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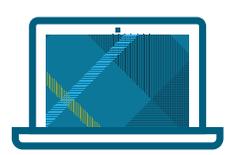
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# Community Members Help Plan Programming: Tbaytel Supports Our Kids Count Participant Advisory Committee

Meet Our Kids Count Program Participant & Volunteer, Bill Csori



By Janine Chiasson

Have you ever been part of an organization that intuitively seemed to know what you and your family needed? For many families in Thunder Bay, that group is Our Kids Count (OKC), a charitable, community development organization that always puts participants first. Recognizing that OKC's community-centred approach mirrors its own view of building neighbourhoods, Tbaytel has been on-board from the start supporting initiatives that bring residents and their needs to the table. Like Bill Csori, who has played many roles at OKC – dad, participant, volunteer, and advisor.

As a long-time active participant at OKC, Bill began serving on the Program Participant Advisory Committee, also known as P-PAC. "The P-PAC team works to align programming with community needs, so we do outreach to let people know who OKC is and to find out how we can best help our neighbourhoods," Bill explains. "We knock on doors; we deliver flyers for our monthly free community breakfasts; and we encourage everyone to drop-in or sign up for one of our programs."

"What I like about our programs is the multitude," says Bill. "We have social programs, learning programs, and outings that help families get out and about in our city. In a lot of cases, people just can't afford to do that anymore." Outings with OKC are a way for families to spend time together and not have to worry about things: how they're getting somewhere, how they're going to pay for

it, and, who packed the lunch? "We gather at our two locations – McKenzie or Westfort – and head out to places like Fort William Historical Park, Pioneer Village, Belluz Farms for strawberry picking, or Gammondale Farm for fall fun," Bill says. "You don't have to worry about planning, we do all of that for you."

At OKC, it's always about helping families. When a need arises, OKC tries to fill it. "During the growing season families want to know how to feed themselves," Bill points out. "So we learn how to start a home garden." When people show interest in developing other skills, workshops are organized – like car maintenance, cooking skills, health, or budgeting. But OKC gives families more than knowledge. As Bill emphasizes, "Whatever it is you need, OKC can help. If they can't help you directly, they can put you in touch with someone who can."

Since the beginning over twenty years ago, P-PAC has been the voice of the community for OKC. With 10 to 12 members on average, P-PAC meets weekly to review the week, assess how programs went, talk about the need for changes, or plan for future events and activities. As Bill says, "It's a big commitment." Over the past few years, Bill has served as general member, secretary, and co-chair. "We like to mix it up so that one person is not always holding the reins, that way more people can get a feel for the

way OKC operates and see the organization's capabilities with fresh eyes."

P-PAC members like Bill also find time to volunteer and fundraise by selling tickets, face painting, or helping at charitable events like the Waterfront Ribfest. But, as Bill emphasizes, "With everything that OKC works to accomplish as a not-for-profit, we rely on community assistance. We are so thankful for the long-standing support of Tbaytel who shares our belief that strong families build strong communities."

Find out more about OKC programs and opportunities by stopping in at the OKC office on McKenzie, visit [ourkidscount.ca](http://ourkidscount.ca), or pop in to an OKC free monthly breakfast. Bill's life has blossomed in many ways since he's joined the OKC family and he means it when he says, "Please, come check us out. We're not just for kids; we're for all ages, men and women alike. Join us on our journey to build a stronger, healthier community."

## Strong families build strong neighbourhoods

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# LOCAL NEWS



DOUG DIACZUK

INVESTIGATION ONGOING: Police say it's too soon to say whether or not the death of a 21-year-old male is suspicious.

## Body pulled from river

**POLICE**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Police say a post-mortem will be conducted in Toronto on the body of a 21-year-old male pulled out of the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway on Saturday.

The body of the victim, whose identity has not yet been released by police at the request of the man's family, was found by a person kayaking in the river.

"It will depend on the direction of the investigation," said Det. John Read of the Thunder Bay Police Service on Monday. "At this time it's

not necessary for us to release the name based on what we know."

"The investigation at this point is open as to what direction it's going. It is very preliminary. There are a lot of people to speak to. In this situation, the family's privacy has to be respected and when there is a time where we feel (releasing the name) will assist the investigation, my hope is we can encourage the family to release the name."

**"We have to await the post-mortem results."  
JOHN READ**

Read said it's too soon to say whether or not the death is suspicious or criminal in nature.

"We have to await the post-mortem results," he said. "A post-mortem is being

conducted today in Toronto. When I have more information about the post-mortem, that may be able to tell us if it is criminal in nature. But at this time I can't comment on criminal versus the alternative."

Police are hoping to speak to anyone who might have seen the deceased male this past Thursday at about 8:30 p.m. in the Intercity area.

The victim is described as a slim Aboriginal male with short-black hair and wearing a beige or brown long-sleeve shirt, black pants and black shoes.

Police say the man may have been in the company of others at the time. Investigators cleared the scene Monday.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 684-1200.

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LOCAL NEWS

# Council says no to Beyak censure

Move to support NOMA's call for resignation fails

**CITY HALL**

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

**T**hunder Bay city council has rejected a request to support a call for the resignation of controversial Conservative Senator Lynn Beyak.

The motion, put forth by an absent Northwood Coun. Shelby Ch'ng, asked council to vote to support the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association board's condemnation of Beyak's comments.

Earlier this year Beyak said some good came out of the residential school system and then this month suggested Canada's Indigenous population should trade in their status cards for Canadian citizenship.

The NOMA board also called for Beyak to step down from the Senate.

Ch'ng's motion was narrowly defeated on Monday night, losing on a 6-6 tie, Couns. Rebecca Johnson, Trevor Giertuga, Brian McKinnon, Linda Rydholm and Joe Virdiramo, as well as Mayor Keith Hobbs, voting against it.

Johnson, chair of the city's anti-racism committee, was the most vocal of the opponents, saying Canadians, under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, are free to speak their minds.

"We don't have to agree with everything," Johnson said, making her plea to her fellow councillors to defeat the motion.

"Whether right or wrong, she's at least expressing her own opinion."

**Changed mind**

Hobbs, who earlier in the day told APTN he would support Ch'ng's motion, instead voted against it when the vote was called after a half-hour debate.

The mayor, back after two months of self-imposed exile to deal with personal legal matters, said he doesn't see it as council's role to censure sitting senators. That's been handled by the caucus leadership he added. He noted Beyak has been removed from three committees she served upon, stated the punishments have been progressive and if she slips up again the Conservatives will act at that time.

"She's on strike three," Hobbs said.

Neebing's Rydholm said she couldn't support the motion that felt like hitting someone when she was down. Nor did she feel it was council's place to call for Beyak's resignation.

"To me, it's not our decision to be acting on this," she said.



**OVERSTEPPING:** Neebing Coun. Linda Rydholm says it's not council's place to call for the resignation of a senator, no matter what they say in that capacity.

McKellar Coun. Paul Pugh led the charge in favour of the motion.

Pugh said freedom of speech should only apply when the language used doesn't hurt others, adding elected officials must be held to a higher standard when it comes to what words they choose.

"Enough is enough," Pugh said.

"I don't buy this freedom of speech nonsense, from someone in that position, who takes it upon herself to insult the original people of my country. I take that personally as an insult to me."

