met with NDP leader, Jagmeet Singh, Timmins-James Bay MP, Charlie Angus, and Kilwetinoong MPP, Sol Mamakwa last Sunday in Thunder Bay.

Singh meets with NAN

NDP leader, Jagmeet Singh, met with NAN Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler to discuss youth suicide, healthcare, and housing in First Nation communities

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JAGMEET SINGH

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

ederal NDP leader, Jagmeet Singh, believes that in order to properly address issues affecting First Nations communities, there needs to be a massive restructuring of the relationship between the federal government and Indigenous peoples.

"The basis of any relationship is respect," Singh said.

"The basis for a relationship with the First Nation people has to be that we are respecting sovereign nations as sovereign nations. That is the first vision that we have that we proudly pushed forward this year."

Singh was in Thunder Bay this weekend and he met with Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler on Sunday to discuss the issue of education, health care, youth suicide, and treaty rights in NAN territories.

According to Singh, the systems in place now, which are remnants of colonialism, are working just as they were intended to when first instituted.

"If we don't reform them and reimagine them, they are going to continue to provide the same horrible outcomes, which is inequality, injustice, and we have to change that," he said.

Another tragedy

Making reference to the suicide of a 13-year-old girl in Bearskin Lake First Nation last week, Singh said the federal government is not doing enough to address the underlying social and infrastructure issues that allow tragedies like this to continue.

"The way you solve the systemic problems is with respect, which means funding child care, funding

education, funding access to health care," he said. "When these things are built up and there is a bright future and there is hope, that is when you eradicate some of the despair and the tragedy and trauma that leads to these horrible incidents."

Fiddler agreed, saying that preventing tragedies requires improving the quality of life for Indigenous youth in remote communities by providing access to quality health care, housing, education, child welfare,

clean water, and healthy food.

"We've been at this for so long now," Fiddler said. "The losses continue to happen and families continue to suffer and what we've been asking for is more of a plan, a comprehensive strategy on suicide prevention that the federal government can lead."

National strategy needed

Timmins-James Bay MP, Charlie Angus, who was also taking part in the meeting in Thunder Bay, said Canada is the only G7 nation without a national suicide prevention strategy and he intends to bring the debate to parliament this fall.

"It's about putting targeted investments in the areas we know there are crisis," he said. "As New Democrats, we will bring this fall to the house Motion 174, calling the government to come to the table to be part of a national suicide action strategy. This is an emergency. We have young people dying."

"This is not just an Indigenous issue," Angus continued. "In fact, many Indigenous communities have no higher rates of suicide than other parts of the country. We have to identify what are the causes, where are these horrific hotspots developing, and they are happening all across this country."

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THURSDAY

A Few showers

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SUNDAY

Chance of a shower

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HIGH 9 LOW 3



Chance of a shower

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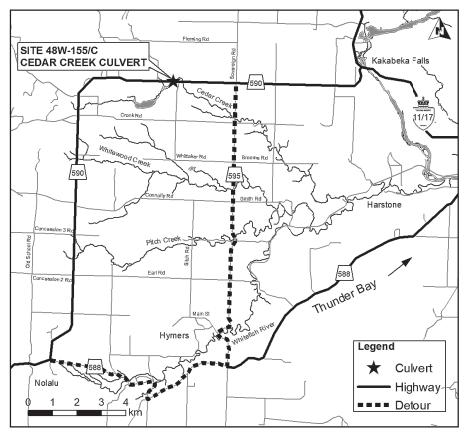


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Cedar Creek Culvert Replacement Highway 590

THE STUDY

TBT Engineering Limited, on behalf of the **Ministry of Transportation**, is undertaking the design of improvements for the replacement of Cedar Creek Culvert, located on Highway 590, 2.57 km West of Highway 595 in O'Connor Township, as shown below. The current concrete box culvert is nearing its service life and will be replaced with a new, precast concrete box culvert.



DETOURS

The culvert replacement is scheduled to take place during the summer of 2019 (one construction season) and is expected to require a temporary, full closure of Hwy. 590 at the Cedar Creek Culvert. A detour route along Highways 595 and 588 (see map) has been selected. Advance notice of the detour will be provided by road signs approximately 10 days prior to the temporary road closure of Hwy. 590.

THE PROCESS

This study followed the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities* (2000) for Group 'B' projects. Based on information collected during the study process, it was determined that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental effects. In accordance with the Class EA process, it is proposed that this project be stepped down from a Group 'B' to a Group 'C'. If this project is stepped down to a Group 'C' project, a Transportation Environmental Study Report will not be prepared, and no future public notices will be provided.

You have the right to request that this project remain a Group 'B' project. If you would like to make this request, please contact a representative below by **October 29, 2018**. If no objections are received by this date, the project will be stepped down to a Group 'C' undertaking.

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LOCALNEWS

Housing for Indigenous youth nears

CITY HALL By Matt Vis TB Source

An Indigenous organization is one step closer to acquiring cityowned land to build a 20-unit youth supportive housing complex.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night approved gifting a parcel of property on South Junot Avenue adjacent to the Superior North EMS headquarters to Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services to build a transitional home for Indigenous youth.

The land, which had been declared surplus by the city, had been valued at \$220,000 and the project to build the 20-unit facility is

pegged at \$3.6 million.



PAUL PUGH

"Not only is this something we very much need in terms of housing for homeless youth but from a financial point of view this is a bargain," Coun. Paul Pugh said. "For \$220,000, we're going to get 20 one-

"For \$220,000, we're going to get 20 onebedroom units. You just don't see this kind of thing. At the same time there is no responsibility from the city for the administration of this property. From all respects this is a great thing."

The city's most recent point in time count, conducted earlier this year, found that two-

thirds of the 474 people experiencing homelessness were Indigenous and 41 per cent of all respondents were under the age of 34.

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services officials had appeared before council in June after identifying four city-owned properties that had been declared surplus that it saw as a potential fit. The organization has already built similar housing developments across Northern Ontario in communities including Dryden, Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury.

The supportive housing facility will have programming provided by the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre.

The organization had identified the Junot Avenue property as one of four potential locations where the city owned land had been declared surplus.

Coun. Joe Virdiramo questioned whether the Junot Avenue site was the right location, given its proximity to the Windsor Street area that has had multiple gang-related incidents over the last few months.

"The difference with this facility, because it is supportive housing, that means there's staff on site and the likelihood of those gangs getting access into this facility is pretty remote, compared to other residences in that area," Coun. Iain Angus said.

The approval is contingent upon securing architect and engineering reports, the balance of the project funding being secured from senior levels of government and the rezoning of the land.

The city last year had granted the former Grandview Lodge building, which had been available for sale, to be converted into the new Matawa Learning Centre.

Council also approved a contribution of \$108,000 to Magnus Theatre for the third phase of their restoration project, which covers half of the cost.

"They came to the heritage advisory committee several times to make sure what they're doing at that building with the renovations to bring it up to modern standards are still compliant in keeping with the historical context of the building," Hebert said.

Both applications came through the city's community partnership funding policy.

Students march out

EDUCATION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Students at high schools across the city are outraged at Premier Doug Ford's promise to roll back the 2015 sexual education curriculum in favour of one created 20 years ago.

They're also upset at proposed changes to the Indigenous curriculum.

Dozens of students from Thunder Bay high schools walked out in anger on Friday, taking to the sidewalks in protest, waving banners and chanting things like "Two, four, six, eight, Doug Ford does not educate" at passing motorists.

Sixteen-year-old Jordyn Calderson, a Grade 11 student at Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute, said students won't stand for LGBTQ issues being cut from sex-ed classes, along with teaching about consent, healthy sexual relationships and contraception.

"We might be stupid, and we might be teenagers, but we need to know what healthy sex looks like. We need to know what rape is like. We need to know what consent is. We need to know that there are contraceptive methods so we can have safe sex," Calderon said.

Classmate Kirra Redden who fought back tears, said students have to know what consent means.

"A hell of a lot of us have been through rape. A hell of a lot of us have been through some kind of bad relationship, and if we don't have consent they're just going to walk all over our bodies," she said. "It's important for us to have some kind of respect and some kind of safety in our own



ANGRY TEENS: Dozens of students protest proposed sex-ed curriculum rollbacks.

bodies."

Elected premier in June, it took mere weeks for Ford to announce he planned to revert the sex-education curriculum to the one put in place in 1998, while consultation with parents in all Ontario ridings takes place.

The move means consent, cyberbullying, gender identity, sexting and same-sex relationships aren't allowed to be discussed in high school classrooms.

"We need to teach people that it's OK to be gay," an impassioned Redden said, adding Aboriginal culture must also be kept.

Calderon said not teaching these issues will have a chilling effect.

"People are wondering why suicide rates are so freaking high? It's because people like Doug Ford are trying to stop us from being here and trying to stop us from being heard. And we need that. We need this conversation," Calderon added.

About 51 students walked out at Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board's St. Ignatius High School.

Micaela Morrow led the walk-out and the 17-year-old said it was important to stand up to Ford's curriculum plan.

"We do not agree with this and we think we should be taught all of these issues because they're important," Morrow said.

It's upsetting, she added.

"We want to be taught properly and we want to be taught about issues that are important because consent matters and so many other things in the curriculum matter. And we do not want to lose that education," the Grade 12 student said.



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EDITORIAL

Consent in classrooms

Ludos to students at high schools across Thunder Bay for standing up for their beliefs.

Last week hundreds of teens walked out of class and spent two chilly hours protesting the province's decision to roll back the sex education curriculum to one put in place in 1998.

The students were also protesting changes to the teaching of Indigenous issues in the classroom.

Not teaching consent is simply not acceptable in this day and age.

The #MeToo movement is proof positive that people of all ages need to be educated on what's right and what's wrong when it comes to sex.

Teaching consent to students before they start dating helps form attitudes that will affect how they treat potential romantic partners for the rest of their

Not only does it teach them to ask before they act, it also teaches them how to respectfully say no, and recognize when a situation is starting to escalate.

According to teachingsexualhealth.ca, 'Consent includes knowing and respecting a person's own boundaries as well as the boundaries of others. Understanding consent means that a person has the skills to leave a situation that doesn't feel comfortable, and respects when other people want to do the same."

Why wouldn't we want our children to be able to handle themselves in situations that could quickly get out of hand?

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Why so many homeless?

To the editor:

'm just sitting here wondering and pondering why there are so many homeless youth to begin with?

