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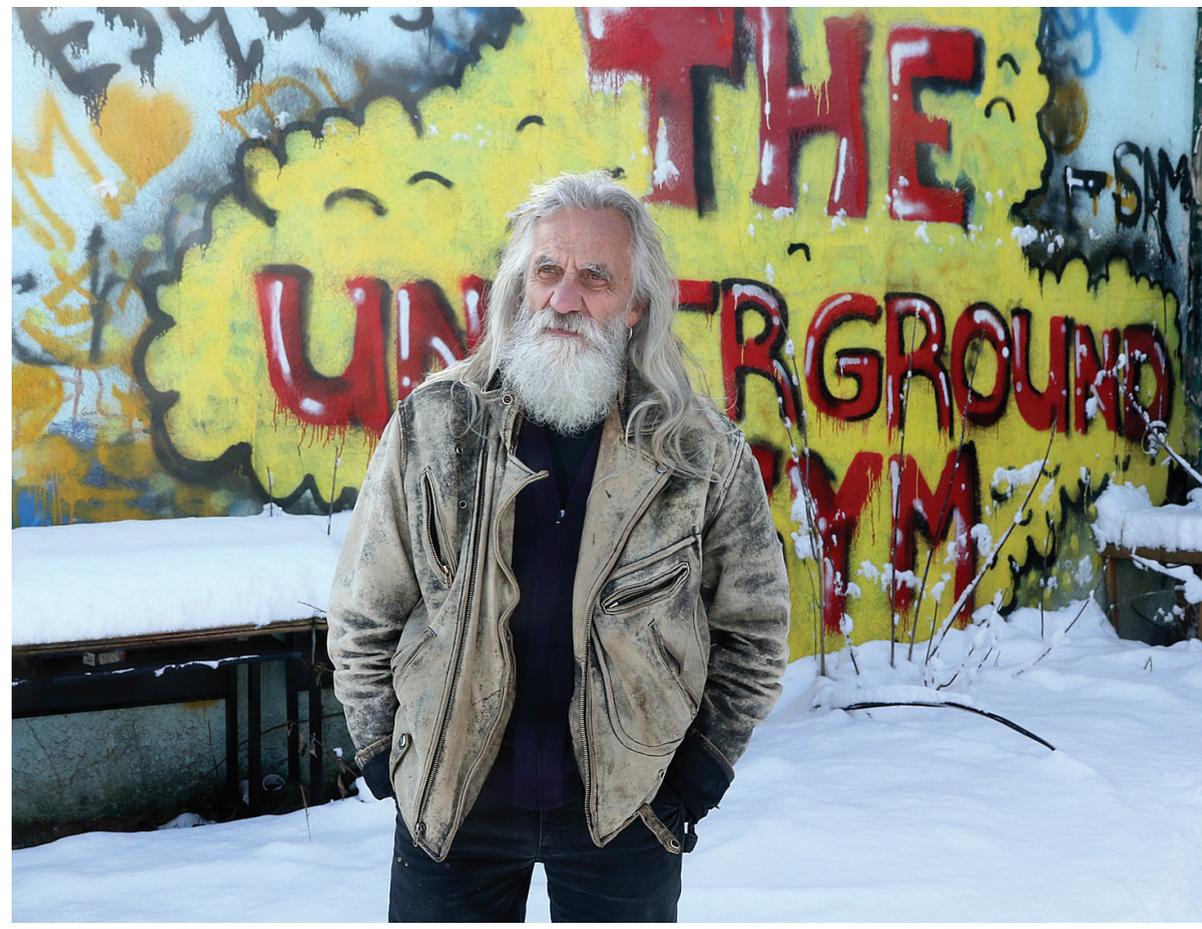
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# LOCAL NEWS



LEITH DUNICK

**NEW ROLE:** Thunder Bay-Superior North MP Patty Hajdu is back in the Liberal cabinet, this time as Minister of Health.

## Hajdu ready for health

**POLITICS**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Tweaking Canada’s assisted-dying law, dealing with the country’s long-standing opioid crisis, delivering equitable health-care to Indigenous communities and developing a national pharmacare plan are the top issues newly anointed federal Health Minister Patty Hajdu plans to tackle during her government’s next term in office.

Hajdu on Saturday said she plans to sift through a comprehensive universal pharmacare report produced for the Liberal government by former Ontario Health Minister Eric Hoskins and then sit down with provincial and territorial leaders to explore what works best for Canadians.

“Ultimately at the end of the day, the goal has to be that people don’t have to make a choice between food and medication,” said Hajdu, who brings an extensive background in public health to the portfolio, which she took over from Moncton MP Ginette Petitpas Taylor in Wednesday’s cabinet shuffle.

“We know this isn’t just good for those people and those families. This is good for the functioning of Canada. When we have more healthy people, we have a more prosperous Canada, a more prosperous country and this is something that is going to be of monumental importance to all Canadians.”

The Liberals have promised \$6 billion over four years for pharmacare, but that money must also pay to improve public access to doctors and mental health services.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has called the money a down payment, and a fully functional pharmacare program, according to a recent CBC report, would cost \$3.5 billion over 10 years, beginning in 2022, but that number would grow to \$15.3 billion a year starting in 2027.

Asked if it’s affordable, Hajdu said focusing solely on the cost clouds over the big picture.

“We lose many, many dollars all across the country – millions and millions of lost dollars – as a result of people not being able to get well from diseases, not being able to control diseases, not being able to treat their illnesses so they can remain functional, so that they can reach their full potential,” Hajdu said.

“I’m looking forward to meeting with the provinces and territories, hearing their ideas of how we move forward together and we’ll have more to say as we do that work.”

On assisted dying legislation, the federal government has been given until April to amend the law and make it less restrictive.

As it stands, only those near death are able to qualify for medical help to die.