**Hurts progress**

Current River Coun. Andrew Foulds said while he agrees people have a right to free speech, Beyak's words weren't productive ones and were injurious to a significant portion of the Canadian population.

"I'm not convinced the language Senator Beyak has used contributes positively or constructively to that dialogue and conversation," said Foulds, who cast a yes vote.

"Her comments about residential schools or status cards I don't think move us toward reconciliation."

Couns. Larry Hebert, Aldo Ruberto, Frank Pullia, and Iain Angus also voted in favour of the motion.

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# Police march for fallen comrades

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

Every day police officers put their lives on the line in service to the community. Those who do not come home at the end of the day leave a lasting mark on families, the community, and their fellow officers.

Members of the Thunder Bay Police Service and police services from across the region held a memorial parade and service Sunday afternoon to honour those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day has been held on the last Sunday of September since 1978, and Thunder Bay Police Association president, Greg Stephenson said it is an important day for all members of the service.

"It's to pay respect to not only officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty, but the officers who



**SOLEMN MARCH:** Thunder Bay Police walk during a memorial parade last Sunday.

DOUG DIACZUK

are here," he said. "It's to show that job we do is dangerous and that they appreciate what we do. It's something

that is very important for us - to show respect."

"We come together and pray for the

families and obviously that we don't have any more names," Stephenson continued. "It's a very significant event in the year for us."

Members of the Thunder Bay Police Service, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Ontario Provincial Police, and Superior North EMS participated in the parade that began at the former Ontario Provincial Courthouse before moving down Arthur Street to St. Paul's Anglican Church for a memorial service.

"It's nice to see all our partners here with us that we work with on a day to day basis and recognize the sacrifice of some of the members across the nation have ultimately paid the price with their lives in the line of duty," said acting Thunder Bay Police Service chief, Sylie Hauth.

Hauth added the day highlights the comradery and friendship amongst serving officers, while also remembering those who have been lost.

"It's being together in solidarity and showing our support, not just here in Thunder Bay, but across the nation, in terms of the work that we do and the communities that we serve," she said.

Since the Police and Peace Officers Memorial Day began in 1978, the Thunder Bay Police Service has lost two officers in the line of duty. In January, 1978, Const. John Kuszniar was fatally wounded when responding to a call and Const. Joseph Prevett died during a training exercise in Gravenhurst, Ont. in May 2014.

As the parade made its way down the streets of Thunder Bay, family, friends, and members of the public looked on from the sidewalks.

"It's very heartfelt," Hauth said of the public coming out to show its support. "It's nice to see people take time out of their day to recognize the work that we do and being out there supporting us on this national day."

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### City won't follow suit

Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler is livid city council chose not to follow the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association board's lead and ask for the resignation of Senator Lynn Beyak.

Her words were not what the country needs at this time, telling the Indigenous population they should trade in their status cards for citizenship – something they already possess, nonetheless.

Beyak should resign. As an elected official, her words matter and her words were hurtful to a large segment of the Canadian population. Her suggestion that the residential school system did some good was way off the mark.

Her statements were especially damaging in Beyak's Northwestern Ontario home.

The question posed on Monday night, however, takes council down a slippery slope.

Should lower levels of government start demanding the resignation of senators or MPPs or MPs because they say things that are disagreeable?

Surely individual councillors should be encouraged to speak up and call out Beyak for her hurtful words.

But it's less clear that the municipality should take a stand and start calling for resignations, any more than Beyak or the senate should in turn call for Mayor Keith Hobbs to step down because of his pending legal troubles.

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### Physicians not happy

To the editor:

"The tipping point is that magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips, and spreads like wildfire." – Malcolm Gladwell, *The Tipping Point*  
In Canada, and Ontario especially, we are rapidly approaching a tipping point in health care. Unfortunately, it will not be the magical moment Malcolm Gladwell's quote above evokes.

Over the past three years physicians have been the target of ever-increasing unilaterally imposed fee reductions and now increased taxation on our business income. In addition, there has been a never-ending stream of political rhetoric, much of it disingenuous, aimed to distort public opinion regarding these changes. The result is physicians are slowly being pushed towards the point at which they will feel they are better off being somewhere else or doing something else. This point will be different for each physician.

There are a group of physicians who did not require much push to cross their threshold. We have already seen this in our community. If you know a physician who has significantly changed their practice, decided not to start a practice here, or stopped practicing altogether they may be part of this group.

If this happens in small enough numbers the losses can be absorbed with minimal negative impact felt by the healthcare system at large.

#### Not in it only for money

But what about the group who require a larger push? This group makes up the majority of physicians – a group I include myself in. We aren't in medicine to squeeze every last dime possible out of the system, but we're not willing to sell ourselves short either. We have absorbed significant cuts to our income over the last three years while watching other public servants collect raises.

Throughout, we have continued to try to provide the best care we can without interruptions despite being without a contract for those three years.

All the while we have been called greedy, overpaid, tax cheats who use up too much of the government's bottom line and don't contribute enough in return. Your provincial and federal politicians are pushing this group collectively toward their lines in the sand.

As this groups tips over, the health care system is going to suffer significantly. Even a small tip can cascade larger as group practices become unable to support their costs or specialists become unwilling to be the sole providers of their services in a given area.

Jobs provided by physician offices will decrease. Access to physicians will decrease.

Wait times will increase. Travel for appropriate care will increase. Inevitably, the quality of care delivered by our system will decrease.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



The thing about tipping points is that it's often not possible to determine when the tip will start, but once it does it is very difficult to stop and takes a long time to recover from. In Northern Ontario we will likely be the first ones to see evidence we might be approaching that point - our resources are stretched to the max as it is.

A recently published letter from my hardworking colleagues in the emergency room is direct evidence of this. This is not reassuring in a health care system that is already straining to support the aging baby boomer population bulge.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Finance Minister Bill Morneau and their local colleagues will have you believe this is about fairness.

They're "going to do less for those who don't need it" they say, followed by numbers and comparisons that don't make much sense. There has been lots of commentary on this and I won't devote space to those arguments.

I will say this, if this was really about fairness the Liberals wouldn't have abandoned their plans to increase tax to

the true wealthiest of Canadians, the corporate executives who form Mr. Morneau's social circle.

Those individuals who are not being fully taxed on stock options which can form the bulk of their compensation packages which are often in the millions of dollars.

Justin Trudeau's election platform in 2015 included a plan to cap this benefit and was suddenly abandoned after a few well placed letters to Mr. Morneau from his friends.

According to a recently published study, 99 per cent of these benefits go to Canada's top 10 per cent in income earners and essentially nobody earning under \$215,000/year is benefiting from this).

Unfortunately for all the small business owners in this country, many of those who are benefiting also happen to know Mr. Morneau on a first name basis. Physicians and small business owners don't have lucrative stock option packages as part of our compensation.

Our local MPs also provided some numbers in their media response to my ER colleagues. In the interest of fairness

allow me to retort. \$49,000 is over \$150,000 less than our current prime minister and some of his pals spent on a one-week vacation to a private island on taxpayers money.

#### Hypocritical

Again, our prime minister who claims to be interested in fairness, spent quadruple what the average Canadian earns in a year on a one-week vacation.

Those were our tax dollars in an environment where our federal government is running an ongoing deficit in the face of a mountainous national debt.