I remember growing up not liking living with my parents and putting up with their rules, etc.

We couldn't wait to get out of high school, get a job and get our own place.

It seems that's not the norm anymore. So when this place is built and kids move in, will this mean, because someone is paying to put a roof over their heads, that they will become guardians of these youth?

I'm not sure what the age bracket will be but what about those under

> Kathy Gillis, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Drivers don't stop

To the editor:

see vehicles not slowing down and not stopping to pull over consistently in this city.

It gets frustrating actually.

Just on Saturday a fire truck with sirens and lights going coming up River and turned down Algoma, only two of us stopped and pulled over, the firetruck had to pause and wait for a few vehicles to continue on their way.

It's ridiculous.

I'm not saying who is or isn't to blame in this situation. I'm just stating an observation that I see consistently.

I'm just saying, not everyone stops and pulls over when lights flash and sirens are going off.

That also applies to people stopping for school buses, not bothering to stop for the safety of children or to actually slow down to the posted speed in community safety zones (not just during school time, all the

If it only applied to school time, the sign would say so.

> Renee Waldon, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

No to safe injection sites

To the editor:

housands and thousands of us disagree with these safe-injection

Before you say we are horrible, let me say, I want treatment options for my tax dollars not prop ups for the ill.

As a society we need to help our ill and by supporting them to use, we are allowing them to stay in their suffering.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



They deserve better than more drugs and injection sites.

> Sandy Miller, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Sex-ed protests great

To the editor:

think it is great these students are standing up for something they believe in.

They are, after all, the ones directly affected by the changes.

Good for them. I gave them a honk on my way home.

> Nadine Herbert, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Teach kids consent

To the editor:

he fact that there are people ok with our children not being taught consent and respect and everything else lost with this curriculum being tossed is evidence of how far we still have to go.

And dinosaurs like Doug Ford and those who think like him are a large part of the problem.

> Curtis Kelly, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Math curriculum poor

To the editor:

ot memorizing the multiplication tables is a big problem in Grade 5 when they start multiplying numbers above 10.

Both my kids were in tears when they had to do homework because they had to do so many steps but didn't know the tables very well.

Both are great students so I imagine others would just give up.

Discovery math takes so much time that kids get frustrated.

There is nothing wrong with just memorizing stuff after a brief explanation.

> Ingrid de Oude, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Swing bridge uphill fight

To the editor:

N is a multi-billion dollar corpora-Civis a much content and properties across North America. Its biggest shareholder was, maybe still is, Warren Buffet.

They have money to throw around. CN can perpetually stall the legal process and keep throwing money at their legal team.

The City of Thunder Bay and Fort William First Nation do not have that luxury. It truly is David versus Goliath.

> Ken Cyrette, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

We the students

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

must make Canadian Baby Boomers feel a little nostalgic to see student protests on campuses and in city streets around the world,

A generation ago the boomers themselves hit the streets rallying to stop wars, fight injustice and affect social change.

This is reflected in the recent "We, the Students" walkouts in defence of civil rights at 75 Ontario high schools.

History repeats itself as yet another cohort of socially conscious students confronts barriers to personal rights and freedoms

It must be gratifying for parents and grandparents to see this generation following in their activist

By the same token, how unfortunate that these steps must still be taken and are more crucial than ever.

Student outrage has often been an impetus for change - some past demonstrations have arguably changed the course of history.

The anti-war movement of the 1960s was one reason for the eventual American troop withdrawal from Vietnam.

Student demonstrators confronting the National Guard at Kent State University were the inspiration for Neil Young's, Four Dead in Ohio.

That disturbing mantra became a rallying cry for student protestors using civil disobedience in their clashes with authority.

In 1989 over a million pro-democ-

racy activists (mostly students) filled Tiananmen Square in China to oppose a cruel, oppressive govern-

The image of that one courageous 19-year-old student standing defiantly in front of an advancing military tank, continues to be an inspiration.

Hopefully, Ontario students won't face that challenge although a human tank named Doug Ford is prepared to squash any opposition.

The 38,000 students who walked out of Ontario high schools were defending their right to a proper, respectful education, in

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this case sex-ed.

And as they were focusing on that one important issue they also served a higher purpose.

These bright, energetic young Canadians were defending their rights and freedoms against a bully with the power of government at his disposal.

Even though some of the student protestors aren't yet voting age, they are well-informed, well organized

They will be eligible voters in the next provincial election and if they decide to organize further, they represent a force to be reckoned

Some, I'm sure, are fueled by the same spirit of peace, love and happiness their grandparents carried to the street decades ago.

Those were admirable, although somewhat naive goals in the 1960s and '70s when we were convinced that the world would follow our lead.

We didn't understand at the time that we were following a multigenerational tradition that has continued for centuries.

Even in Medieval times authorities lived in dread of the "student deviance and devilry" that incited social upheaval around the agora.

The current issue raised by "We, the Students" is important and worthwhile but it is only one of several bones now being picked.

Some students are taking the

Province to court over identity issues - another class action is pending after the cancellation of the Basic Income Program.

Toronto's city council has been cut by half - the recent vindication of this decision has left our capital city scrambling.

But be aware – this could the hole." all be a red herring as the Premier advances a more sinister personal agenda.

> Protests and lawsuits notwithstanding, Doug Ford has shown that he will readily defy the courts and public opinion to get his way.

In this fight the Premier has a huge advantage but "We, the Students" has an ace in the hole.

They can use the wisdom, knowledge and experience (and sometimes, considerable resources) of their hippie grandparents.

They changed history once maybe they can help a new generation make it happen again in 2018.

WINDSWEPT



WIND DAMAGE Large pieces of debris are seen outside the main entrance to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre last Friday. No one was injured.

Whalen **Building**

The Lakehead's first skyscraper, the Hydro Building, formerly the PUC Building (Public Uitilities Commission), formerly the Whalen Building was built by prominent Port Arthur businessman James Whalen. The building is more typical to be found in larger cities of the time. It was constructed of reinforced

crete.



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Bewcyk bail hearing delayed

COURT
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

A Thunder Bay man who has already been convicted of child pornography offences and is now facing additional charges including abduction, sexual assault, and sexual interference, will remain in custody after his bail hearing was pushed back to next month.

Michael Bewcyk, 70, appeared in a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Monday for a scheduled bail hearing. However, at the request of defense attorney, George Joseph, the hearing has been rescheduled for Oct. 11.

Crown attorney Gordon Fillmore agreed to the new date and Justice of the Peace Marcel Donio remanded Bewyck into custody.

Bewcyk was first convicted of accessing child pornography in 2010 as part of a province wide investigation. He was also charged with fraud of more than \$5,000 and impersonation.

On Aug. 28, Bewcyk was arrested again after an officer with the Thunder Bay Police Service observed Bewcyk speaking with two young girls and then one of the girls riding on the back of his e-bike without a helmet.

Bewcyk was charged with breaching a prohibition order by communicating with or being near children younger than 16.

A further charge of abduction of a person under 14 years of age was laid against Bewcyk by Thunder Bay Police on Sept. 4.

Police laid two additional charges including sexual assault and sexual interference against Bewcyk on Sept. 20, from incidents that took place between 1996 and 1997.

Bewcyk remains in custody at the Thunder Bay District Jail.

TAKE ACTION: Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath, Joined by Thunder Bay-Atikokan MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, speaks at a news conference at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre last Friday.

NDP leader takes Ford to task for pausing overdose prevention site

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The provincial official opposition leader believes the brother of late Toronto mayor Rob Ford should know better than to prevent the opening of overdose prevention sites.

Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath, during a Friday visit to the city where she toured the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, was critical of Premier Doug Ford's decision to pause the opening of three overdose prevention sites last month.

Thunder Bay would have had one of those sites, which was already equipped with supplies and ready to open at the NorWest Community Health Centres building on Simpson Street within a week of the notice of postponement.

"This premier in particular should know better. He had a brother who we watched that was gripped by addiction," Horwath said.

"He should know that folks need supports and they need help, not to be thrown to the curb and judged because of something that is a medical problem, which is an addiction. It's going to be more pressure on the health care system, more pressure on the (emergency room) here, more pressure on hospitals overall, and less compassionate help for people who need it."

The Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre had 6,300 mental health and substance use emergency room visits in 2017, an 11 per cent increase from the previous year. That growing demand has prompted hospital officials to develop plans for a mental health emergency service.

Horwath said overdose prevention sites are meant to keep hospitals from having to pick up the burden, while providing opportunities to direct people to services.

"If you can prevent an overdose from happening, if you can save someone's life at a supervised injection site, then those folks are not going to end up in the emergency room," Horwath said.

"Those folks are going to have a fighting chance to perhaps be connected with a program that might help them to deal with their addiction issue. By putting a pause on these facilities, the premier is basically writing off those folks."

INSPECTION

Inspection of MNRF-Approved Prescribed Burn Plan for Slash Pile Burning – Black Spruce and Dog River-Matawin Forests

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) invites you to inspect the MNRF-approved prescribed burn plan for slash pile burning that will be carried out in the Black Spruce and Dog River-Matawin Forests (see map).

As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, some recently harvested areas have been selected to be burned under the guidelines of the MNRF's Prescribed Burn Manual. The prescribed burn will reduce the area covered in slash piles while increasing the area available for regeneration and reducing the fire hazard. The burn is scheduled for ignition between October 23, 2018 and February 15, 2019.

The approved prescribed burn plan for slash pile burning, including specific locations and maps, is available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the office of Resolute Forest Products and on the Ontario government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans until March 31, 2019, when the Annual Work Schedule expires.

Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the prescribed burn plan. For more information or to discuss the prescribed burn plan, please contact:

BLACK SPRUCE AND DOG RIVER-MATAWIN FORESTS

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IN BRIEF

Woman dies in Highway 17 collision

A34-year-old Manitouwadge woman is dead after a single-vehicle crash early Friday morning on Highway 17 west of the Little Pic Bridge.

Ontario Provincial Police, in a release issued on Friday, said Jessica Martin was killed in the collision, which saw her pick-up truck leave the roadway and come to rest in the westbound ditch.

Martin was pronounced dead at the scene.

OPP, which fielded the call at 12:02 a.m., continue to investigate, leaving Highway 17 down to one lane of traffic until further notice.