“I am actually sitting down with the attorney general next week to review the Quebec ruling, to take a look at what the court said and how we can move forward to respect the court and make sure this legislation actually meets its goal, which is to enable Canadians who are suffering without any end in sight, a process that can help them relieve themselves of that suffering.”

Hajdu also said she looks forward to working with former Liberal cabinet colleague Jane Philpott, who on Friday announced she has taken on a medical health advisory role with Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

“The health of NAN members is of utmost importance to me. It’s very important that that actually all of Northern Ontario has access to health services that are affordable, that are accessible and that meet the needs of the communities,” Hajdu said.

“So for me, this is about collaboration. I had a very good relationship with Dr. Philpott in the past. I can’t see any reason why we can’t work together on this really important file. I certainly have a deep respect for Chief (Alvin) Fiddler and I will be doing anything I can do to make sure they reach their goals,” said Hajdu, adding the Liberals are considering legislation that would empower First Nations to have more control over their health-care services.

**“... the goal has to be that people don’t have to make a choice between food and medicine.”**  
**PATTY HAJDU**

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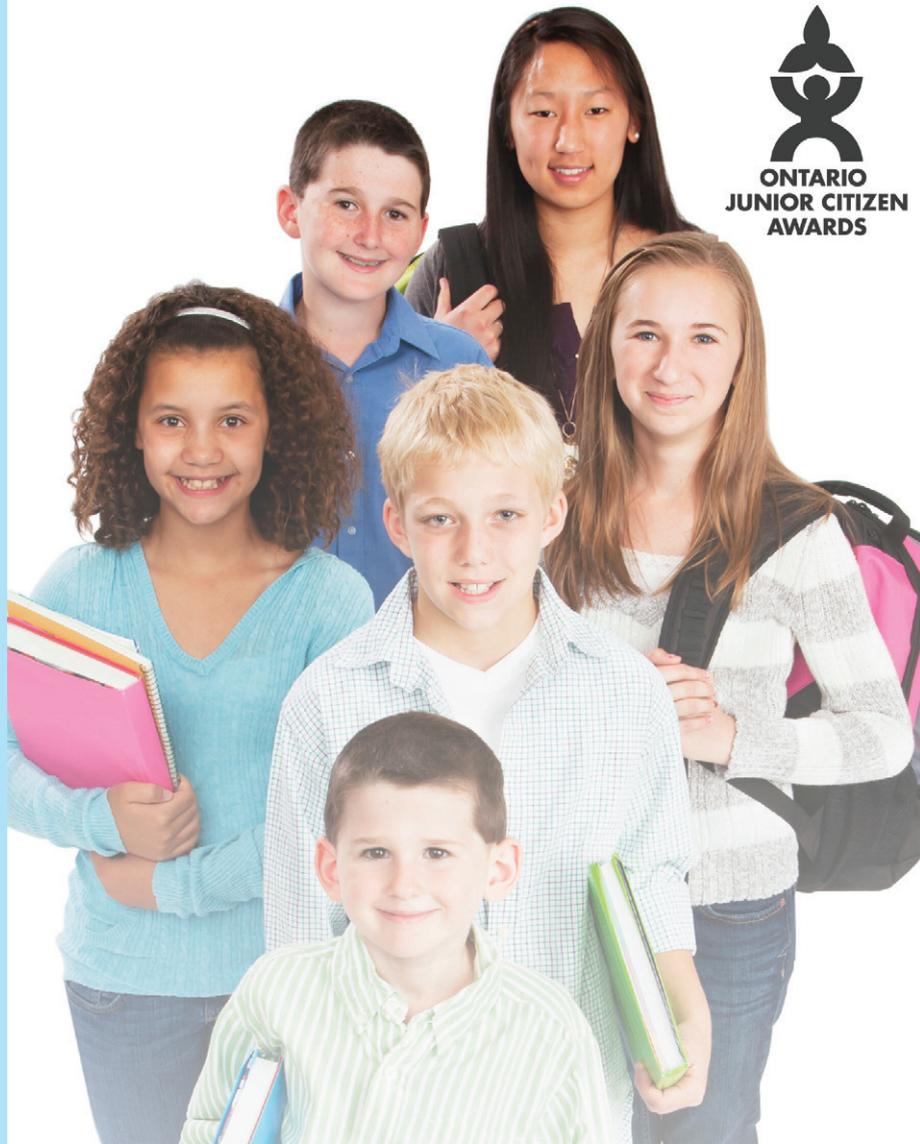





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## LOCAL NEWS



**OUT OF OPTIONS:** Peter Panetta says a broken pipe that flooded the Underground Gym's basement is the final straw and he cannot reopen the Simpson Street facility for safety reasons.

# Underground Gym shutting its doors

Peter Panetta hopeful another location can be found

### THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

An emotional Peter Panetta says on second thought – with a burst pipe allowing water to fill the basement, the Underground Gym will have to close its Simpson Street location.

By no means does it mean an end to the organization, but it certainly closes a 16-year chapter in the organization's history.

Panetta said the pipe, which would not allow inspectors to give the OK to turn the electricity back on in the building, was the final straw.

Days after the facility averted disaster when a fire tore through two adjacent buildings, Panetta said the water, combined with a rat problem, a sagging floor and a roof he fears could collapse at any time, led him to the conclusion to close the doors.

Just a day earlier, Panetta expressed optimism he could keep the Underground Gym open at the location.

"I started realistically looking at the situation and how bad it is, with the roof sinking, quite possibly falling on the kids anytime soon," Panetta said on Friday afternoon. "The floor is sinking, the rat problem – on and on and on and on."

"I made the decision that it's best for the kids to shut the gym down now."

He's holding out hope it doesn't mean the end of the Underground Gym altogether.