Who is greedy and entitled?  
Unlike Justin Trudeau, I cannot run a deficit budget in my business. Like my colleagues, I am hardworking, educated and motivated. I love my job, but over the past three years, I've been pushed closer to my line in the sand than I ever thought possible.

The tipping point is coming. Is this shove the one that pushes us across the threshold?

Dr. Graham Exley  
Family physician in Thunder Bay

# Perspective

## A matter of credibility

### OPINION

By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

There was a lot happening in New York City last week and I used the occasion to engage with the international community.

Full disclosure – I wasn't actually in the Big Apple myself but I did listen to and read with vested interest about the goings-on at the United Nations.

It was "leaders week" at the U.N. and although many spoke, very few displayed anything close to responsible world leadership.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was there to deliver his address to the General Assembly and many listened with hopeful anticipation.

His reputation precedes him wherever he travels and when Canada's "rock star" PM speaks, his credibility is seldom questioned.

However, after Trudeau delivered his somewhat sombre speech the reaction was mixed, confused and somewhat underwhelming.

The cadence of his realistic, "adult" perspective was in stark contrast to the childish name-calling and tantrums of other "so-called" leaders.

His content and tone surprised many but as he spoke with conviction, passion and purpose he got exactly the reaction he was looking for.

Our Prime Minister has a charming personality and his intent is sometimes underestimated – he loves to play that game.

From the podium the PM quickly

distanced himself from his militant, bombastic colleagues in both substance and style.

A year ago he announced that "Canada was back" and this time I'm sure many were expecting more details.

Instead, M. Trudeau chose to revive Canada's sad legacy of colonialism and spoke at length about the mistreatment of indigenous people.

He was questioned for airing Canada's dirty laundry at the UN and for speaking about domestic issues instead of international challenges.

Some even accused him of electioneering and taking advantage of the world stage.

How dare he focus on domestic problems – what about Myanmar, North Korea or a dozen other international hotspots and disasters?

Whatever the PM was intending, it went over the heads of many observers who were outraged by his lack of Prime-Ministerial impact.

Why did he turn his gaze inward toward the plight of Native Canadians instead of dealing with more urgent international issues?

Just as the Prime Minister must have anticipated the reaction to his address, he was also prepared to answer questions.

It's largely a matter of credibility. This happens to be the tenth anniversary of the United Nation's Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People.

As a strong endorser of that declaration, Canada needs to show the world that in spite of tragic mistakes in the past, we see a way forward.

Indigenous people in Canada are also indigenous citizens of the world.

As the PM points out, our country is far from perfect but we have a vision for a better future.

We are sharing our story with the rest of the world in a spirit of cooperation and good will.

But Justin Trudeau still has one barrier to overcome - his comments on human rights performance in other countries always face the same question.

"What about the plight of indigenous people in Canada?"

Until Canada demonstrates vision, courage and determination at home, our glass house will be showered with international stones.

The PM spoke about other things as well but his focus and direction were clear.

Canada is a modest nation and we take a humble approach to many difficult issues – we try to mind our own business.

We sometimes make bold claims but we are prepared to put our money where our mouth is – to walk the walk, Canadian style.

Perhaps the Prime Minister is trying to lead by example for both Canada and the UN.

After all, it is a matter of credibility.

**"When Canada's 'rock star' PM speaks, his credibility is seldom questioned."**



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# LOCALNEWS

IN BRIEF

# Bushby may face more charges in death

The crown and police are reviewing a pathology report into the death of Barbara Kentner to determine if additional charges will be added against Brayden Bushby.

The matter was heard in a Thunder Bay superior courtroom on Monday. Rob Kozak, representing the crown, said the crown and investigators with Thunder Bay police still need time to review the pathology report and requested an additional two weeks.

Attorney Ryan Green told the court that the beginning of the pathology report that he received was redacted and asked for that information to be

disclosed.

On the evening of Jan. 29, 2017, Kentner was struck by a trailer hitch thrown from a moving vehicle while walking on Cameron Street near MacKenzie Avenue with her sister.

Bushby, 18, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault.

Kentner, 34, died in hospital on July 4. The matter will be heard again in court on Oct. 10.

## Hobbs back on job

Embattled Thunder Bay Mayor Keith Hobbs returned to office on

Monday.

Hobbs is in the midst a self-requested three-month leave of absence, taken after it was announced he had been charged with obstruction of justice and extortion.

"I plan to go back to work well before my leave expires. I was elected for the term of 2014 to 2018. I intend on finishing my full term," he said.

First elected in a landslide in 2010, Hobbs was returned to office again in 2014.

Hobbs on Monday thanked a number of city councillors for filling in to cover his duties while he was away, singling out Coun. Linda Rydholm, Coun. Larry

Hebert and Coun. Joe Virdiramo.

## Crash victim dies

A motorist involved in a single-vehicle collision last week on Balmoral Street has died.

City police say they are not releasing the 54-year-old victim's name at the request of his family.

The man was driving a north-bound pick-up truck that left the road near Beverly Street and struck a hydro pole.

The driver was freed from his vehicle by Thunder Bay Fire Rescue crews and

taken to hospital for treatment of his injuries.

He was the lone occupant of the vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

## Murder suspect IDed

Police have identified the 22-year-old arrested in connection with the Aug. 6 homicide of Brayden Moonias.

In a release issued last Wednesday, city police say Patrick Elmer O'Keese of Thunder Bay will face charges of second-degree murder, aggravated assault and two counts of failure to comply with a recognizance.

## INSPECTION

### Inspection of Approved 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 strict guidelines of the MNRF Prescribed Burn Planning 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, 2017** and **February 15, 2018**.

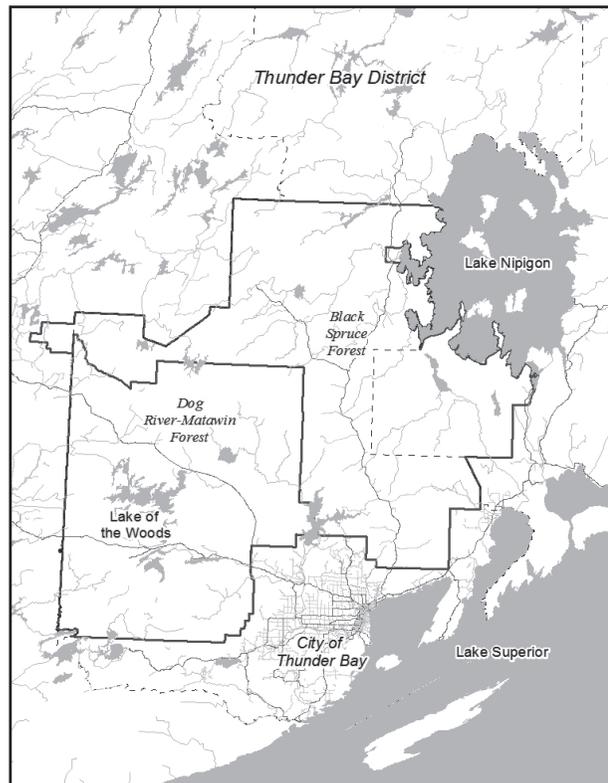
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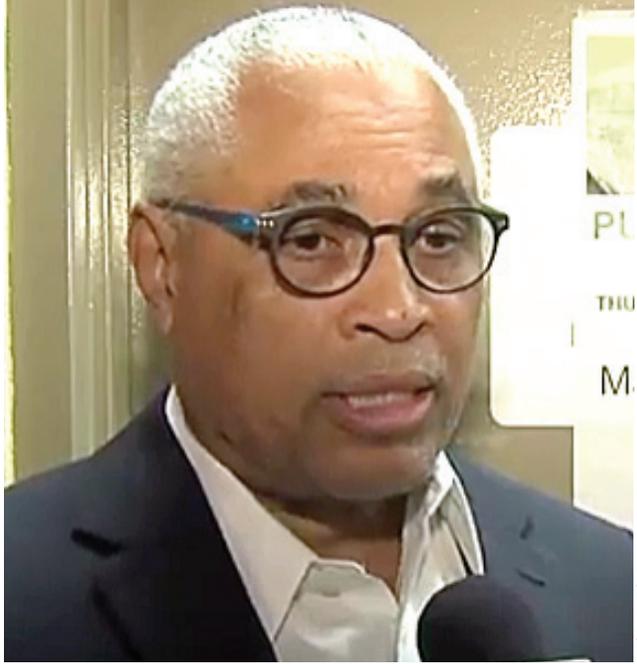
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**LISTENING:** Director Gerry McNeilly says he's heard lots of concerns.