Police vehicle involved in collision

One person was sent to hospital with minor injuries following a two-vehicle collision involving a Thunder Bay Police Service vehicle responding to a call

According to a media release issued by the Thunder Bay Police Service, the collision occurred Sunday evening just before 7 p.m.

A police vehicle was responding to a call and travelling southbound on May Street with its sirens activated.

As the police vehicle approached the intersection of May Street and Southern Avenue, an SUV turned left off of May to travel eastbound onto Southern Avenue and was struck by the police vehicle passing through the intersection. The collision caused the SUV to hit a light pole on the southeast corner of the intersection.

The driver of the SUV was taken to hospital with minor injuries. The officer involved in the collision was not hurt.

The investigation is ongoing.

Stop leads to charges

Atraffic stop in Fort Frances has led to the arrest of a 28-year-old woman.

Ontario Provincial Police conducted a vehicle stop on Scott Street in Fort Frances on Saturday around 4:55 p.m.

A female passenger in the vehicle provided a false name to officers, but further investigation revealed her true identity.

As a result, a 28-year-old woman from Seine River First Nation Territory was arrested and charged with failure to comply with recognizance and personation with intent.

The accused was held in custody and has a court appearance Sept. 21 in Fort Frances.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Nipigon East Portion of the Lake Nipigon Forest 2021-2031 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF), Lake Nipigon Forest Management Inc., and the Nipigon East Area Local Citizens' Committee (LCC) invite you to participate in the development of the 2021–2031 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the Nipigon East portion of the Lake Nipigon Forest.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Northwest Region, Regional Operations Division, has submitted a proposal to divide the existing Lake Nipigon Forest and turn the two sub-units into their own respective Forest Management Units. A final decision on this proposal will be made at a later date following a separate consultation process.

The Planning Process

The FMP will take 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. This first stage notice is to advise you that preparation of the plan has started and to request:

- Your contribution to background information, particularly information relating to values and important ecological features that could be affected by forest management activities; and,
- Your view of the desired forest condition and desired benefits which can be obtained from the forest.

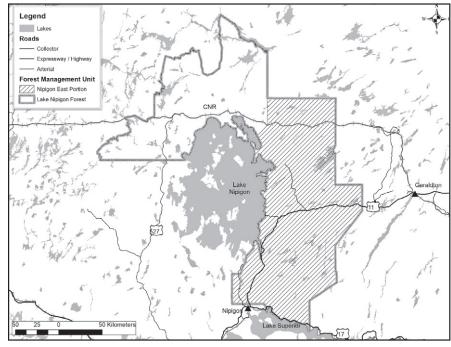
How to Get Involved

Please provide any comments or information to the MNRF office listed below or if you wish to meet and discuss your interests and concerns with the planning team, plan author and/or the LCC, please contact the individuals identified below.

Background information and sources of direction that are available for you to view include the following:

- Description of the management responsibilities on the forest and of the forest industry that is supplied from the forest;
- Values maps showing natural resource features, land uses and values;
- Description of the historic forest condition;A map of existing roads and their use
- management strategies;
 Management unit annual reports, audit reports, and provincial reports pertaining to
- forest management; and,
 Sources of direction for the forest such as past plans, land use plans, any relevant policy direction under the *Endangered Species Act*, 2007, MNRF's provincial goals, objectives and policies for natural resource management.

The background information and further information about the forest management planning process will be available for the duration of plan preparation.



The general information regarding the FMP process, as well as the information described in this notice, will be available at the Lake Nipigon Forest Management Inc. office and at the MNRF Nipigon District Office, at the locations shown below, by appointment during normal office hours. Meetings with representatives of the planning team and the LCC can be requested at any time during the planning process. Reasonable opportunities to meet planning team members during non-business hours will be provided upon request. If you require more information or wish to discuss your interests and concerns with a planning team member, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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Lake Nipigon Forest Management Inc. 2225 Rosslyn Road, Thunder Bay, ON P7K 1G9 tel: 807-285-4004

Alan Aubut Nipigon East Area LCC sibley.basin.group@gmail.com

Anytime during the planning process you may make a written request to seek resolution of issues with the MNRF District Manager or the Regional Director using a process described in the 2017 Forest Management Planning Manual (Part A, Section 2.4.1).

Stay Involved

There will be four more formal opportunities for you to be involved. These stages are listed and tentatively scheduled as follows:

Stage Two -Review of the Proposed Long-Term Management DirectionStage Three -Information Centre: Review of Proposed OperationsStage Four -Information Centre: Review of Draft Forest Management PlanStage Five -Inspection of MNRF-Approved Forest Management Plan

August 2019 December 2019 June 2020 December 2020

If you would like to be added to a mailing list to be notified of public involvement opportunities, please contact Andrea Osala-Schaaf at 807-887-5065.

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 MNRF 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 Marie Parsons, District Business Coordinator, at 807-887-5012.



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LOCALNEWS

MEET THE CANDIDATES: AT LARGE



SCHOOL RULES: Mark Figliomeni says he moved to the city to be closer to his daughters.

Figliomeni was Schreiber mayor

Helped bring town back from brink of bankruptcy

"As you move

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MARK

FIGLIOMENI

MUNICIPAL ELECTION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Inlike most of the first-time candidates in Thunder Bay's at-large race, Mark Figliomeni brings plenty of political experience to the table.

Figliomeni was twice elected mayor in Schreiber, noting that weeks after entering office in 2010 the Northern Ontario community was faced with bankruptcy, a situation he and council were able to successful maneuver away from and put the singleindustry town back on track.

It's that kind of background he believes will serve him well in Thunder Bay, a city he recently relocated to with his wife and five daughters, four of whom are completing their post-secondary education at either Lakehead University or Confederation College.

While he's a political neophyte in Thunder Bay, the 46-year-old said many of the issues he dealt with in Schreiber are similar to those facing his new hometown.

"(I'm) a fresh face, a face that comes into the city with his eyes wide open wanting to help and also brings that experience. I think it's one of those factors that I'm hoping will

carry me a long way. It's one of those things I think is important," Figliomeni said. He added he's a quick learner, and while

he might not be versed on all the issues

facing Thunder Bay, he's been asking a lot of questions on the campaign trail, questioning both current city councillors and residents on the needs of the city.

"We're a regional base area and as mayor of Schreiber, you are quite aware of what's going on around the region as well and you study and learn and talk to the people ... You do quite quickly hear what the issues are and how you can tackle those."

Fiscal responsibility and community safety are the two issues that come up the most, followed by figuring out a way to grow

Thunder Bay's economy to create a better quality of life.

The city needs to look carefully at its bottom line, Figliomeni said.

"As you move along, you're going to have to make some very tough decisions. You can't look at it from the aspect that you've always done it that way," he said. "You have to think sometimes outside the box in order to move your city forward - or any organization.

"Because the city is a business and you have to run it that way to make smart financial decisions."

Figliomeni added he's happy to be the change voters want.

"As you look through the same lens for too long of a time, the lens gets blurry. And a lot of people are looking for that positive change and that new type of thinking on council."



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LOCALNEWS

MEET THE CANDIDATES: AT LARGE

VETERAN COUNCILLOR: Trevor Giertuga has held the McIntyre Ward seat since 2000.

Giertuga runs at-large

MUNICIPAL ELECTION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

revor Giertuga's record speaks for itself.

As Thunder Bay's longest continually serving city councillor, the 46-year-old first took the reins in the McIntyre Ward

Eighteen years later, he's moving on. But Giertuga isn't quite ready to give up on political life just yet.

Giertuga, a nurse at the Thunder Bay District Jail, in 2018 has put his name forward in the at-large race, paving the way for new representation in McIntyre.

"I was aware that there were some really quality candidates who were looking to run in the McIntyre Ward, so I thought if I went at-large it would open up that seat ... and hopefully have some more like-minded people on city council that are concerned about some

of the same things I am."

That means people who will focus on things like economic development and jobs for Thunder Bay's youth and being responsible with the public purse.

"Taxes are a really big thing for me," Giertuga said. "We can't keep sustaining these year-after-year tax increases. We need to find some efficiencies within our budget and I think we need to dive in and do a core-service

"I've been trying to have one for years, but I can't seem to get the support of council."

Fiscally conservative, Giertuga said he attempted to convince his council colleagues to return the end-of-vear surplus to taxpayers, but to no avail.

"We told them we only needed this amount of dollars to run the city for the year and we had a \$2-milliion surplus, why wouldn't we give it back to them in

the form of tax reductions the following year. But council didn't endorse that with me."

It was Giertuga who brought ward meetings back into fashion and he promised to do more of the same if elected at-large, in the form of town-hall meetings. Transparency is key to good relationships between city hall and the public, he said.

When it comes to spending priorities, Giertuga said there's no question what should come first.

"Infrastructure," he said.

"We need to focus on the roads. You hear that year after year, the shape of the roads. And services for the youth and the seniors, that's a big one for me as well. And improving safety and reducing

Geirtuga said he'll also continue his push for a trucking bylaw that would keep trucks off of Dawson Road.







MEET THE CANDIDATES: AT LARGE



PEOPLE FIRST: Chris Kumpholz says the city must care for its residents.

Krumpholz will listen

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Chances are if you've been to an event in Thunder Bay, taken your kids to hockey or played a game of slow pitch, you know Chris Krumpholz.

Krumps is everywhere.

He's hoping to add city hall to his resume.

A sales and inventory analyst at Shaw Communications who also works security and as an on-ice official, the 41-year-old Krumpholz is one of 26 candidates seeking one of five seats in the 2018 at-large competition on Oct. 22.

The lifelong Thunder Bay resident said he truly believes there's a lot of things the city could be doing, but isn't, for a variety of reasons.

First and foremost is the disconnect between administration, city council and the public. This has to change, he said.

"People feel they're not listened to," Krumpolz said. "The old people feel they're being ignored and the status quo. The young people aren't listened to at all. So it's an opportunity to try to stimulate people, get them off the bench and into the game and hopefully we can get people working back together."

Asked what issues people are most concerned about ahead of the municipal election, Krumpholz said crime and public safety are top of mind

The public also seems to be divided on the need for a safe-injection site, a project put on hold by newly elected Premier Doug Ford.

But it starts with taking care of people first, he said.

Everyone matters.

"I think we have a huge amount of people in Thunder Bay who are hungry, that don't eat. And there's no reason we can't take care of them," Krumpholz said.