For now, he plans to take the children on outings swimming, skating, or skiing, using the gym's bus. He added Thunder Bay Public Library has reached out to offer up occasional space to hold activities and said he's also got good working relationships with local boxing clubs, who can probably help train his boxers.

Ideally, he'd love to raze the building and construct a new one at the current location.

Another option is purchasing a location he's found, which is not ideal, but would suffice, with a price tag of about \$85,000.

The biggest obstacle is money.

The Underground Gym has always run on a shoestring budget and Panetta isn't sure where the funds might come from. He's not averse to someone setting up a GoFund Me page to help raise some of the funds.

"If somebody wants to help us out, that would be great," Panetta said.

Regardless, it's not the end of the Underground Gym – not by a long shot, Panetta said.

"It isn't the end. It's just goes in a different format now. I've got a bus. I'm going to be picking up the children, feeding them with sandwiches and juice and we'll just go on outings every day. It's not the same. A facility like this is needed. There's no doubt about that. But I'm not giving up on the children," Panetta said.

"I'm going to keep taking care of them."

**"I made the decision that it's best for the kids to shut the gym down now."**  
PETER PANETTA

LOCAL NEWS

# Police shortstaffed, Hauth tells council

Department plans to redeploy two units, including beat patrol

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

Thunder Bay Police Chief Sylvie Hauth says based on what she believes the city's population actually is, her department should probably have a lot more staff members to help deal with an ever increasing demand for service.

Hauth said the city, with its transient population factored in, is realistically 135,000 in size, about 15 per cent more than the 118,000 designated by Statistics Canada.

Add in the fact that calls for service have been on the rise for the past five years – they were already at 50,000 as of October, just shy of last year's total of 51,141 – and the police service is



**SHORTHANDED:** Thunder Bay Police Chief Sylvie Hauth speaks to council on Monday.

facing a tremendous strain on its resources.

Crime doesn't stop just because there

aren't enough officers to deal with it at a given time of day, Hauth said.

"We're a 24-hour society, with 24-hour demands on our police service," Hauth said, adding it would cost about \$1.2 million to hire a six-officer guns and gangs unit to focus on one of the city's most pressing criminal issues, something she would like to do next year; pending budget approval.

There are at present 227 sworn officers on staff, with 103 civilian employees making up the rest of the 330-member complement.

TBPS added eight officers last year, a recommendation stemming from an OIPRD report looking into systemic racism and the police department.

Implementing all the OIPRD recommendations cost TBPS an additional \$1.79 million.

The city's struggle with substance abuse and addiction is putting increased pressure on the police service, who are being called more often to deal with incidents arising from drug abuse and

mental health issues.

In fact, only 17 per cent of the calls for service are criminal offences in nature.

It led at-large Aldo Ruberto to question what the public should do.

"Who should we call to address those kinds of incidents?" Ruberto asked.

Hauth responded with several suggestions, including Shelter House's Street Outreach Service and other service providers. Expanded enforcement by the city's licence and enforcement officers, including expanded hours, would also help.

Deputy Police Chief Ryan Hughes, responding to Mayor Bill Mauro's question about adding front-line officers, said police plan to launch a department reorganization on Jan. 1, that will create two new units to deal with the changing nature of crime in Thunder Bay.

"We've disbanded our beat unit and we're going to reorganize as a community-oriented response unit, which will

target problem areas in the north core, south core or wherever they're needed, with any issues," Hughes said.

"Our community response team has been disbanded as of Dec.31 and a new unit will be formed under the criminal investigation branch as a break-and-enter and armed robbery unit, due to the high amount of robberies that we're seeing yearly and the amount of break and enters that are happening annually."

Hauth added the increase in violent crime, with 1,946 incidents in total in 2018, takes its toll on staffing, further exacerbating the police service's abilities to conduct its investigations.

"People get fatigued. People get tired," Hauth said.

Adding to those frustrations is a lack of movement on the part of the provincial government, which has changed grant funding regulations in the past year and are slow to respond to requests, hampering Hauth's ability to set an accurate budget.

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### Hadju's a natural fit

Patty Hajdu might be the perfect choice as Canada's new minister of health.

The Thunder Bay MP, who served most recently as minister of employment, workforce development and labour, has a long history in public health, giving her a strong background to take on the tough portfolio.

It doesn't hurt that her fellow Thunder Bay MP, Marcus Powlowski, also happens to be a medical doctor, so she'll have someone close by to lean on for advice from the service delivery side.

In speaking with her last week, she seems to have her priorities straight. She wanted to talk about pharmacare and working toward a national plan for the nation.

While it likely won't go as far as NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh might like, it should be a good start, something that can be tweaked along the way.

She's also looking forward to working with newly appointed Nishnawbe Aski Nation health advisor Jane Philpott, a former cabinet colleague before she ran afoul of Liberal PM Justin Trudeau over the SNC-Lavalin affair.

The two must make significant progress on the file to ensure First Nations communities, especially in Northern Ontario, have the same access to health care as everyone else in the community.

It won't be easy, but we're confident the two sides can get it done.

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### Clean-up welcomed

To the editor:

Thumbs up to Josh Hewitt and StandUp4CleanUp for volunteering their time on Oct. 26 to clean up County Fair Plaza's private property as well as the surrounding area.

Sadly the garbage pile, as well as a bed and couch, continue to sit in the old Canadian Tire parking lot.

Since they have cleaned up there is garbage all over again and now we also have needles.

The city really needs to do something about this and somehow monitor the area because it is getting very bad.

I will not walk back there by myself or at night.

It has been very unsafe for years.

People are always intoxicated, stealing, fighting, drinking in public and a lot of reports of physical as well as sexual assaults.

Our emergency services are being overrun by these nuisance calls and taken away from people who really need them.

People have been sleeping in the ditches as well as drinking, having intercourse and leaving clothing articles including gstrings because the grass is so long.