## OIPRD talks with public

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Nicole Dixon - TB Source

More than 200 people shared their views on Monday about police conduct during Indigenous death and missing person investigations.

The Office of the Independent Police Review Director has been doing a systemic analysis in the city for the past 10 months in regard to how police interact with Indigenous community members and how they carry out their investigations.

More specifically, they're looking into how they handle the deaths and disappearances of First Nations people

Director Gerry McNeilly said he's conducted many interviews with police officials and people from indigenous organizations as part of this review, but Monday night's event was to get the general public involved and hear what they had to say.

"I can tell you that I've heard a lot of concerns from members of the community about issues and how they believe police are interacting with the Indigenous community," McNeilly said.

"I can tell you what I've heard is that people talk about racism and hopefully we will be able to make some recommendations to address those issues."

Elder Tony DePeriy hopes there's justice.

"I hope there's complete understanding because the way society is right now it's all one-sided," DePeriy said.

"We need balance and if you can't come to terms with balance, we are all going to know that racism in this community is alive and well."

Those who attended the meeting were asked to answer 10 questions and discuss them in groups.

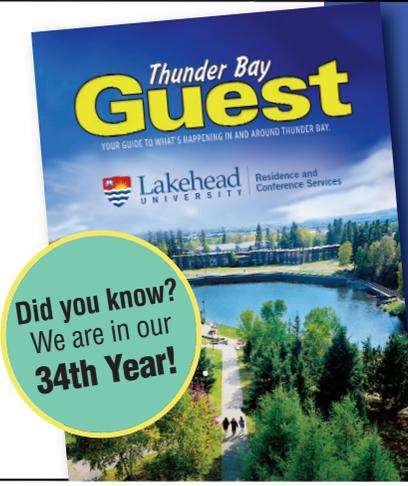
Those questions cover a range of topics asking those who participated to describe their experience with the police, if they see racism and bias in the policing and what recommendations they would like considered in the final report.

After each group discussed amongst themselves a representative relayed what was discussed in front of the entire room.

One suggestion brought up by a First Nation woman was for the OIPRD to have individual discussions with those living on the streets as she says they do not feel welcome in these kinds of venues.

Monday night's meeting was the first public forum, but McNeilly said he hopes to have more down the line as his report will not be completed until the end of April or May of next year.

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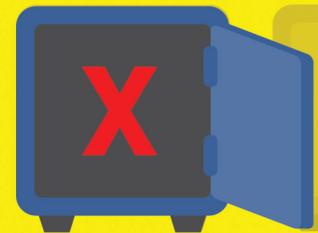
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LOCALNEWS

# Foundation asks council for \$1.5M

Community must pay 10 per cent of building costs for cardiac centre

**CITY HALL**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

City council is considering a \$1.5 million request from the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation to help implement heart surgery at the regional hospital.

Under provincial guidelines, the community would be required to put up 10 per cent of the construction costs and 100 per cent of the capital costs for equipment, with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care covering 100 per cent of the operating costs once the \$32-million surgical centre is up and running.

The foundation earlier this year launched a \$10-million campaign to

cover the remainder of the costs.

Foundation president Glenn Craig said if the request is granted, the city could pay the money on a three-year installment plan ahead of the centre's scheduled 2020 opening.

"We need to make sure we have the equipment in place by then," Craig told council on Monday night.

No decision was made on Monday night, as council generally does not approve outside financial requests on the night they are made.

Coun. Aldo Ruberto, who said he supports the project, wanted to know if the federal government might be able to contribute to the project.

"My concern is we treat everybody," Ruberto said. "We're a regional centre."

He later asked it to be sent to the inter-governmental affairs committee to bring to Ottawa's attention.

Campaign chair Paul Fitzpatrick, responding to Mayor Keith Hobbs' question about economic impact, said

between 300 and 400 patients per year are expected to utilize the centre.

Ruberto also questioned how much it cost families to travel to southern Ontario for treatment and was told it was in the thousands of dollars.

The deputation later clarified having the surgery done at Thunder Bay Regional would save taxpayers about \$5 million a year in travel costs.

The centre would add about \$12 million to \$15 million in salaries.

Current River Coun. Andrew Foulds asked what would happen if council chooses not to provide the \$1.5 million.

"I would need to know if that's contingent on the city putting forward the money," Foulds said. "Obviously there are some pretty significant consequences if we don't support this."

City manager Norm Gale confirmed his fears.

"The short answer is yes," Gale said. "The provincial funding is contingent on City of Thunder Bay funding."



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## Pulling for families in need

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

It's all about leaning into it, pulling with all your might, and hoping to see a 50,000 pound plane start to move down the tarmac. But seeing those wheels budge is not the victory, it's knowing you are pulling for a good cause.

On Saturday, more than 150 people participated in the second annual Wasaya - United Way Plane Pull at the Thunder Bay International Airport.

"What's really cool is that everyone always says Thunder Bay has a big heart and here is Thunder Bay pulling for the families that are in need in Thunder Bay for the United Way," said Mike Gallagher, United Way campaign co-chair.

Last year, the event raised more than \$17,000 in support of the United Way and organizers are hoping to pull in more than \$20,000 this year.

"We've institutionalized this under our new Wasaya management structure and we're really excited we can do something for the community like this and it looks like everybody is having a really great time," said Michael Rodyniuk, president and CEO of Wasaya Airways.

This year there were 11 teams



**LEANING INTO IT:** Hope Kuzma and Scott Dawson work with their team, Making Gains and Pulling Planes, during the second annual Wasaya United Way Plane Pull.

participating. Each team had three rounds to try to pull a Dash 8 weighing more than 50,000 pounds 50 feet in the quickest time. Andy Paulusma and his team, Making

Gains and Pulling Planes, said the first round is about finding the best strategy.

"We weren't really sure the first round," he said. "It was sort of

figuring it out. Basically when they say go, you lean into it and pull as hard as you can."