"We all donate to stuff ... but we can start taking care of our own." He's a huge advocate of neighbourhoods coming together as one. It works on many levels, in particular when it comes to safety.

"Imagine if you get a block of people together? ... "Now you've got seven or eight people talking and listening to you. They all work together, they all know each other's business and it's a great thing because they're watching each other's backs," Krumpholz said.

"If we can help assist people and motivate people to act on their

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Municipal Class Environmental Assessment NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Carrick-Vickers Multi-Use Bridge Over the McIntyre Floodway

TBT Engineering Limited (TBTE), on behalf of the City of Thunder Bay (COTB), is proposing the design of a multi-use pedestrian bridge over the McIntyre Floodway to establish a north-south cycling corridor as part of the City of Thunder Bay Active Transportation Plan. This project will connect Vickers Street on the south side of the river, to Carrick Street on the north side of the river.

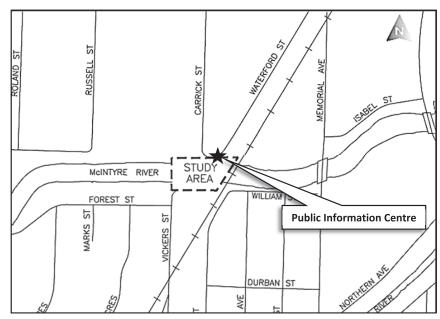
PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:

An active transportation corridor that utilizes Carrick Street and Vickers Street as a main thoroughfare was chosen by the COTB as a practical, low-stress, and direct route to link the City's two cores. A new bridge crossing the McIntyre Floodway was identified as a key component of this route.

The establishment of this active transportation corridor has been identified as a priority action to help foster a safe, comfortable, and convenient commuter and recreational network in Thunder Bay.

CLASS EA PROCESS:

This project is being planned under **Schedule B** of the **Municipal Class Environmental Assessment**.



PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE:

Public input is welcome throughout this study process. One Public Information Centre will be held at the following time and location:

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (open-house)

Location: Outdoor Venue at the corner of Carrick St. and Waterford St., North bank of McIntyre River

Following the public information centre, further comments are invited for incorporation into the planning and design of this project and will be received until October 25, 2018. For further information on this project, or on the planning process being followed, please visit the TBT Engineering Website (www.tbte.ca/carrick-vickers-bridge/) or contact the following individuals:

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Public input and comments are invited for consideration and potential incorporation into the planning and design of this project and will be received until **October 25, 2018.** Subject to any comments received and the resolution of any concerns, The City of Thunder Bay intends to proceed with the planning, design, and construction of this project, to be completed in 2019.

This Notice was issued on September 27, 2018.





MEET THE CANDIDATES: AT LARGE



DISCIPLINED: Peng You is best known around town for his role as a tai chi master.

You great ambassador

Candidate has long sold the city as great for business

MUNICIPAL ELECTION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

eng You wants to bring discipline, development and determination to city council chambers.

As an immigrant who moved to the city in 1990 from his native China, the well-known 55-year-old tai chi master said he's also running to honour his wife Jing Sun, who died two years ago from cancer.

In fact, he even filed his nomination papers on July 19, his wife's birthday, saying her death spurred his decision, knowing he wanted to help forge a community where his daughters, Sarah and Lily, can enjoy a prosperous future.

"I can bring people together. I just want to do my share," You said.

"I'm the new blood. I'm the fresh energy. I would really like to see Thunder Bay (be how) it's supposed to be ... Thunder Bay is full of potential. It's so beautiful."

You, a recipient of the Chinese-

Canadian Entrepreneur Award and the City of Thunder Bay Ambassador Award, was instrumental in convincing the city to build a tai chi park at Prince Arthur's Landing.

For the past two-and-a-half decades he's also been heavily involved in trade missions designed to spread the word about the city, travelling to the Orient, Mexico and the U.S., and he's a huge supporter of Thunder Bay's involvement in the Sister Cities program.

Never shy with a joke and blessed with a passion for his adopted hometown, as a councillor he said he'd encourage people to be more openminded and be willing to accept

That's precisely what needs to happen at city hall, he said.

"We don't fix the problems and we go nowhere. I think for Thunder Bay I think we need to quantify what are the priorities, what are the problems and

how can we fix that," You

As he knocks on doors seeking the support of voters around Thunder Bay, You is hearing many of the same concerns that other candidates are hearing - drugs, crime, taxes, homelessness and infrastructure shortfalls.

But there's one issue he believes is the catalyst to turn it all around - economic development.

"Without that we'll have no more people moving in,

no more tax base and no bright future. But how can we do that? We need to build a foundation," he said.

The municipal election is slated for

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MEET THE CANDIDATES: AT LARGE

Rajala runs for kids' future

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By Leith Dunick – TB Source

arty Rajala says he was inspired to run for city council to engage Thunder Bay's youth – his four children in particular.

But by no means were they the only reason.

A self-described normal guy, the 51-yearold said he's like most people in Thunder Bay.

"I'm tired of my taxes going up every year. It just seems like it's getting to be the norm," said Rajala, an electrician who owns his own business. "To me that's a fail."

The one way to stop taxes from skyrocketing is to create a bigger tax base. That means council has to show the entrepreneurial community from coast to coast that the city is open for business. Right now it often seems like the opposite, Rajala said.

Growth required

"I'd like to see new business here to inject new money into the tax pool so it's not on the backs of the people.

"I'm tired of

my taxes

going up

every year."

MARTY RAJALA

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And I'd like the prospects (to improve) for my kids to be able to live and stay here."

Rajala agreed there doesn't seem to be anybody around the council table representing the common people, the middle-class labourers and the working poor.

Councillors might mean well, but they just don't get it.

It's a major disconnect, he said.



NO AIRS: Marty Rajala describes himself as an Average Joe who wants to attract more jobs to town.

"I've been disappointed the last few

budget announcements where you hear your taxes are going up two per cent, but you should be happy because it could have been four. That doesn't make me happy," Rajala said.

"Everything costs money. The city costs money to operate. I understand that, but we're hurting here for new business and industry, so we've got to take

more of an effort to solicit those businesses

to come here."

Safety on Thunder Bay's streets is another issue he'd like to see fixed, sooner rather than later.

It's getting pretty bad out there, he said.

"When I was young and dumb and used to hang around downtown areas, it was a little wild. But the respect and the feel for right and wrong and what's acceptable seems to be pushed to a new low now," Rajala said, advocating more money be spent on policing in the city.

The municipal election is on Oct. 22.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES: NEEBING

"I think it's

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CODY FRASER

HIGH ASPIRATIONS: Cody Fraser is studying to be a lawyer.

Fraser brings youth to ballot

MUNICIPAL ELECTION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Cody Fraser says he thinks it's time to inject a little younger perspective on Thunder Bay city council.

At 26, he's hoping to be one of those voices, one of five candidates vying to represent Neebing Ward at city hall for the next four

An aspiring future lawyer studying at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, Fraser said it's time for a new generation of community leaders to take the city's reins.

"Over the past decade, at least, I think the city has taken a lot of hits. I think that the same names are being put forward every single year and I feel even the names that aren't

being put forward really come from the

of people," said Fraser, a former forward with the Fort William North Stars of the Superior International Junior Hockey League.

"I think it's time for young people to start stepping up in our community."

Fraser said it's the city's vouth that has the most at stake.

"We're the future," he said.

"We have young families growing up. We're going to be here ... longer than the older generation and basically I think (it's) a fresh perspective. It's changing times and there's a consistently changing media landscape with the fake news media – you never really know what's real out there."

Infrastructure and road development are two of the issues he hears most about "I feel like most Neebing residents feel

that Neebing is an afterthought, as far as infrastructure development is concerned," Fraser said. "If you take a quick drive out 15th Side Road, you can see what I mean crumbling roads.'

Fraser said Neebing residents are some of the highest taxed in the city, but don't always get the benefit of the same services, including curbs and sidewalks, found in other neighbourhoods.

He pledged to fight to level the playing

"Unfortunately I think it's actually a disservice to the people who live in Neebing," Fraser said.

On a city-wide basis, Fraser said he would like to see continued development of Thunder Bay's waterfront and more attention paid to recreational needs both in his ward and throughout the commu-

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MEET THE CANDIDATES: NEEBING



SIMPLIFY THINGS: Richard Gunn says there are too many obstacles when it comes to doing business in Thunder Bay these days.

Gunn shoots from the hip on red tape

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RICHARD GUNN

MUNICIPAL ELECTION By Leith Dunick -TB Source

Richard Gunn prides himself as an entrepreneur. He just wishes it was easier to do business in Thunder

The 52-year-old Neebing ward candidate said it gets downright frustrating at times.

"Just looking as a local business owner, the climate for business isn't always what we expect. We have some hurdles. There were some businesses I was going to bring to the city that really weren't encouraged by the city," said Gunn, a first-time political hopeful who lists boating, fishing and cooking amongst his favourite activities.

"It's difficult to navigate for a small business in the city to get what you want to get accomplished.

Gunn, a father and grandfather, said he also struggles to understand the reasoning behind many of council's decisions - or lack

"They're always on the fence. It takes years to make a decision. I just believe you have to make a decision, and whether it's the right or the wrong decision, you have to make a decision and move forward. Otherwise you're just stalling," he said.

"I just don't see the city moving forward. I don't see

us being as progressive as we could be."

It's too much of the same old, same old, with the same faces winding up winning the municipal races election after election.

That's no way to exact proper change, Gunn said.

"We need to stack the city with new people ... We need some innovation."

> He'd like to streamline the permitting process and eliminate as much of the red tape as possible - while still being responsible as a community.

> Inside the ward, a second entrance to Parkdale is a major concern, Gunn said.

> "People want to see another entrance there, at least an emergency entrance."

> There are also concerns about safety along Mapleward Road.

"The city is allowing development to happen there, but the city isn't investing in the infrastructure, so Mapleward Road could be widened. You see families walking down the street. Well, it's dangerous," Gunn said, noting

it's time for the city to invest alongside the developers and increase the quality of life of Neebing taxpayers.

For all its issues, Gunn does think the city is positioned well to thrive.

"Thunder Bay has everything you need to attract people. We have the outdoors. We just need a bit more innovative thinking in order to get people to come."