Since Canadian Tire closed down, the parking lot is pitch black.

There are a lot of families in the area as well as pets and this is very out of control and needs to be dealt with as soon as possible.

When is enough enough?

Kimberly WhiteEagle,  
Thunder Bay

### City's 50-year legacy

To the editor:

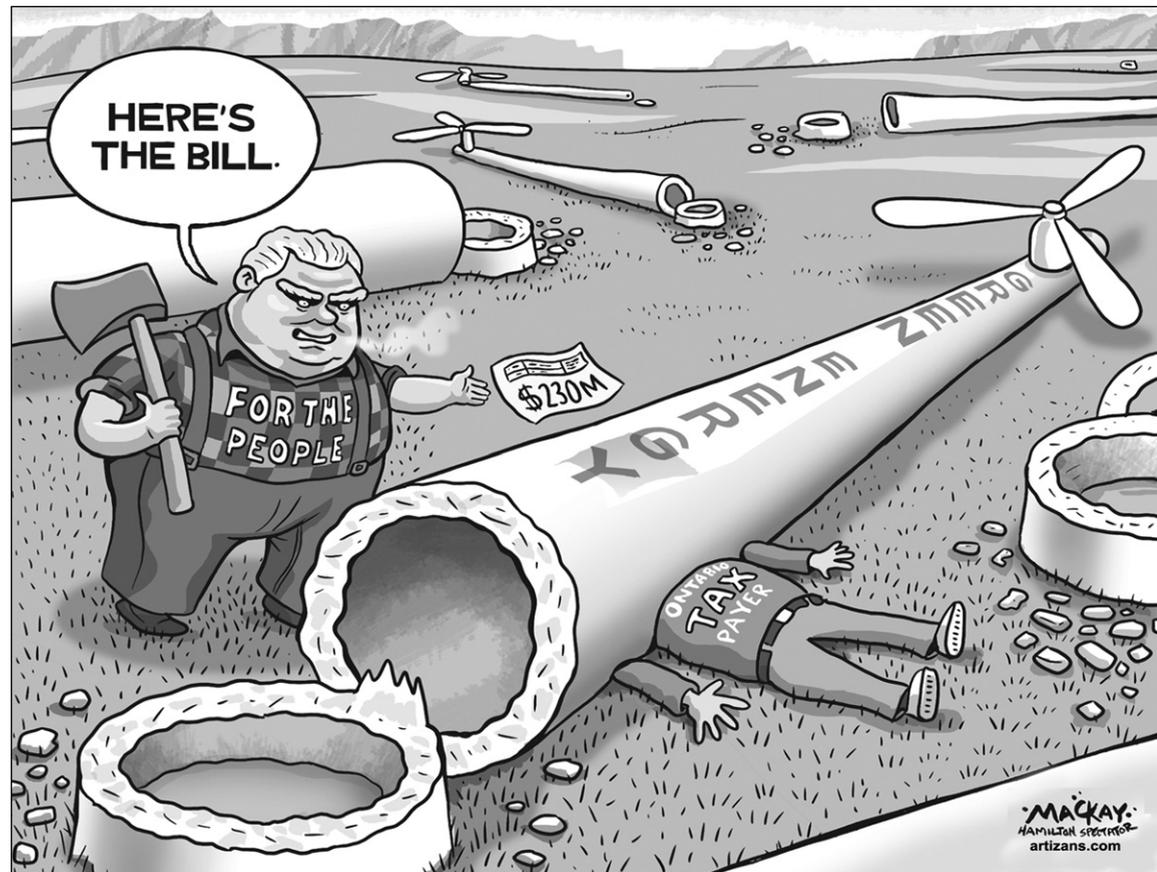
Violence and addiction, twin demons that lurk unrestrained in the streets of Thunder Bay, crush this community and leave our national reputation in tatters. As we celebrate 50 years of the shotgun wedding of the former cities of Fort William and Port Arthur, it is time to sit down, take a deep breath, and consider its legacy.

Whether it be the peculiarity of the Municipal Act or bloody mindedness of city council, our city has been subject to the mercurial, even fanciful whim of city administrators, organized under a management system apparently free from the consequences for poor performance or rash undertakings.

This disfunction is only partially revealed in lead stories in the *Globe and Mail*, *Toronto Star*, and regional and national news broadcasts. National and regional media focus on the sensational - racism and murder rates. They do not address the broken record banality of city hall's everyday decision making that has placed Thunder Bay behind crime scene tape in the eyes of Canadians.

Our national reputation aside, consider

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



the fruit of city hall's 50-year commitment to one size fits all urban planning fads. The feasibility study that brought us the failed Keskus mall was so inadequate it could be called preposterous.

But covered malls were the fad of the day. Victoriaville mall, recommended by the same expert that midwived Keskus and based on a failing mall in Quebec, was introduced to the city by planners who according to Alderman Kozyra could not describe, could not price and could not show the project to council.

The only mall in North America to block its main streets, Victoriaville stands today, crippling the south side. Due to the thoroughness of the fiasco and the addition of a parking structure, Syndicate Avenue can never be fully restored, and we are told the cost of razing Victoriaville may be prohibitive.

Then there was the gambling casino, typed as a mecca for big spending tourists. With our small catchment area, the casino siphons its revenues from local residents instead - cannibalizing the community.

No one knows how much money the city wasted on the event centre, but recently the mayor suggested up to \$5 million

The 2014 event centre-election, little more than a public charade, extended the fairy tale until a few weeks after council was safely re-elected. The mining readiness strategy for the 55,000 jobs that never materialized, and the cruise ship strategy are mere footnotes to the city's ruinous designs. While city administration's waterfront and events centre fetish

devoured the bulk of their attention to say nothing of our tax dollars, what happened to our city?