Luckily, the second round went smoother and the plane seemed to move a little more easily down the tarmac. But no matter how strong you are, pulling a plane is no easy feat.

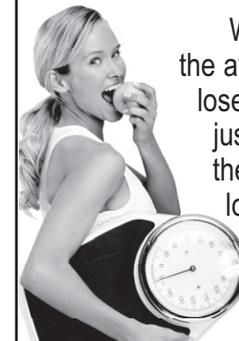
"Take a look at this plane," Rodyniuk said. "It's more than 50,000 pounds, so to move 50,000 pounds with six people, it takes a lot to get that momentum moving. So these guys are really impressive."

It all comes down to teamwork, and when people work together, great things can happen, like pulling an entire plane and helping those in need.

"Wasaya has done a great job opening up their hangar and their tarmac for a great event like this," Gallagher said. "And it's everyone working together. It's physical, it's team building, and it's like one big happy family doing things for families in Thunder Bay."

"I think it's a unique thing," Paulusma added. "You don't see anything like this and the fundraisers that are sort of the one offs and unique draw bigger crowds out. And it's a good chance to show off to everybody and see how strong you are."

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TB Life

# Staples lends a hand to two local schools

280 students will benefit from this year's donation of backpacks and supplies

**EDUCATION**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Not every student in Thunder Bay goes to class with the proper supplies.

On Monday representatives from Staples stepped up to help alleviate the situation, donating a total of 280 backpacks stocked with pencil crayons and pencils, binders and paper and other school necessities to students at Sherbrooke Public and St. Paul schools.

It's fantastic, said eight-year-old Avery Martin.

"Some people don't have backpacks and it's really amazing that people can donate," she said on Monday.

The youngster, a Grade 3 student at St. Paul School, said she was pleased with what she found inside after her class was called up.

"I didn't have any pencil crayons, so I'm excited about that."

Schoolmate Even Kashak, 10, said it's a great gift for each and every student at the two schools.

"I think it's really great (they) provided us with lots of these backpacks. It can help other kids have backpacks and school supplies," he said.

The program has been in place for a number of years at Staples, but they were able to double their efforts in 2017 thanks to the help of a number of corporate sponsors.



**READY FOR SCHOOL:** Evan Kashak, 10 (from left), Redl Kashak, 6; Zachary Martin, 11 and Avery Martin, 8, show off their new backpacks on Monday, Sept. 25, 2017 at St. Paul School.

Pasquale Coccimiglio, general manager at the Thunder Bay Staples location, said it's easy to forget that not every child and family can afford the necessary school supplies.

This is his company's way of giving back, Coccimiglio said.

"They can get kind of expensive. With the help of a lot of our community partners, including the Kiwanis Club of Thunder Bay, St. Thomas Anglican, St. John Ambulance and all the others that were here today –

Acadia Broadcasting came on in a very big way – and we were able to double last year's result," Coccimiglio said.

St. Paul Principal Dorothy Basaraba said she had no idea her school would be taking part in the program until she got a call last week.

It's the head start students need, she said. "It helps keep them organized on a day-to-day basis if they have their pack-sack and all the necessary tools," Basaraba said.

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# ALS walk doubles goal

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For Murray Brown, who lives with ALS, talking about a disease that dramatically changes a person's life is something we should not shy away from.

On Saturday, hundreds of people joined in the conversation about the disease during the 15th Annual Walk for ALS at Boulevard Lake.

"I think that's where it should be all the time, where people are talking about ALS and not afraid to be asking the hard questions that need to be asked and asking patients how they feel and how they cope," Brown said. "I think that's all part of the process of getting the word out and raising awareness, which is instrumental in my opinion."

Brown, a former Staff Sergeant with the Thunder Bay Police Service, was diagnosed with ALS five years ago. ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, causes the neurons that control voluntary muscle movement to die.

"I think it's very important for the walk to bring awareness to the community and show support to those living with ALS and supporting a family or friend of those living with ALS," Brown said.

This year, more than 250 people participated in the walk, and Kim Barry, regional manager for ALS Canada, said the goal of raising \$20,000 was easily surpassed and before the walk even began, and this year more than \$36,000 was raised.

"It's pretty phenomenal," she said. "It's very unexpected. The Thunder Bay community has always been extremely supportive of ALS and we are so grateful. This has just been an amazing turnout of people."



**STRONG SHOW OF SUPPORT:** Murray Brown finishes the 15th Annual Walk for ALS along with Team Brown at Boulevard Lake.

"It's a great turnout and it makes me very proud of the support ALS gets from the Thunder Bay community," Brown added. "There are a lot of people I haven't seen in a long time that were able to make it for Team Brown. It's great. It's a lot more than last year. It was great to see a really great turnout from the community."

However, while the larger turnout does provide more money for research and client services, Barry said it also indicates that more families are now struggling with the disease.

"Unfortunately there has been some new people diagnosed with ALS in Thunder Bay and the surrounding area," she said. ALS received a lot of media attention a few years ago with the Ice-Bucket Challenge. However, Barry said it's important

to raise awareness about the disease because it still remains rather unknown.

"People are still not completely familiar with ALS being a terminal illness," she said. "People who are diagnosed have a life expectancy of two to five years. The goal is to provide as much independence and as much support as possible during the progression of their illness."

Brown said it was a pleasant surprise to see so many people come out to the walk and raise so much money. His team alone doubled their goal of raising \$3,000. But Brown added that he hopes to see the walk continue to grow, year after year, to keep the conversation going.

"As more awareness comes out, just like all the other walks that happen in Thunder Bay during the course of the season, I think momentum will hopefully increase and get great turnouts like we did today," he said.

**"It makes me very proud of the support ALS gets from the Thunder Bay community."**  
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# Changing leaves bring autumn chores

Well now we are officially in Autumn. Driving the backroads there is lots of evidence that the fall has arrived as the leaves on the trees, at first a tad slow to change colour, are now hastening to catch up to the first ones to dress up for the Autumn Ball. And having passed the Equinox, changes also occur in our routines.

The gathering continues both in the vegetable garden and in the woods.

In the woods, I salvage downed trees that will permit dancing flames in our fireplace on cold mornings and even in the evenings when we gather for supper. As a result of the tumultuous winter winds and the ice storm of January, we have discovered, on our walks through our woods, a lot of candidates just waiting for me and my chainsaw.

In the garden, it is the remaining veggies that not only endured the two



**FRED JONES**  
RURAL ROOTS

'killer' frosts that occurred in late August, the turnips (that we haven't yet touched), the beets (that we have), carrots, cabbages, even the broccoli flowerets, celery, and peas! Good heavens, the late sugar-snap peas my wife, Laura, planted are still in flower and producing pods.

We dug up the potato beds that were very fecund this summer as opposed to last. They get washed and stored in brown paper bags in the basement. Then Laura hauled the push mower to rid the aisles between the raised beds of the weed growth while I rototilled

first the beds and then the paths in between. Over the next couple of weeks, as the veggies are gathered and their beds rototilled, I will summon my elderly diesel tractor, Big Red, and its elderly driver (me) to fetch well-rotted manure from Mt. Crumpet no. 2 to be dumped on the garden to be rototilled in for next year.