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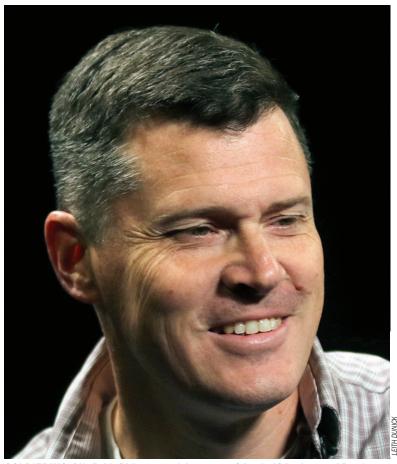
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MEET THE CANDIDATES: NEEBING



SOLDIERING ON: Robin Rickars served three tours of duty in Afghanistan and Bosnia

Rickards offers change from same old politics

MUNICIPAL ELECTION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Pobin Rickards is fighting for change at city hall.

It's one of the main reasons he's thrown his hat back into the political ring ahead of the Oct. 22 municipal election, looking to unseat veteran Neebing Coun, Linda Rydholm.

Rickards, who served three tours of duty with Canada's military in both Afghanistan and Bosnia, said he's long wanted to take an active role in the future direction of Thunder Bay, and figures the best way to start is to have a seat at the council table.

The 42-year-old father-of-four said he thinks Neebing deserves better representation – despite the fact he doesn't actually live in the ward.

"I haven't seen that she actually grasps the causes of the city's malaise. And if you don't understand the root causes of the problem, there's no way you can address it putting a Band-Aid over the symptoms," Rickards said.

Taxes are his top city-wide conern, he said, noting the city must start spending the taxpayer dollar more effectively.

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And that requires a change in thinking when it comes to development. Rather than expanding outward, adding to municipal costs, Rickards has another idea.

"We've got to develop and focus on developing the empty property that's already serviced," he said.

"What has to happen is you need leadership from the city because that sends a signal to the business community that council is

paying attention to what's going on down there and when private enterprise risks their capital, their livelihoods on a venture, they can

effectively. All you're doing is feel comfortable that council is not going to sandbag them down the road.'

> Inside the ward, Rickards plans to fight for a secondary access into the Parkdale subdivision, his top priority.

"Since the onset of that develop-

ment there has been promise after promise that eventually there will be a secondary access.

"We're still not much closer to having that actual secondary access in Parkdale and that needs to happen - and we have to have a serious conversation about what the realistic options are," Rickards said. His other big issue is

pressing developers in the

Mount Forest area to take responsibility for a legacy of sub-

standard infrastructure.

"That's unacceptable," Rickards



MEET THE CANDIDATES: NEEBING

Rydholm wants to continue council work

MUNICIPAL ELECTION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

As a fourth-generation resident of Neebing Ward, Linda Rydholm says she learned people who live there are blessed with an independent spirit.

It's that attitude she plans to bring back to city council if she's re-elected to a fifth straight term, her sixth overall. She'll need it to tackle the major issues facing the ward.

First and foremost, she wants motorists to slow down.

"The past two times, at election, there have been concerns about traffic and speed. People drive fast, faster than they used to," Rydholm. "It makes people worried about their road safety. Maybe people notice it more because they're walking or cycling, but that is probably the No. 1 thing I get, that people are speeding."



PRIORITIZE: Linda Rydholm says the city isn't spending enough on roads in Neebing.

A former long-time school board trustee with Lakehead Public Schools, Rydholm spearheaded the charge to

build Nor'Wester View School before first being elected to council in 1997. She said as a councillor she's helped bring plenty of services to the ward.

"We've had new fire halls. We've had a new cemetery administrative building. Some roads have had speed reductions on them. Some roads, as well, we've resurfaced," she said, joking she's been on council so long that some of those same roads are up for resurfacing again.

That should be a priority for council, said Rydholm, one of five candidates seeking the seat.

"We're not spending enough on roads in this city," she said. "I've looked after Neebing and gotten our fair share for roads, but we need more money overall in the budget.'

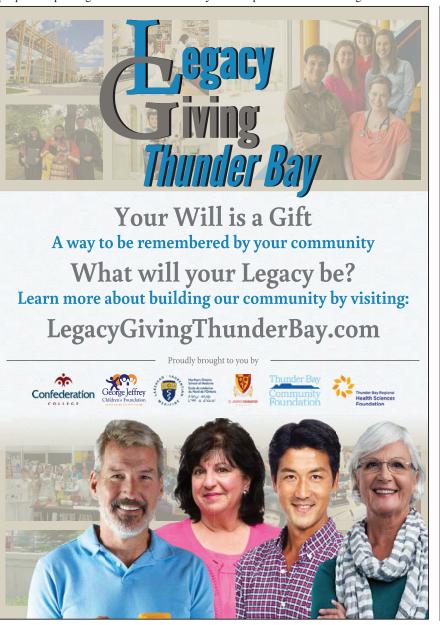
Rydholm wants to turn to the public for guidance when it comes to spending over the next four years, citing the community survey as that guidepost. That would place core services at the top of the spending list.

"(That's) roadwork, fire, police, emergency services. Social issues are an emerging one," she said. "Finally the federal government is stepping up with some funding, for example, our youth inclusion project."

A retired chiropractor, Rydholm has not been afraid to vote against city budgets, saying the city needs to set proper priorities before laying out its fiscal blueprint. She voted against providing millions to a new waterfront art gallery, even though she's in favour of the project.

"To use city money for a non-city owned building on city land ... I thought was wrong," she said. "We're doing money for an art gallery, but we don't have enough money in our basic budgets - like our culvert budget, our gravel budget, our road cleaning and maintenance and our waste budgets."

The municipal election is on Oct. 22.







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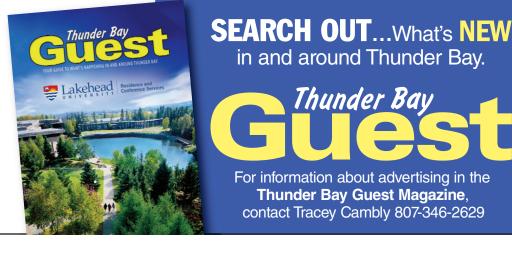
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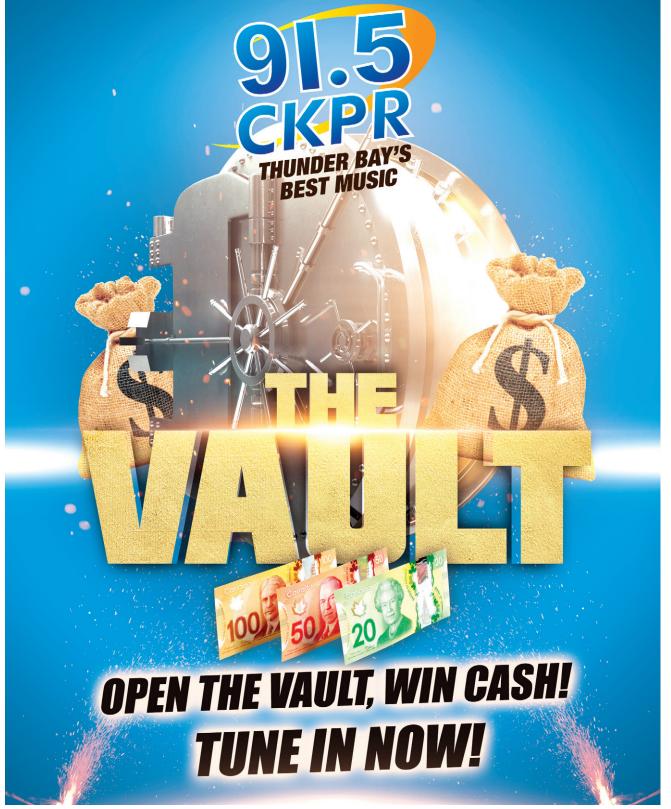
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CHANGE-UP: Roberta Sawchyn wants to make a difference at city hall.

Sawchyn will grow tax base

MUNICIPAL ELECTION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Roberta Sawchyn says making a difference may sound like a bit of a political cliché, but it's the reason she decided to run for munic-

The 64-year-old general manager at the Best Western Plus Nor'Wester Hotel and Conference Centre her background in business and her involvement in the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Community Economic Development Corporation prove she's got the background to tackle key issues head at city hall if she's successful in her bid to capture Neebing Ward on Oct. 22.

Her No. 1 target is to help grow the city's industry base, to help relieve some of the tax pressure felt by residential ratepayers.

"If you don't have enough industry, that's why taxes are rising. If we can bring business - small business and big business - to Thunder Bay, then our taxes will balance out better for our residents," Sawchyn

"We need to be open for business. We need to welcome people. We need to look ahead into 2030, 2040, create a footprint, work that footprint and make sure that we are welcoming and we're set up."

Sawchyn pointed to Lakehead University, Confederation College, the law school and medical school and the research going on at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre as proof that the city is set up for long-term economic success.

"We have all the right bones in our community. We just have to make sure that city administration makes it easy for people to come, welcomes them and finds the right formula that works for them," Sawchyn said.

"Hydro rates come to mind for businesses to come in and operate properly."

Looking at the expansive Neebing Ward, Sawchyn, who calls herself a sports fan who loves to travel and keep up with current affairs, said a solution to reopening a span across the Kaministiquia River is tops

As a result of the 2013 closure, traffic flows throughout the ward have grown exponentially, and that has to change, she said.

"People that are out in the Neebing Valley, their lives are affected every single day by that bridge not being open," Sawchyn said. "Highway 61 is a problem and we need to open that bridge."

The first-time candidate said she'll also focus on speeding on Arthur Street between the Canadian Tire and the 25th Side Road and work toward a second entrance into Parkdale subdivision.

MEET THE CANDIDATES: NORTHWOOD

Ch'ng has council work to complete

MUNICIPAL ELECTION
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

first-time candidate looking to oust a powerful councillor who had served at city hall for 11 years.

She captured 38 per cent of the vote in the four-person race and handily captured the ward, sending Mark Bentz to the sidelines.

Ch'ng, now 36, quickly proved her worth on council, becoming an advocate for all things Northwood, while at the same time showing a keen grasp of the issues affecting the city at large.

On Oct. 22 she'll be seeking a second term, saying she's got plenty of unfinished business left to accomplish after spending the early days of her inaugural city council stint learning the ropes, the ins and outs of how Thunder Bay operates.

"Over the last four years we've come to realize that we're headed toward a major labour shortage," said Ch'ng, the youngest council member.