Balanced growth to preserve community spirit and unity - a crucial element of the Hardy report that facilitated amalgamation and rendered impossible with the Victoriaville fiasco - is today a derided notion.

We became a magnet for criminal gangs. An opioid crisis exploded. Harm reduction programs reduce overdoses and stem disease transmission, but residents see collateral damage in needles and related paraphernalia strewn about the streets. Home invasions, vandalized cars, stabbings, shootings, murder and beatings are reported.

Police are overwhelmed. Paramedics' safety is at risk with their careers on the line should their department fail to meet impossible standards.

The city seems content to accept lead levels in drinking water at twice the national guideline. Fires have broken out that have destroyed commercial buildings, the childrens' underground gym and ravaged a bridge disrupting traffic to Fort William First Nations for years.

The city has lost its willingness to reproduce itself with the Workforce Planning Board calling for 50,000 immigrants (the population of the former city of Fort William at amalgamation) within 25 years to replenish the labour force.

Council's shutdown of Dease Pool is a snapshot - a textbook example of everything the city has done to bring us to the state we are in.

As planning fads prove unsound, our

planners become excited about them.

Thunder Bay has moved to demolish a swimming pool to embrace structured, organized activities for the children at Dease, just as Canada's National Public Health Council (CPHA) and Chief Medical Officers of Health recommend the opposite.

The CPHA cautions that unstructured activity is often limited by the child's economic status, colour, gender, religion, culture or ethnic origin.

But Dease pool, a free pool, a local pool, an inclusive pool - overcame all these limitations and went on to develop the kind of healthy citizen far less likely to get caught up in dysfunctional pursuits and diversions that surround them.

The oldest pool in North America, Dease Pool has ticked all the boxes of a community's obligations to its children and its future for over a century. It has been a glowing candle in a demon haunted ward. In other cities it would be revered. In other cities, it would be the anchor of a tourist attraction.

With respect to the Junot Avenue rezoning application, the city declared that: "Public comment has been received and considered and has had no effect on Council's Decision...". No effect. We see the same results with Dease Pool. City government has given itself permission to be arrogantly hostile to the way of life around it.

Shotgun weddings rarely end well.

William Olesky,  
Thunder Bay

# Perspective

# Going paperless

## TorStar shuts all five of its daily commuter papers

### OPINION

By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

I'm having trouble getting off paper. As a long-time fan of the printed word and a frequent reader of books, magazines and newspapers, I can't resist written pages.

When I pass by a news stand I check for local news and information publications which are often free for the taking.

If I am visiting another city I often pick up some local rags which I find stacked on store counters or in outdoor boxes.

Local news consumers in Canada's largest cities have the added benefit of free, daily newspapers to peruse.

StarMetro daily papers are published locally in Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Halifax and Toronto and distributed free of charge.

### Corporate decision

Newspaper giant, Torstar, is behind this gesture of complimentary journalism that keeps metro commuters and consumers informed.

But not for long – local readers in those cities will soon be forced to go paperless

Later this year these five dailies will disappear from city streets and subways and be replaced by digital technology.

Local news and information will now be accessible from the cloud of information that is constantly hovering over our heads.

Some connection and subscription fees may apply.

This is a significant loss for Canadian print journalism – these were the last free, English language, daily commuter newspapers.

For now, a French language commuter daily still survives in Montreal.

Canadians who are captivated by the lure and convenience of smartphones shrug this off as just another positive step towards a digitized world.

StarMetro print editions have enjoyed loyal readership and achieved editorial success in their daily papers.

But the days of free daily newspapers, tabloids, informational flyers and local news are winding down – news is now a commodity.

This is just one more casualty in the slow, relentless march towards the extinction of print media providers.

Since 2008 almost 300 local news outlets have been lost, mostly in small and mid-sized Canadian cities.

The closures are in response to a decline in advertising revenue and an increase in consumer use of smartphones as a news source.

This scenario is familiar to many Canadians who used to read, write, deliver or advertise in newspapers before the rise of social media.

Free daily newspapers have been closing all over the world because falling ad revenue fails to cover the cost of production.

Other mainstream news organiza-

tions have already made the switch to digital.

As our lives become more digitized many daily routines, customs and habits will be transformed and transferred to the virtual world.

Glancing at a daily paper on the way to work is the latest casualty – still, industry experts say the commuter dailies will be missed.

Their closure will create challenges in some communities, especially among those who can't access paid news services.

Local media access is often hidden behind a paywall which creates challenges for those with limited resources.

### Valuable commodity

One adult educator in Toronto will notice the loss – her English students pick up a paper on the way to class where it is reviewed and discussed.

Also, new Canadians are not always tech savvy when they first arrive and rely on these free dailies for local news and classified ads.

As for me, like I said, I'm having trouble going paperless.

The unfortunate dailies and 73 employees who lost their jobs to the closures will be replaced by 11 journalists working in digital bureaus.

Daily newspapers, free or otherwise, are an endangered species – print media in general is being eyeballed for re-programming.

Whether or not this is a god idea remains to be seen but one thing is certain – you won't read about it in a free daily newspaper.

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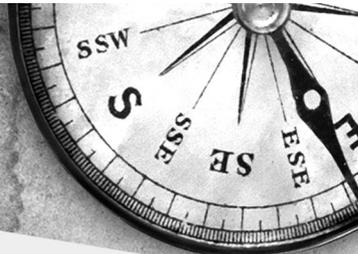
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LEITH DUNICK

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LOCAL NEWS

# Council tells IC to get legal advice

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

City integrity commissioner Brian Tario is being advised to seek out legal advice to ensure conflict of interest and breach of conduct charges levelled at three sitting councillors are based in law.

City council on Monday night spent two hours behind closed doors discussing the best way forward, before voting in favour of advising Tario to get a legal opinion.