Red and I can't go onto Mt. Crumpet no. 1 because the dear old machine is only a two-wheel drive beastie and, as I have written in this space before, we have a tendency to get royally stuck since the manure is made up of horse poop and wood shavings, the stuff we use for stall bedding in the barn. So, after being a repeat offender in the getting stuck department, I started another area well away from Casa Jones where I could dump the stall mucking that eventually have turned into good soil for the

gardens. It is on level ground to which Red and I can have access without having to holler for help.

The fact that certain veggies are still producing probably has to do with the return of the heat. Boy, weren't those couple of "summer" days last week weird? I mean for this time of year. I know, old timers will tell me that we have had other years when the end of September got hot. We had been able to bring in the horses in the morning, feed them their grain and meds (for those requiring same), and then tossing them back outside, it being cool enough and relatively biting fly-free. Then it got hot and we had to leave them in all day in their stall where it was much cooler than outside. But means either mucking late at night when we are tired or getting up early to do the deed before family members must scatter to the four winds, as it were.

On those hot mornings, I lit no fire in the fireplace. But the heat won't last forever and I can again establish my morning routine of making coffee and then a fire to enjoy while slurping away at mug no. one.

The smells that greet me as I enter our 'hoosie' are mouth-watering. The aromas of cooking, of baking, keep the saliva glands going. Meals now blessedly consist of the gathered produce from our garden supplemented by condiments made by Laura like crab-apple jelly made from the crab apples dripping from our two trees in the yard.

So, there is lots of fall work to be done. Garden slowly gives over its contents; woods slowly (depending on how successful I am at overcoming sloth and torpor) supplying the fireplace with flaming "crackle, crackle".

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## ThunderCon getting bigger and better

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

From its less than humble beginning three years ago, the little convention that was meant to gather fans of sci-fi, comics, games, and everything geek together in a fun and inclusive way, has grown like a colossus and is taking the city by storm.

ThunderCon wrapped up on Sunday and organizers say the turnout and reception this year has far exceeded expectations.

"We were setting the bar rather high this year," said ThunderCon executive chair, Robert Kilgour. "I think we have been rewarded with a little bit of success."

Kilgour said when ThunderCon first started three years ago as a one day event, more than 1,000 people attended. It grew in its second year when it expanded to two days, but this year, he expects attendance to be more than 4,000 people.

"I think we all had dreams of that, but we never expected it to grow quite this quickly," he said. "The uptake on it was huge."

This year included several special



**THE SHIP HAS LANDED:** Nell Stephen, Christina Gebbes, Karen Hutchison, and Kris Spiesz made the journey from Timmins to show off their Klingon cosplay during this year's ThunderCon.

guests such as Robert Picardo of Star Trek, voice actor Chuck Huber, video game writer, Ann Lemay, actor Kevin Porter, author Jayne Barnard, and cosplayer MNC Props, or Vincent Grenier.

ThunderCon offers something for everyone, from board and video

games, to comics and collectibles, or cosplay and live action roleplaying, whatever your fandom is, you can be sure to find it. And that is what makes the convention so special, according to Gary Kemp, a vendor who has participated in ThunderCon since it began.

"It's so inclusive," he said. "There's

no exclusion. When you walk in the door, it doesn't matter who you are, what you wear, your orientation, colour, creed, anything. It's such a wide reaching event and it speaks to the creativity of the people here."

Creativity was certainly on display, as people dressed up as their favourite

characters from movies and comics and video games.

Karen Hutchinson, a cosplayer from Timmins, Ont. made the drive to Thunder Bay with her fellow Klingons and she said her experience at ThunderCon has been amazing.

"I really enjoy these fan run, smaller conventions," she said. "It allows you to spend more time getting to know people, people are really friendly up here, and we're having a lot of fun."

But what's next for ThunderCon? Kemp has seen it grow substantially in only three years, but he believes too much growth, too fast, may hurt the convention.

"I believe it can keep growing, but I think the danger is to grow it too quickly without thought to what that growth is," he said. "You want quality not necessarily just quantity."

Which is something organizers are very conscious of as they start thinking about what ThunderCon will look like in 2018 and just how big it will get.

"We will always keep an eye to growth, but I think what we really want to do is look at what we have and make it as good as possible," Kilgour said.

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## IN THE bay

# Random, unexpected and always inspired

### POETRY

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Instead of those seemingly random and always annoying detours people encounter this time of year (essential road repairs before the snow flies), next week a completely welcome type of construction happens in Thunder Bay. You'll be glad to yield, then stop for these folks in their bright coveralls Oct.1-7.

Random Acts of Poetry is a global celebration of literacy. It happens at the beginning of each October; in some places that could be just for one day. Here in Thunder Bay Definitely Superior takes it to another level, making it a week-long event. This year no less than 25 poets, writers and singer-songwriters are taking part. "We might be the longest running annual presentation of RAP," notes Renee Terpstra.

Her leadership marks the 13th year of this important initiative in and for our community. She recalls their first year (2004). "Children were bused in from one of the rural schools to Waverley Library, thanks to one teacher's own interest in poetry. During our performance the kids were quietly attentive; afterwards we were startled because they treated us like rock stars, asking for autographs, wanting photos with us. It floored us; yet made us happy. For me, this shows how children/youth look to adults for pointers on what is considered special; for



**STREET READING:** Random Acts of Poetry are returning to city streets.

encouragement of creativity. It is a great shared community responsibility."

The RAP "construction crews" appear in public spaces and places such as schools, libraries, coffee shops, parks, street corners, transit stations. Their week always begins with a presentation to Council at City Hall; in more recent years they also snag the airwaves via local television and radio stations.

Listen. I think it takes "guts" to put your

original poetry and spoken word out there. Renee recalls another RAP memory.

"One year, after City Council and Brodie Library, we were walking past the church across the street; noticed some youth hanging out in the church parking lot. We walked over, asked what was up and did they want a performance. It turned out to be the Rafiki Youth Choir outside on a break; and they loved it. Especially the rhyming socially conscious hiphop of Solomon, performed in both English and French.

In return they gave a song back to us that just blew open all our hearts. We moved inside, sat in the pews and listened to these youth singing old choral music to us like angels. It was as if someone had just fed us a feast of generosity.

I've had many quieter examples of RAP: a lone person sitting someplace, listening then asking us if they can read back a piece of their own poetry. To most people it's not a foreign concept."

Okay. Considering the intent of RAP, allow this writer's personal comment, if you will.

Most of us follow the news; at times it can feel like bombardment. Disasters. Weather. Politics. War Threats. Racism. Scandal. You name it. Tiring; alarming; worrisome. I asked Renee what is more vital in 2017 than literacy for anyone to make sense of it all. Who doesn't want a random distraction, a moment of inspiration, especially when least expected?

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# TV ratings not what they used to be

Recently, Stephen Colbert hosted the 69th Annual Emmy Awards. As expected, his opening monologue skewered the president.

But he also called him "the biggest TV star of the last year" who influenced almost every show honoured before talking about Donald's singular obsession with ratings.

Of course, he also said he expected to be targeted by some Trump Tweets very shortly.

Obviously missing the irony of his actions, Trump responded in Tweet stating that the telecast had been awful and had the lowest ratings of any

Emmy show in history.

As is par for the course, that statement was untrue. The night of TV's highest honours had, in fact, the second-lowest ratings in Emmy history.