"We're not unlike other Canadian municipalities in that we're aging. So



NEED PEOPLE: Shelby Ch'ng says the city needs to attract and retain young people to compete against other Canadian communities.

as people age out and leave the workforce, we're going to have to fill (jobs) ... Not only do we need to attract and

retain young people to live in Thunder Bay and work in Thunder Bay, we have to compete against other Canadian municipalities."

It's time to start selling the city for what it can offer professionals and

entrepreneurs, focusing on things like the pace of life and the low cost of housing.

Inside her ward, Ch'ng said residents are still reeling from the flood of 2012 and are insistent that the city make better effort to minimize water issues they face each year.

The incumbent candidate said she's helped champion a lot of that work already.

"We've done a number of upgrades in Northwood, over \$11 million in contracts that have happened just in Northwood alone to upgrade twinning the James Street pipes, all the outvalves to the storm sewers. So I think people are breathing a little bit easier with that," Ch'ng said.

"Right now it's maintaining that infrastructure so things like that don't happen again."

Other priorities include convincing council to find the money to make upgrades to the Centennial Botanical Conservatory, and continuing work on improvements being made to soccer fields at Chapples Park, including pushing for a year-round, indoor soccer facility.



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MEET THE CANDIDATES: NORTHWOOD



WARDS GET IGNORED: Mo El Kahil says big-ticket items are too often the sole focus of the current city council.

El Kahil will focus on Northwood's issues

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Mo El Kahil

MUNICIPAL ELECTION By Leith Dunick - TB Source

inding out he was about to become a father sparked a political light bulb in the mind of Northwood Ward candidate Mo El Kahil.

At 26, he suddenly realized he wanted to help shape a brighter future for soon-to-be wife and child, something he doubted was going to occur with the current crop of city councillors remaining in place.

So he did what any civic-minded person would do and jumped all-in to the democratic process, filing his nomination papers to take on incumbent Shelby Ch'ng in the lone two-person ward race in the upcoming municipal election.

Promising to be the positive change Northwood needs, El Kahil promised he would put a Northwood-first focus on his term in office, giving the ward the attention it deserves.

"In my profession as a registered nurse, I spend my days now advocating for taking care of our elderly population," he said.

"And I want to be able to expand that so I can advocate for Northwood as a whole. And I feel I have the leadership skill and the knowledge and the tools to help drive that positive change that Northwood needs.'

The ward has its challenges, and while not unique to

Northwood, crime and public safety need to be addressed, El Kahil said.

Council can play a role through community engagement, he added.

"I know it's easier said than done, but having neighbourhood watch programs and just different activities within the neighbourhood that shows that we are one deters things from happening that are not safe," El

Kahil said.

He also committed to being a champion of the public purse, if elected on Oct. 22.

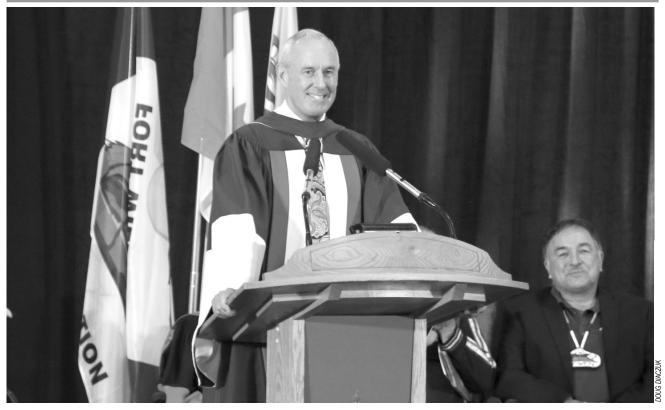
"We also have to focus on what our needs are versus what our wants are," he said. "From speaking to the people, a lot of people are worried about the affordability of the taxes as well as the water rates in Northwood, and they want somebody who is able to advocate and continue bringing the upgrades to our infrastructure that we need.

"That's our roads, our storm sewer systems, whatever they may be. They need a strong voice to not defer those projects and

for them to have them now. The perception of the people I think is past councillors, or maybe current councillors, maybe focus on big-ticket items. But I want the people to know that my focus is Northwood, and Northwood alone."

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ON THE HOME TEAM: Ron MacLean accepts his honorary degree from Lakehead University during a special ceremony last Saturday.

MacLean sets roots with LU

Iconic sports broadcaster Ron MacLean receives honorary degree from Lakehead

EDUCATION

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

n the last 50 years, Lakehead University has become rooted in the community, serving as both a centre for academic pursuits and a stepping-stone for young athletes from across

A special ceremony on Saturday celebrated

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RON MACLEAN

those roots, as well as establishing some new ones as Lakehead officially welcomed its new president, Moira McPherson, and awarded Ron MacLean with an honourary

MacLean, the iconic sports broadcaster and longtime host of Hockey Night in Canada, believes hockey is rooted in small, rural communities like Thunder Bay, and he is grateful to now be rooted in one as well.

Humbled

"I feel really honoured," he said.

Even in the spirit of the two captains, Azia Vass and Dillon Donnelly, I just don't want to be on another team for a little while. I think it's nice to be rooted in Thunder Bay and Lakehead University.'

After accepting his honouary title, MacLean spoke to the large gathering of students and staff, which included many athletes, about his experiences visiting with family members and players of the Humboldt Bronco's hockey team in the days and weeks following the collision that claimed the lives of 16 people

MacLean said the young athletes who played for the Broncos came from communities across the country, which shows that the

> sport is still very much rooted in small, rural communities, just like Thunder Bay.

> "I think in the long term we will remember that 29 communities in Canada sent their child, either Dayna, the trainer, or their boy to this community to play hockey," he said. "It was a good thing. It taught them core values, their influence shines and will shine forever. That gives you hope that the rural community still has a place in the game."

For the young athletes in the audience, including several being honoured during the ceremony with the title of Academic All Canadian, MacLean had an important message to impart.

The lessons of the game, much like the lessons of a classroom or a campus are so invaluable," he said.

Rheanna Geisel, a four-time Academic All Canadian, spoke on behalf of her fellow recipients on Saturday. She said being named an Academic All Canadian is no easy feat and her fellow athletes should feel proud of their accomplishment.

"It takes a lot of time and commitment and prioritizing and knowing your strengths and weaknesses as a student," she said. "You don't have it set in stone right away. I think in my first year, I navigated it for quite a while, but you learn and you end up being pretty good at it by the time you're done and it results in an Academic All Canadian."

Officially in office

It was a special day for McPherson, as well and an honour to share the stage with MacLean. Having served as interim president since Brian Stevenson stepped down last January, Chancellor Lyn McLeod officially swore McPherson in as president and vicechancellor, which she said is an important step for signalling a new beginning.

"Running a university, even with all the amazing support we have around us, it's always going to be challenging," she said. "These are complex times to be in postsecondary education but we have incredible people at this university to draw on their resources."

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Walk for ALS lifts spirits

The Annual Walk for ALS raises money for support services for people living with ALS and their families

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

At the age of 67, Judy Nichols was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS. That life-changing diagnosis hasn't affected her spirit, though, and she continues to fight with the help of her husband of nearly 50 years, and the hundreds of others who continue to offer support year after year.

"The spirit of Judy, she has been absolutely amazing," Jerry Nichols said. "She is always positive, she never feels sorry for what is going on."

More than 200 people participated in the 18th Annual Walk for ALS on Saturday. Walks were taking place in cities across Canada. Locally the goal is to raise more than \$25,000.

"Last year we blew it out of the water and raised more than \$51,000," said Nicole Deschamps, regional manager for ALS Canada for Northwestern Ontario. "This year we are hoping to beat that goal."

"The walk for ALS is the main fundraiser for ALS Canada," Deschamps continued. "It is very important because it is the fundraiser that helps us provide funds for local support, equipment loans to clients and families living with ALS, as well as help toward research to find a treatment for ALS to make it a treatable, not a terminal disease."

cause stiff muscles, muscle twitching, and weakness, and eventually results in difficulty speaking, swallowing and breathing. There is no cure for ALS and Deschamps said it can be an expensive disease to manage, which is why fundraisers like the

ALS is a motor neuron disease that can

Walk for ALS are so important. over \$5,000 today," she

STAYING POSITIVE: Judy Nichols (middle) prepares for the Walk for ALS with her team, Team

Namaste Judy. Judy was diagnosed with ALS two years ago and her friends and family say her attitude

"Having ALS can be very expensive," she said. "The disease can progress very rapidly sometimes. There is a variety of equipment that is needed."

and spirit have always been positive.

ALS Canada offers equipment loan programs for things like hospital beds, walkers, scooters, or power wheelchairs.

Deschamps added that there is not enough awareness about the disease, particularly its progression and how it can impact not only the person living with ALS, but also the family.

Trish Somerleigh, a longtime friend of Judy Nichols, wanted to help Judy and her family by starting Team Namaste Judy. This being just their first year participating in the walk, the team was one of the top fundraisers this year.

"My goal when I set up the team was I thought I could raise \$1,000, and we are

over \$5,000 today," she said. "We've done really well."

Somerleigh said seeing a friend living with ALS and watching them lose their ability to speak, do things, or breath can be very heartbreaking.

"It rips your heart out," she said. "But Jerry has been just phenomenal. Twentyfour hours a day, Jerry looks after Judy. But Judy has been the most positive person you can imagine."

But they cannot do it alone, and seeing the hundreds of people coming out year after year to support the Walk for ALS definitely lifts Jerry and Judy's spirits.

"It's totally amazing," Jerry said. "The number of people who have come by to support us, not just with the fundraising, but in general over the last two years she has been diagnosed. It has been a constant support from our friends and our family."

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Fall with a vengeance and first snow

So, it begins. Or maybe not just yet. First snow. Well, the merest dusting and this meteorological event on the heels of the first official day of Fall which was a doozy.

The first official day of Fall, the Autumn Equinox, occurred last Thursday and it came in with a vengeance: very high winds (in places destructive), and beating rain. If March can come in either like a lamb or a lion, how do we describe the roar of the first day of Fall like the one we just experienced? In like a dragon?

My wife, Laura went out on a horseback ride on our trails with two friends on Saturday. No rain but the wind was at times mildly breezy and then suddenly fiercely gusting. Laura returned to report more trees down across the trails. Great. More clearing.