Hamilton earlier this year was found in breach of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act for voting on the designated truck route.

The penalty for being found in conflict ranges from a simple reprimand to having the seat declared vacant. A judge could also disqualify the guilty party from running again for up to seven years.

The accusations against Aiello and McKinnon were less severe.

Tario ruled Aiello breached the code of conduct by taking part in deliberations

involving a rezoning request by the Urban Aboriginal Housing Support Strategy for a transitional housing project on Junot Avenue.

Aiello runs the Thunder Bay Boys and Girls Club, which is headquartered nearby.

McKinnon got in hot water for criticizing previous council decisions on the housing project, and was also found to have broken the code of conduct.

City clerk Krista Power provided council with five potential responses to Tario's reports, both of which come with 90-day windows to respond.

The first option was to receive the report and offer no response.

The second was to require the integrity commissioner to attend a council meeting to respond to questions.

A third choice was to ask the integrity commissioner for further study on a specific area of his report, the fourth choice was to ask the integrity commissioner to seek legal advice, the avenue council chose, and the final option was to return the report to Tario with a request

for recommended sanctions against the members found in breach of either the code of conduct or the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

City manager Norm Gale said the report purposely gave a suite of options, but no recommendations.

"It's council's choice to choose an option," he said, responding to a request for clarification on the ramifications of the options.

Coun. Mark Bentz opposed the decision chosen.

"I think we hired this integrity commissioner with the intent that he would have autonomy to make decisions. It's our right to question him. I just think we need to accept what he said and not question him," said Bentz, who then got confirmation that Tario does not in fact have to abide by council's request.

In Hamilton's case council wants Tario to seek legal advice on the meaning of pecuniary interest and whether or not it isn't excused under the Act for being of common interest or is either remote or of insignificant interest.



**NEXT STEP:** The city's integrity commissioner found McKellar Coun. Brian Hamilton had breached the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, but council wants a legal opinion.



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LOCAL NEWS

# Hobbs defence questions witness

Heli Kijanen says she saw document to buy house signed

**COURT**  
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The signing of a document stating an alleged extortion victim would purchase a house for Mary Voss was detailed by a witness who testified she was there, but defense council questioned the reliability of her memory of key events during that time.

Heli Kijanen was called to testify by the Crown on Day 6 of the extortion trial against former Thunder Bay mayor Keith Hobbs, his wife Marisa, and local resident, Voss.

During her testimony, Kijanen recalled events in October and November 2016, including being present at a luncheon with Keith and Marisa Hobbs, the victim, and Voss.

It was at this luncheon that an agreement was signed stating the victim would purchase a house for Voss,

Kijanen said.

"(The victim) was reading the document and he was nervously fumbling through it and grumbling to himself," she testified. "I'm not sure. Everybody else was still small talking and chitchat and whispering. Everyone seemed secure and confident that they were going to sign this document."

Kijanen added that after the document was signed, there was talk around the table that there can be no mention of any criminal allegations against the victim.

"I myself was still very puzzled and confused," Kijanen said. "I really wasn't sure why (the victim) was buying a home. But it was something they all knew I guess. It just seemed to me like obviously something bad had happened and there was a cover up and he was going to buy a house and everyone was happy."

Prior to the signing of the agreement, Kijanen testified there were several incidents where she overheard the victim speaking on the phone with Marisa and Keith Hobbs and times when Keith Hobbs would be shouting



**IN COURT:** Former mayor Keith Hobbs is on trial for extortion.

and threatening him to 'pack his toothbrush.'

"Mr. Hobbs had said, 'my ass is on the line here, I'm doing you a favour.

This has to get done,'" Kijanen testified of an in-person conversation she witnessed between Hobbs and the victim.

When discussions of the price of the house began to increase to between \$400,000 and \$500,000, Kijanen testified the victim became angrier.

"I was just so shocked," she said. "That is something you see in the movies."

There was also an incident recalled when Kijanen accompanied Craig Loverin to the victim's residence to pick up a USB drive, which contained videos of the victim acting erratically and using vulgar and offensive language, though Kijanen said she was not aware of the videos.

No one was at the residence at the time and Kijanen continued that Loverin received a phone call from Keith Hobbs.

"Hobbs called Craig and threatened him to leave the home immediately," she added. "It was just yelling through the phone. To get the hell off the property immediately or he'll call the cops."

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## Finding a path to sobriety

Amanda Rusnick swears by the locally delivered RAAM program

### HEALTH

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

**A**manda Rusnick has struggled with addiction for much of her adult life.

As she turned to pills and other drugs to try to numb the pain stemming from a serious 2004 assault in Edmonton, Rusnick's relationship with her children, family and friends disintegrated, as she turned to crime to find a way to cover the cost of her next fix.

Eventually, she wound up behind bars, serving two years for her misdeeds.

Until she finally got sober a year ago, thanks to the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic, it was the only time she'd been sober in the past decade-and-a-half or more.

"I started using drugs at a very young age. Over 17 years I was an addict," Rusnick said on Monday, helping kick off Addictions Awareness Week at the Nor'West Community Health Centre, which houses the clinic.

"I was into pills. I was into cocaine. I dabbled a little bit with other stuff, but didn't go anywhere with it. The reason I wanted to get clean was because my children were taken away. My family wouldn't help me with anything anymore. And my kids and my family are my life. So I'll do anything to make sure I'm good for them."

In other words, she had to want to get clean. Staying that way is a different story. That's where the RAAM clinic comes in.

Tailored to each individual patient, Rusnick said the support she gets – when she needs it – has gone a long way to keeping her off drugs.

In her case, it wasn't a tough decision to decide to seek help.

"I was at the point where it was either I stopped using or I died. I had tried to stop many times. I failed each time. I was clean for two years, but I think it's because I was incarcerated. RAAM is the only place that has helped me stay clean," she said.