But it proved Colbert's earlier point: for Trump, ratings are king.

### Not numbers

But then again, it's always about the numbers. Isn't it?

The more viewers watching, the more valuable the commercial airtime during that show and the higher the price charged to advertisers.

That income from the advertisers

then allows the station to cover the cost to air the show.

So yes, the television industry as a whole strives for quality. But it's the ratings that brings back the moral inferiority of *Big Brother*, *The Bachelor*, and *Survivor* every season.

The news talks about responsible reporting and taking the higher road. Yet the networks will air the president's latest "offensive" video Tweet if it guarantees ratings.

So is it any surprise the President focuses on the power of the TV ratings? After Hurricane Harvey, Trump applauded the FEMA administrator's growing television fame. He even gave a controversial presidential pardon before signing any major disaster declaration for Texas because, according to Trump, the timing would make for better ratings.

But this is nothing new. Ratings have always driven business.

Back in 1973, more than 90 million people worldwide watched then-current ladies tennis champ, Billie Jean King take on former world champ, Bobby Riggs.

After promoting the event with chauvinist rhetoric to up the financial interest, Riggs lost. Soundly, in three sets.

And it was a television event that began worldwide change because, well, the world was watching. Dubbed "The Battle of the Sexes," it is still the most-watched tennis match in history.

### Eras have changed

However, television was very different at that time. Today, there are a variety of platforms available, including broadcast, cable, and online.

But in 1973, viewers relied on rabbit ears to access three American channels and the occasional struggling public broadcasting station.

So is 90 million viewers all that spectacular when there's little other choice?

Considering there were far fewer television sets at that time, the answer is yes. Considering people didn't watch female sports, the answer is hell, yes.

But the fact remains, with television evolving, perhaps it's time to question how the numbers are applied and our reliance on them. Given the growing number of alternative platforms, the numbers even for hit shows are changing. And numbers without context can be misleading.

But then, perhaps that's why Trump loves them so.



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  - Prejudice
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  - Mex. Indian
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  - Beats
  - Bodily secretion
  - Ear shell
  - American Veterans' Committee
  - Doctor of Science (abbr.)
  - Master of Physical Education (abbr.)
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  - Bullring cheer
  - Address
  - Chatterer
  - Lower intestine
  - Cockney's cry for aid
  - Bubble in glass
  - Jim Bakker's TV club, once
  - Loop attached to tack
  - Hardwood tree
  - Lysergic acid diethylamide (abbr.)
  - Ballet tights
  - Plan of a town site
  - Bachelor of Geological Engineering (abbr.)
  - Doctor of Library Sciences (abbr.)
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  - Eastern standard time (abbr.)
  - Six (Ital.)
  - Loop trains
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  - Poetic contraction
  - Eight (Ger.)
  - Scenic view
  - Moving target indicator (abbr.)
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  - Heraldic bearing
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  - Tarzan creator's initials
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## Donnelly gets 'C'

**UNIVERSITY HOCKEY**  
By Leth Dunlck – TB Source

**D**illon Donnelly has been a leader all his hockey life. He'll officially lead the Lakehead Thunderwolves on and off the ice this season, on Wednesday night handed the OUA club's captaincy, filling a vacancy left by fellow blue-liner and former teammate Justin Sefton, who retired in the offseason to become a firefighter.

Donnelly, whose father Gord spent a dozen years as an enforcer with the Quebec Nordiques, Winnipeg Jets, Buffalo Sabres and Dallas Stars, said it was an honour to get the nod from coach Bill McDonald prior to practice.

"It's not really something I expected, it's something I kind of heard might happen. But to hear the coach call your name and say that you're the captain, it's something to be proud of for sure," said Donnelly, who arrived in Thunder Bay last fall after spending one season with the now defunct St. Thomas Tommies program in Fredericton, N.B.

McDonald said it was an easy choice.



**NEW LEADER:** Dillon Donnelly was named Thunderwolves captain last week.

### Already a leader

Donnelly, a native of Dorval, Que., has acted as an intermediary between the fourth-year-coach and the rest of the players since joining the team, a role he'll continue as captain.

"Dillon does everything right. He's a well-liked guy in the room," McDonald said.

"We have events and team builders and he's always a big part of it. He's got a lot of respect from the guys."

A seventh-round pick of the Colorado Avalanche in 2011, the 24-year-old Donnelly spent five seasons in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, winning a Memorial Cup with the Shawinigan Cataractes in 2012.

Never a big goal scorer – he'd been held off the score sheet for two full seasons before tallying a whopping two goals in his first year with the Thunderwolves – Donnelly prefers to lead by example, noting he'll also follow the lead of a couple of his past captains, Tampa Bay Lightning forward Michael Bournival and Raphael Pouliot, now

a scout with the expansion Vegas Golden Knights.

"I don't think my game on the ice is going to change at all," Donnelly said. "I think I'm just going to keep the same style I've always played. There's no pressure, honestly. There are just 25 guys pushing in the same direction. If everybody's on the same page, then there's no reason to be nervous about anything."

### Easy choice

First-year forward Daniel Del Paggio said it didn't take long to realize the type of leader Donnelly would be.

"I think he'll be great. He's had some experience winning a Memorial Cup with Shawinigan. He knows what it takes to win. From Day 1 he's been a great leader," Del Paggio said.

Donnelly's assistant captains will be Dylan Butler, Brennen Dubchak, Billy Jenkins and Jake Ringuette.

The Wolves open pre-season play on Friday night against the UOIT Ridgebacks at Fort William Gardens at 7:30 p.m.

### THUNDERWOLVES ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos
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2.	Callum Fryer	D
4.	Patrick Murphy	D
5.	Tyler Anton	D
6.	Dillon Donnelly (C)	D
8.	Billy Jenkins (A)	F
10.	Daniel Del Paggio	F
11.	Brett Wolframe	F
12.	Jonathon Masters	D
13.	Aaron Wesley-Chisel	D
14.	Austin McDonald	F
15.	Josh Laframbois	F
16.	Dylan Butler (A)	F
17.	Matt Alexander	F
18.	Devin Fullum	F
19.	Zack Whitlock	F
21.	Trevor Hynes	F
22.	Brennen Dubchak (A)	F
23.	E.J. Faust	F
24.	Joseph Leonidas	F
25.	Grant Valiquette	F
26.	Scott Gall	F
27.	Cooper Leitch	F
28.	Sam Schutt	F
29.	Jake Ringuette (A)	D
30.	Devin Green	G
31.	Nic Renyard	G

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# Athletes saluting coaches this week

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

Thunder Bay has produced more than its fair share of great coaches over the years.

The National Hockey League's coach-of-the-year award is named after Fort William-born Jack Adams. Scott Morrison spent a decade coaching the Lakehead Thunderwolves men's basketball team and is now an assistant with the NBA's Boston Celtics.

George Gwozdecky won a pair of national championships coaching the University of Denver Pioneers, then went on to an assistant position behind the bench of the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Not every coach grabs the spotlight or makes it to the big leagues, but they still play an integral role in the lives of young athletes throughout the city, whether it's the high-school football coach teaching his players how to tackle properly, the figure skating coach helping a youngster



**THANKS:** Wrestler Lou Kok and curler Sarah Potts kick off National Coaches Week.

perfect a triple axel or the tae kwon do master assisting a student learning a move.