Meanwhile, I was madly attempting to drag a huge tarp out of the overgrown grass where I stored it years ago. This



tarp is part of one that was even "huger" that a friend and I managed to grab from an industrial site that had offered it up for free. "Just come and get it," we were told. Periodically, the company replaces these immense tarps when they get worn. I have used sections of the tarp (it is really big) as covers for horse shelters. Now I wanted to slice off a section or two to cover the wood pile. And why?

Reports came from a neighbour that we could expect snow Sunday morning, not much, but just the same. In years past before I learned to be prepared (my late and dearly missed friend and mentor, Arthur Black used to call me "the grasshopper" because I tended to be totally unprepared for the change in seasons. Then I married Laura and that condition changed, she being organized), wither I was very late in covering the wood or had not covered it at all much to my chagrin.

I asked our son, Doug, to come and help pull this monster free. We pulled and pulled, attempting the task from different angles and managing to free sections of it but eventually, wet, muddy, and tired, we realized that the only way to finally extract the beast was with the help of Big Red, my ancient, diesel tractor. So, I fired up my trusty "workhorse" and with the blade on the back, succeeded in dragging the mounds and coils of tarp away from where it had lain for several years.

There were large holes in some parts probably due to mice but I dragged the

tarp closer to the wood pile and then grabbed a measuring tape. Laura by now had returned from her pleasant ride and helped me measure just how large a piece we required to cover all thirteen cords of firewood. Cutting the tarp was blessedly easy and soon we had two pieces that we wrenched up and across the wood. A couple of long ex-fence boards were used to secure the tarp. It worked and the tarp moved not even with fierce winds. Now, all thirteen cords are covered and just in time.

So, we awoke to discover the ground no longer green. The new snow was, as I mentioned, the merest dusting. You could still see grass as the white stuff lay lightly on the surface. When I exited Casa Jones to cross the yard to the barn to feed the equines, I observed that it was really the tips of the grass that were whitened. By the time I had arisen from dreamland, the snow had changed to rain.

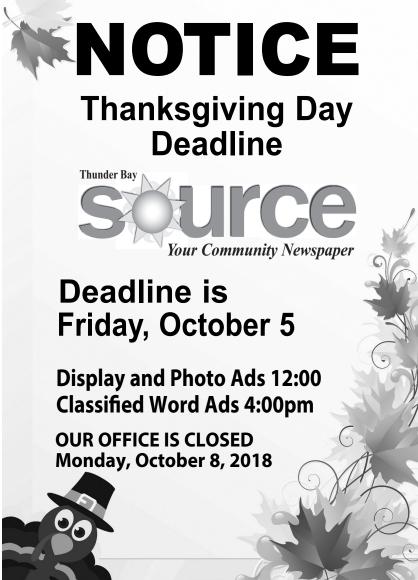
I did the horsey chores, electing to leave them in their stalls where it was warm and dry and as I left the barn to return to our "hoosie", I looked at the newly-covered firewood and smiled. "Not a grasshopper this year, Art," I muttered.

The thermometer has been dipping down to freezing. Again, the perishables from the vegetable garden have all been gathered. Our living room has cartons of tomatoes at various shades of ripeness and an assortment of squash lining the walls. Slowly we cook them and/or give them away to town friends who don't have gardens.

In my experience as a rural rooter, first snow traditionally came on Halloween, perhaps not to stay but just to make for an interesting night of Trick-or-Treating. This year's dusting is the earliest that I can remember. But that isn't saying much as my memory certainly ain't what it used to be.







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UNLIKELY FIND: The Viking relics that Eddy Dodd claimed he found in a mining claim near Beardmore in 1931.

The Beardmore Viking Saga

BOOKSBy Doug Diaczuk

n the early 1930s, Eddy Dodd had a story to tell, and that story would change the world's understanding of North American history.

It soon began circulating through bars and restaurants in downtown Port Arthur that the amateur prospector had unearthed a set of relics on his mining claim near Beardmore that proved Vikings had visited the Great Lakes.

But not everyone believed Dodd's extravagant tale, and so began years of denials, cover-ups, speculation, and an amateur investigation by a local school teacher and a government geologist that would eventually reveal one of the greatest museum hoaxes of the 20th century.

Author and history professor, Douglas Hunter, examines the relic discovery and the investigation that followed in his new book, *Beardmore: The Viking Hoax that Rewrote History*.

"This is something that happened and these relics stayed in a major museum for 18 years and really changed history," Hunter said. "It became: the Vikings came to the Great Lakes, they came down through Hudson Bay and a Viking died here, even though there was never a body, and it became history. It was taught in schools. That is how much influence this had."

In May 1931, Dodd claimed he found what appeared to be a sword, an axe head, and a piece of metal that may have come from a shield when filling a trench with dynamite on his mining claim southwest of Beardmore.

On display

Word about the discovery eventually reached Charles Currelly, curator of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. In 1936, Dodd sold the relics to Currelly for \$500, or approximately \$7,000 today and the relics were prominently displayed in one of Canada's largest museums.

"Currelly bought them and he bought the



UNLIKELY STORY: Fletcher Gill and Eddy Dodd (right). Dodd was a prospector living in Port Arthur at the time he claimed the discovery was made.

story," Hunter said. "After 1938 when some serious counterclaims started emerging in the Thunder Bay and Winnipeg area that no, Eddy didn't find them in the ground in his mining claim, he found them in the basement of a house he was renting."

The relics themselves are authentic and according to Hunter, there is a likely chain of possession that landed them in Dodd's hands. The relics most likely belonged to John Bloch, who came to Port Arthur from Norway and used them as collateral for a loan from a local man named James Hansen. The loan was never repaid and Bloch left Port Arthur and later died in Vancouver. So the relics remained in Hansen's basement, where Dodd happened to be a renter.

But what didn't add up and what Currelly failed to do, was look more closely at Dodd's story about where he claimed to have found the relics.

High school teacher, Teddy Elliott, and government geologist, T.L. Tanton, were among the most vehement sceptics of Dodd's claim, and began their own investigation into the authenticity of the story. But Currelly refused to yield, which Hunter said demonstrates how those in power can sometimes dictate what is true, even if it is false.

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"It's an interesting study in how power is exercised," Hunter said. "It's not just about a hoax, it's about how authority can use power. Currelly kind of gambled all his cultural capital of himself and the museum on this one acquisition. If Currelly said this stuff was real, it was hard to disagree with, especially if you were a newspaper person."

Investigation uncovers truth

It would take nearly 20 years before it was revealed that the Beardmore relics were a hoax. Hunter said Currelly wanted to believe the relics were real and this was a hoax that "didn't fit the standard mold."

'Beardmore: The Viking Hoax that Rewrote History,' reads like a detective novel, Hunter said, because it is "a detective story about a detective story."

"There are very clear characters and there are just a lot of very strange twists," Hunter added.

And the story that started it all, told by the man at the heart of this hoax, it might have been just that – a story to get people talking, not about the relics, but about a mining claim near Beardmore.

"Eddy Dodd didn't set out to start this sophisticated crime and take in the ROM," Hunter said. "He wanted to get people interested in his claim. It was basically, as long as he had the relics, he could get people talking about his claim."

Beardmore: The Viking Hoax that Rewrote History is published by McGill-Queen's University Press and was released on Sept. 15.

Douglas Hunter will be in Thunder Bay on Tuesday, Oct. 23 as part of the Thunder Bay Historical Society lecture series at the Thunder Bay Museum.

Bert and Ernie: Are they or aren't they?

An age-old question has reared its ugly head in the media yet again: Are Bert and Ernie Gay? According to one former Sesame Street writer, the answer is a resounding "Yes."

For years, Sesame Street producers and its PR staff have played the typical Hollywood denial game, insisting that these two are just friends.

More importantly, they have sworn that they are just puppets and have nothing in their pants except someone's wrist. Apparently, they have had to explain to the "adults" in the room that puppets don't have a sexual orientation, let alone, genitalia.

In fact, Frank Oz, himself, who helped created Bert and Ernie said that the characters' purpose was to show kids that people can get along and live together in unity despite their ongoing differences. Need proof? Their skits always revolve around a messy and chaotic Ernie driving an OCD Bert



nuts with his comments and neverending questions. However, in the end, they always found a resolution and the friendship continued.

This is an important lesson for small children to learn before they go out in the world: differences are OK.

But the inane and ongoing argument is that it's more than a friendship which has become a late-night punch line. Stephen Colbert recently joked that Bert and Ernie can't be gay. Bert

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has a unibrow and the pair only have one shirt each.

However, in a recent interview, the aforementioned writer, Saltzman, claimed that the skits he wrote and their behaviour in their relationship were actually based on his own at home

That may be the saddest thing I've ever heard.

Bert and Ernie are constantly disagreeing. Furthermore, Bert's a bit of a condescending bully at times. Worse yet, they sleep in separate twin

And this is representative of the writer's own relationship? Somebody get this guy a new boyfriend already. Or at least an appointment with a ther-

I don't care if Sesame Street wants to introduce toddlers to the idea of homosexuality – as long as it's not the actual facts. (Ssex Ed can wait a bit.) The



ICONIC DUO: Puppeteers including Jim Henson and Frank Oz perform as Bert and Ernie on Seasme Street.

show has become more inclusive, introducing characters with two daddies or two mommies or are gender-ambiguous. So why go back backstory that wouldn't even occur to a four-year-old? Why insert sex into the mix at all?

Giving Mr. Oz the last word on the "Are they or aren't they" debate he said, "They're not, of course. But why that question? Does it really matter? ... There's much more to a human being than just straightness or gayness."

Thank you, Mr. Oz.

Sesame Street was created at the end of a sexual revolution in American and even they didn't believe sexual orientation was necessary. Why? Because they're puppets.

And for the first 30-odd years, they didn't even show them below the waist since, well, they didn't have anything below the waist.

So give it up. Let it go. Put it to bed already. Preferably a separate, twin

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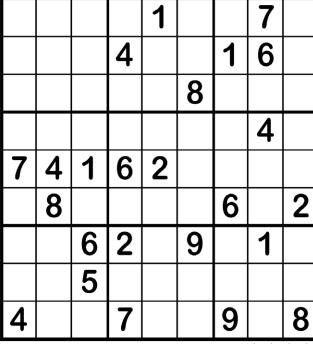
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Vikings vanquish Saints

FOOTBALL By Leith Dunick - TB Source

t just wasn't the St. Patrick Saints day. Led by a 103-yard catch and scoring run by Hunter Campbell and a pair of rushing touchdowns, including a 72vard scamper up the middle, by running back Caleb Perzan, the Hamarskjold Vikings opened their 2018 senior boys high school football season with a convincing 57-0 triumph that was every bit as one-sided as the score suggests.