"I wanted to stay clean. I wanted to stop doing what I was doing and I guess coming here is what helped."

**"I was at the point where it was I either stopped using or I died."**

AMANDA RUSNICK

The numbers are staggering.

Since opening, the clinic has treated more than 700 unique patients and average 427 visits a month.

Designed for those living with serious and persistent substance abuse issues, drug strategy co-ordinator Cynthia Olsen said a lot is being done throughout the community to help put an end to the problem, including



**STAYED STRONG:** Amanda Rusnick says she spent 17 years fighting her addiction to drugs.

ramping up the distribution of naloxone kits and the development of the consumption and treatment service at the health centre.

The impact is being seen already.

"That they're actually accessing and staying connected to the services and transitioning off into other community services when they're ready for that, really speaks to the amount of need in the community. Certainly individuals who die can't access service and can't recover. We know that recovery is possible ... Recovery can be a bumpy road, and there are always opportunities for people to maintain and get into active recovery," Olsen said.

Rusnick said she had no idea there was a

better way to manage pain, and blamed doctors for handing out highly addictive pain medication like it was candy.

"I thought that's what pain management was. 'Here, you're in pain, have some pills,' like a lot of the doctors do. I don't agree with it," Rusnick said.

A year into her sobriety and things are looking up, she said.

"I feel good. Yeah, I'm still in pain, but it's inevitable. I'm going to be in pain for the rest of my life. But I don't have to worry where my next fix is coming from. I don't have to wonder who I'm going to hurt to get my fix."

**TB Life**

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Cindy B.

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Even a handwritten letter of direction can be effective if it is signed and has two witnesses. However, if you have more specific instructions for alternate arrangements, guardianship for minors, debt forgiveness or specific instructions after your death, you may wish to have a lawyer prepare your will. It is always a good practice to seek legal advice.

Let's just look at some of the immediate issues that will arise should you die without a Will. First, the Canadian Government will

immediately become the Executor of all your assets: homes, bank accounts, investments, personal belongings, everything you own. The government will then freeze all access until they have completed a full audit, which may take three to nine months.

Next, if there is no surviving spouse or adoptive parent, all minor children will become a ward of the province. Family members will need to petition to the government for custody and fill out the required applications through social services.

Once your estate assets have been audited, all fees and taxation will be deducted before any disbursement to family.

A surviving spouse is entitled to the first \$200,000, with the remainder to be split to all those family members that the government believes have a claim.

This is always a long and arduous process that I have seen drawn out over many months as more and more family members put in a claim.

For minor children, any monetary portion of

the estate will be placed in a Trust maintained by an appointed Trustee until the child is 18 years of age.

Cindy, getting a Will is the most important and most responsible thing you should do to ensure your hard-earned assets and wishes are taken care of when you die. Don't leave it up to a stranger at a government office to make decisions for your family.

It is your duty as a good parent to protect your estate for your children as well as have some say for their future care. You should also consider getting a Power of Attorney for Property and Medical Direction should you get into an accident and not be able to make decisions about your own care or your family.

This is your opportunity to leave your mark.

Don't forget to plan for your death when you are planning for your life! Remember it will be your "uninterrupted final message" when you die. Make sure you have control – Get a Will!

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## IN THE bay

# Winter storm means fence mending


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This first big snow of this winter was not welcome at this time. My wife, Laura, wanted us to fix the fencing that in the bush of what we call 'Winter Paddock'.

"I think that it is time that we can put the herd together in Winter Paddock with a round hay bale; but first we must fix the fence in the bush." Ah yes, the fencing in the bush.

We've had a couple of dramatic wind storms this past summer. Big trees, both alive and dead, are subject to the roar of the wind.

On our walks along the riding trails after such a storm we can count on finding some trees no longer standing beside the path but now stretched across them.

Often in the past, the victims were dead balsam or especially poplar. This summer, though, I found live balsam and even spruce felled by the ferocity of the winds. Then I must haul out the chainsaw and set to work clearing.

So, when it came time to inspect the Winter Paddock fencing, we saw that most of the storm-damage had occurred in the northwest corner of fenced-in bush.

The weekend before the snow, we tromped into the bush with chainsaw, hammer and nails, to remove felled trees that had broken fence board or rails. One tree we had used as a fence post had collapsed. Beside it was a large balsam brought down by one of those vicious wind storms.

Delimiting it sufficiently to allow us to re-nail the boards was not fun due to the branches and undergrowth of wee balsam trees that had sprouted over the years, well placed to trip up Farmer Fred. Moving in the bush was tough. I was stumbling over every little piece of wood. My protective chainsaw apron was catching on every branch. There was very little open area in which to work.

We moved on to inspect the fence

along the road, we discovered a huge section had been brought down by two, enormous balsam trees. What had been enclosing the bush by the road were two twenty-foot, young balsam trees that I'd cut years ago and somehow rigged between two other trees acting as fence posts. In front closer to the road were two larger trees that the storm had decided were prime candidates for toppling, which it did, taking out those long fence rails and now revealing a large open space through which horses could pass to wind up loose on the road. Nope. Not happening.

Again, it was a tight space in which to work with lousy footing. I managed to clear some of the branches and cut up some of the trees.

We piled the pieces to be hauled back to Casa Jones to be split for firewood for next year as the trees were still very much alive when the storm struck. Both our backs, our feet, and our tempers very sore, we left off to complete the job later.

Then it snowed. We thought that completing the fencing in the bush by the road would now be even harder to do. It wasn't. We used Big Red to carry lumber for bracing a couple of fence posts and 16-foot boards to span the open area. All went well. I didn't turn the air blue; the sun came out; we erected the posts and nailed on the boards to guarantee no escaping equines.