This is the week to say thanks for their

dedication.

On Monday the city declared its participation in National Coaches Week, encouraging athletes young and old to

use #ThanksCoach and #ThanksCoachTBay on social media to recognize the positive impact coaches have had on their sporting lives.

Curler Sarah Potts, who throws lead stones for Krista McCarville's rink, said coaches are invaluable to all athletes, whether or not they're trying to reach an elite level.

Potts is lucky.

Her parents, Rick and Lorraine Lang, are world champion curlers in their own rights, but as their playing days wound down, both have helped coaching Team McCarville, runners-up at the 2016 Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

"We've been fortunate," Potts said.

"Well, in my case, my parents are kind of stuck with me. But to have people who actually have the applicable experience has been great, because when we're in those big moments and are nervous it's been great to have them there."

Not all are so lucky, said Potts, whose team is aiming for the Olympic pre-trials

in November in Summerside, P.E.I.

"There are teams in town who aren't fortunate enough to have a coach, because it's hard to find people to put the time and effort and hours into it."

Wrestler Lou Kok, who will be inducted into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday, said too many take coaches for granted.

There would be no sports without them, he said.

"Coaches for the most part aren't doing it for praise or for recognition. They're doing it to give young athletes opportunities, often opportunities they had themselves," Kok said.

"For us to be able to stop and say, 'You know coach, thanks for everything you do, thanks for thinking of me, thanks for getting me the ride, thanks for staying late, thanks for teaching me what you know and thanks for supporting me and finding me opportunities and thanks for getting me to the next level,' I think we need to do that."

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**PLEASE ATTEND: LRCA STRATEGIC PLAN OPEN HOUSE**

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 5, 2017  
 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** LRCA Administrative Office  
 130 Conservation Road

The LRCA has embarked on a six-month process to create our first strategic plan. Please attend this open house where you can review the draft strategic priorities and provide your input into the LRCA's strategic plan. This session is a casual event where you can review the materials at a time convenient to you, and discuss the proposed priorities with the planning team.

*If you are unable to attend but would like to provide feedback, an online questionnaire will be available on Friday, October 6 at [www.lakeheadca.com](http://www.lakeheadca.com).*

sports NEWS

# Aerial attack leads Trojans

**FOOTBALL**  
 By Leith Dunlick - TB Source

Typically high school football games are won on the ground.

Someone forgot to tell the Sir Winston Churchill Trojans.

Backed by the bullet-strength arm of quarterback Dylan Ford and the smooth-as-silk hands of running back Braeden Prochnicki, the Trojans on Friday night showed they plan to go out on their own terms - through the air.

Ford opened the game with six straight passing plays, connecting on five, and threw a pair of touchdown passes, one to Prochnicki, the other a one-yard strike to receiver Connor Byerley, leading the Trojans to a 33-17 victory over Hammarskjold in their final season-opening game before the school closes for good in June.

While an aerial attack isn't out of the ordinary for a Mike Doromko-coached team, it was the ease of how they did it that set Churchill apart.

That suits Ford just fine. "It's something I hope we stick with all year. Personally, from my point of view, I enjoy throwing more than running," Ford said. "If it works, why not stick with it, right?"

The deep ball worked most of the evening, Ford crediting a total team effort for allowing the game plan to unfold as it did.

"We watched a lot of game film and we knew what we were getting into when we started the game. It was really preparation and not a lot of adjustments during the game," the Grade 12 student said.

Prochnicki, who praised the entire team from top to bottom, said Ford's performance was spectacular to watch.

"My quarterback, it was textbook," Prochnicki said. "All his balls were placed perfectly on the field. He put up everything in



**DOUBLE TAKE:** Churchill's James Basalyga (right) hauls in a two-point conversion over the outstretched hands of Hammarskjold's Devin Giertuga on Friday, Sept. 22, 2017 at Fort William Stadium.

perfect position for our receivers to make a play. Without him, we wouldn't have had any receiving touchdowns."

Prochnicki kicked off the Trojans offensive attack 3:33 into the opening quarter, running one in from 36 yards, James Basalyga converting the first of four two-point tries for an 8-0 Churchill lead.

Devin Hoier, who learned to kick in the Thunder Bay Chill organization, got the Vikings on the board later in the first, booting

a 42-yard field goal. But Byerley answered back with a 33-yard dash across the goal-line and the Trojans took a 16-3 lead after one.

Prochnicki had the lone major of the second quarter, hauling in a 35-yard catch from Ford, Dyk Taw adding a rogue point before half for a 25-3 advantage.

After a scoreless third, Hammarskjold quarterback Marti Martinez scored on a one-yard keeper at the Trojans goal line, making it a two-score game five seconds into the fourth.



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sports NEWS

# Littleford powers Saints

**FOOTBALL**

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Later this season Payton Littleford will join two other Thunder Bay football players at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas to take part in the International Bowl.

For now he'll stick to dominating the high school junior football circuit - at least if Thursday's season debut is any indication.

Littleford scored three times on the ground, including runs of nine, 63 and 38 yards, leading the Saints to a 36-22 win over the Westgate Tigers at Fort William Stadium.

The second-year back sat the lion's share of the second half, after St. Patrick burst out to a 29-0 first half lead, the Tigers unable to combat a Saints running game that also saw Matt Sacino dash in for a touchdown from 29 yards out.

"It was a beautiful first game of the year," Littleford said afterward. "It was kind of like new feet, fresh legs out there. The whole team was looking good. It's just a nice way to start off the year."

Though it was Littleford doing the running, he refused to take credit for any of his scoring plays, crediting his team for opening up the holes he needed to find the space to dash through.

"Honestly, it wasn't just me or a single thing. It's a whole team. I was surprised with my team. I thought we were going to come



**BIG GAME:** Payton Littleford had three TDs for St. Patrick in their 36-22 win over Westgate.

LEITH DUNICK

out a little rusty, but that's not the case. We came out there and we did our job," he said. "We did a helluva job."

St. Patrick coach Dave Battistel wasn't shy heaping praise on his star runner.

"I think it certainly shows that he's an all-Canada pro candidate," Battistel said. "He's just a fantastic running back and that's just natural talent. He's a big strong kid and it

shows on the field.

"His vision, his runs, his power - he's just a great talent."

While the win wasn't perfect - the Tigers scored three times in the second half with mostly Saints reserves on the field - it's the type of start the veteran coach was looking for.

"It's great. The last couple of years we haven't really started well, so it's really good for us to get out of the gates and set the tone with a win for the rest of the season," he said. "But you've got to hand it to Westgate. They played a great game."

The Tigers second-half resurgence was fuelled in part by the rushing efforts of Jacob Jones, who ran one in from 12 yards out, added a second five-yard scoring run and hauled in a nine-yard touchdown catch from quarterback Jarek Jespersion.

"It was our first game. We have a lot of rookies, a lot of people who haven't played. The first half we were just getting ready and I think we did really good in the second half," Jones said.

St. Pat's Jordan Malench closed out the scoring with a 42-yard TD run midway through the fourth.

Hammarskjold 10, St. Ignatius 0: Caleb Mangoff scored a first-quarter touchdown and the Vikings ended the five-time defending champion's 31-game winning streak that dated back to 2011.

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