Campbell, whose touchdown included a run of 90 yards after the catch, said he caught the ball and just started running toward the Saints end zone, stiff-arming a trio of St. Pat's players en route to pay dirt.

"Luckily my quarterback (Zack) Kuzik saw me at the last second and just decided to wing it across. I just took it and the next thing I knew I was heading up the sidelines and I just had to beat a guy flying across the middle. I turned my back, got the stiff-arm down and headed for the score," Campbell

Perzan easily passed the 100-yard rushing mark, scored from 19 and 72 yards out and set up a third score, a onevard pass from Kuzik to Nolan Florindo, with a 36-yard run that landed the football on the winless Saints 14.

"It was pretty good," Perzan said. "I was pretty happy with the performance we put up. I think we did a pretty good job. I'm really happy to see how the boys played. We dug pretty deep and



DOMINANT EFFORT: Noian Florindo runs back a punt last Friday for Hammarskjold.

we didn't let the massive score get to our head. We tried to stay humble.'

Perzan added the team wanted to let the rest of the five-team circuit know the Vikings are still a force, after losing in last year's championship to the Churchill Trojans, a team that is no more with the school closing this past

"Absolutely - I think it's a big statement win, when you're up that much. We tried not to run the score up too much. The goal was to come out with a strong presence, not to embarrass anybody," Perzan said.

The Saints struggled to get anything

going offensively most of the afternoon.

With a howling wind blowing north to south at Fort William Stadium, the passing game on both sides was all but non-existent, a few short gains sprinkled throughout the contest.

Quarterback Colin Wiseman attempted a couple of deep balls that led to turnovers, including a Travis Hall pick that led directly to Perzan's lengthy TD run in the middle of the third quarter, the Vikings lead sprouting to 42-0 at the

Dillon Stroud opened the scoring six minutes into the first, rumbling in from two yards out. Less than three minutes later they doubled their lead, Gavin Perkins hitting Ethan Porter from seven yards out.

Michael Goegan closed out the scoring in the fourth on a 90-yard punt return.

It's a great opening win, said Vikings coach Mike Judge, adding their opponent had no reason to hang their heads.

"I don't think the scoreboard was indicative of St. Pat's. They had a hard day, but they'll get better and they'll be stronger. We need to continue to work too," Judge said.

Carter Oikonen converted all eight touchdowns for Hammarskjold.

Later that night, the Westgate Tigers scored a 29-8 win over Superior Collegiate in the opening game for both teams. The Saints fell to 0-2 with their loss.

Kajorinne makes triumphant hoops return

BASKETBALL By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Lakehead Thunderwolves, but she brings plenty of experience to the team.

A veteran of four OUA seasons with the Algoma Thunderbirds, Kajorinne spent the past two seasons on the sidelines.

She's also coming off knee surgery.

On Thursday night she made her return to the court, scoring five points and grabbing six boards off the bench, to help lead the Thunderwolves to a 93-66 drubbing of her former team at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.

The former St. Ignatius star was far from mid-season form, but said it felt good to get back into action and prove to herself she's still got what it takes to compete at the university level.

"I think I'm probably the oldest, so I feel like an old

lady, but it's actually nice to be back" said Kajorinne after the non-conference triumph.

"It's more exciting than I anticipated, but I'm loving

Kajorinne averaged 8.9 points a game for the Thunderbirds in 2016-17, her final year

with the Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. team., hitting slightly more than a third of her three-point attempts.

After going 0-for-4 from beyond the arc on Thursday, Kajorinne said it's going to take some time to get back into game shape.

"I think once the rust shakes off, I'm hoping to come back in," she said. "It's definitely different taking a year off and being a little bit older and coming back, but I'm looking forward to the year."

Her experience could be invaluable this season as the Wolves look to take full advantage of their second and final year with Bahamian Bomber Leashja Grant leading the charge.

The Wolves have seven true rookies on the roster, a group led by Spanish import Sofia Lluch, who finished with 11 points and led the team with five assists in her debut.

"I'm the eighth first-year, as a transfer. So we do have half young and half older, so it is nice to be able to do leadership stuff for the young ones, having been around for so long," said Kajorinne, who has pretty basic expectations for herself this season.

"Just be a leader, hit some shots," she said.

Coach Jon Kreiner has set the bar slightly higher when it comes to his 5-foot-8 guard.

"At times I put her on the point guard, at times put her on their best player. Defensively she does some nice things. She's going to be a player who could start for us, but she's going to be the leader of our bench squad and she's going to be that sixth man award type of thing – and really give leadership to our team."



T-Wolves complete emotional sweep

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Seconds after Josh Laframboise netted the shootout winner on Saturday night, he turned and pointed to the rafters.

It was his way of honouring his best friend, former Humboldt Broncos captain Logan Schatz, one of 16 members of the team killed last April in a horrific bus crash in northern Saskatchewan.

It was an emotional moment for the Lakehead Thunderwolves forward, his team having battled back from two goals down in the third to force overtime and eventually send it to penalty shots.

Great chances

Teammate Cooper Leitch, who tipped home a Matt Alexander shot to pull the Wolves within a goal at 7:01 of the final stanza, then pounced on a loose puck in a goal-mouth scramble to tie the game with 1:46 to play in regulation, called it a fitting end to the 6-5 contest.

"It's a tough time, it's a horrible thing that happened," said Leitch, noting that Hockey Night in Canada's Ron MacLean had made mention of the relationship between Schatz and Laframboise when he met with the team prior to the game.

"I thought (the goal) was a nice memorial for his friend there.

Lakehead coach Andrew Wilkins said the Thunderwolves remain Humboldt Strong.

"It was good to see Josh come through. He had a long year last year and he worked hard in the offseason to get himself ready. He had a good weekend and it was a great way to cap it off," Wilkins said.

Laframboise, the fourth shooter in the shootout, wouldn't have been in any position to score the game-winner if it weren't for Leitch. It was a case of twice being in the right place at the right time.

"I think today was kind of lucky bounces here and there, but the boys battled hard tonight and my line especially got things going early, so I think it kind of played out like it should have," Leitch said.

Getting a pair of tallies on opening weekend was a great start to the season, the 22-year-old added, coming off a rookie campaign that saw him score just seven times in 37 appearances.

"Obviously last year I was a little snake-bit at the start of the year, so it felt really good to get it out of the way."

While the result may have pleased Wilkins, who rang up his second win in as many games behind the LU bench, how they got the two points was a little

concerning

The Wolves were 0-for-7 on the power play, allowing Lethbridge a pair of shorthanded goals in the process.

Brooks Maxwell picked Devin Green's pocket on the first one, the LU goalie stumbling as he scrambled to get back in position. A stolen puck led to the second shorthanded marker, Connor Sanvido beating Green at 15:14 of the second to give the Pronghorns a 3-2 lead.

Needs work

"At times our power play was OK and at times we were unorganized and we were giving up chances against," said Wilkins, whose team also gave up a shorthanded goal on Friday night.

Jonathan Masters opened the scoring for the Thunderwolves, his shot from inside the blue-line deflected high, the puck floating over Lethbridge starter Garrett Hughson just 69 seconds into the contest.

Sam McKechnie gave the visitors the lead on the power play late in the first, but Lakehead rookie Dexter Kuczek tied it up five minutes into the second. Joseph Leonidas evened things up again late in the period, the two teams hitting the break knotted at three.

Lethbridge scored twice in the opening 3:30 of the third, McKechnie and Sanvido each potting their second.



NEW FACE: Tomas Soustal made his Thunderwolves debut last weekend.



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63. COMING EVENTS

FRED EAGLESMITH SHOW in Murillo! Friday September 28th 8pm. Advance tickets \$30 Available at Valley Foods, PC Medic, Chaltrek, Fireweed, and Online!



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LIFE CHAIN 2018 - a peaceful, prayerful witness to the inviolability of human life and the undeniable harm of abortion for both mother and child. Join us as we stand in silent solidarity bearing signs with positive pro-life messages, simultaneously with thousands of others across North America. Thunder Bay's Life Chain will be held on Saturday September 29th AND Sunday September 30th from 2pm-3pm at the Central/Memorial Avenue intersection. Please join us and be a voice for the voiceless. (Meet in the BestBuy parking lot closest to the intersection at 1:45pm for a briefing and to pick-up signs.) Brought to you by The Right to Life Association of Thunder Bay, and Campaign Life Coalition. Call 768-7600

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Start Date: October 8th or shortly thereafter

Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 -5:00 Full Time Permanent

We are looking for an entry level receptionist. The ideal candidate will have had some experience in reception duties including phone handling. The ability to interact with customers in a warm and professional manner is important. Must be willing to supply a criminal records check.

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED Equivalent
- · Completion of an Administrative Program is an asset
- Minimum 1 year experience in office environment
- · Basic Excel and Word functionality
- · Customer service skills
- · Ability to multitask and prioritize
- Excellent communication skills
- Type 35 wpm or higher testing during interview will be performed

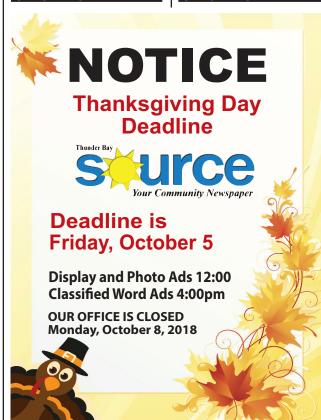
Duties include:

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- · Greet visitors, answer questions and accept payments
- Payroll time card maintenance
- Maintaining spreadsheets
- Work order administration
- Administrate incoming and outgoing shipments/couriered items
- · Open, sort and distribute all incoming mail.
- Sort invoices, stamp mail, create labels & folders, type memos.
- Review reports for accuracy.

Please supply resume and cover letter with salary expectations to debby@dawsonprop.com

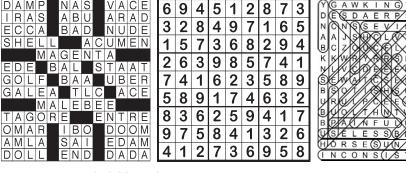
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