The next day, I filled the large water tub, inserted a heater to keep it from freezing, and brought in a large, round, hay bale to give the horses something to do while they are outside during the day. The hay also provides the fuel to keep the 'equine furnaces' working.

The horses are now in that paddock happily chowing down, happy to have more room in which to move.

The next chore will be to attach the snowblower to the back of Red. Then Ol' Man Winter can bring it on, as we know he will.

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## Homeless not freezing to death

### THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

In the two years since the Out of the Cold program has been in place, not a single homeless person has died in Thunder Bay because of exposure to the cold.

It's a trend Melody Macsemchuk, who founded host Grace Place with her husband Gary, would love to see continue.

The couple began the Out of the Cold program to act as an overflow shelter on Simpson Street for those who might otherwise fall through the cracks, with the ultimate goal of finding them permanent housing and keeping them off the streets for good.

"There were 10 to 15 individuals who would be outside in the cold and couldn't access any shelter, and then there were a lot of people who would freeze outside in the winter months in Thunder Bay," Macsemchuk said.

"It's keeping people alive and making sure nobody freezes outside on the streets."

The program has been able to grow, from 10 beds under the original seed grant in 2017, to 15, which is helping even more people get their lives back.

"I think that one of the major impacts is we've been able to connect with the chronic homeless, ones that aren't able to access any other shelter in the city of Thunder Bay. And their lives are changing," Macsemchuk said on Friday at an event highlighting the good work being done by the program, which runs from November to April and has been funded in part by a \$750,000 Ontario Trillium Grant that will keep the program going through spring 2021.

"We're able to connect with them to help them navigate around homelessness, also to talk about trauma in their lives and then to solve those issues that keep people homeless."

The funding will also allow social services organizations, like the Lakehead Social Planning Council, to collect valuable data about a portion of the homeless population that might otherwise go uncollected.

In 2018-2019, there were 1,991 total overnight stays, 1,482 of which were by people identifying as Indigenous.

A staggering 38 per cent of the people who stayed there



**HELPING OUT:** Melody Macsemchuk co-founded Grace Place and the Out of the Cold program with her husband.

reported having no income whatsoever during the time period.

The numbers show half the homeless accessing the Out of the Cold program had been homeless between one and five years, while their reasons tended to be split between an inability to afford housing, shelter restrictions and mental health issues. Substance use also played a big factor.

Bonnie Kryswaty, a social researcher at the Lakehead Social Planning Council, said the program has made a major impact on the homeless population.

She said there was nowhere for many to turn.

"For example, if there's a marital dispute between people and one of those people are at Shelter House, obviously the other partner can't be there at the same time. That's one example, but there are many, many reasons why people aren't able to get shelter at emergency shelters.

"So this became kind of the overflow for that. What this program has been able to do is prevent deaths of homeless individuals in Thunder Bay."

# Boat under cover as ice forms

## Last open-water fishing trip put on hold for the winter

I must admit I still had a glimmer of hope that I would be able to get out for one final fishing trip before the door on the open water season closed for the year.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature slammed that door shut with a week of freezing temperatures that locked up many lakes and rivers early.

My boat was put away last month, but I was still hoping to hit my favourite rivers for steelhead again before I hung up the waders until spring.

Alas, it is now an angler's purgatory while we wait for consistently cold temperatures and safe ice to start the ice fishing season.

This is a good time to do a bit of preventative maintenance on the



**KEITH AILEY**

THE GOOD LIFE

fishing gear and make sure everything is put away properly so it is ready to go next spring.

Back in October, my boat was wrapped in several layers of new tarps over an A-frame that would allow heavy snow to slide off instead of accumulating.

Before the tarps went on, I pulled the drain plug, and removed some leaves.

My motor gets some stabilizer added to the last bit of gas to run through it, as well as some fresh lower-unit oil and a bit of an "engine fog" to make sure it starts on command next year.

While my boat sees little use these days my chest waders see heavy mileage on the rugged rivers of the

north shore.

In fact, I rotate through multiple pair of breathable chest waders and wading boots each May when I am fishing rivers daily.

I rinse off all the mud and dried fish slime before allowing the waders to completely dry.

Then, I pick up a tube of Auqaseal from D&R and repair all the wear holes in the neoprene.

Once the waders are clean, dried and patched, they are stored in a dry place until they are called back to duty in April.

Luckily, modern fishing rods and reels require very little before being put away. I wipe clean my fly line and strip off old monofilament from spinning reels before storing them.

Removing worn mono now ensures I will reload these reels with fresh line and not lose the big one to a break-off next year.

A few drops of oil might be

necessary if a reel isn't running smoothly, but this is rarely required on good reels. I use horizontal rod racks to hang everything and keep it out of the way (and unbroken) through the winter.

Finally, a quick look through the tackle boxes and fishing vest can save some frustration in the spring. Make sure there are no remnants of live bait or rusting hooks that can damage other lures in a box.

A good pro tip is to always keep those silica packets that come in the packaging of so many items.

These are great for absorbing moisture. Toss a few in the tackle box, vest and fishing pack and you will never have to deal with rusty hooks.

So now we wait until the ice is thick enough to begin the hard water season.

Hopefully I remembered to store all my ice fishing gear properly last March.



OUT OF PLACE: A purple gallinule was found.

## Rare bird dies

THUNDER BAY

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

A juvenile purple gallinule that strayed into the remote reaches of northwestern Ontario last week has died.

The bird's closest natural habitat is the extreme southeastern U.S., but on Nov. 19 it turned up at Neskantaga First Nation, 430 kilometres north of Thunder Bay.

Community members sheltered it and reached out for help.

On Nov. 21, they turned it over to the care of Jenn Salo at ThunderBird Wildlife Rescue in Thunder Bay, who took it to a city veterinary clinic for assessment last Friday.





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## Liars and neighbours



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MOVIE TALK

**F**ans of Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen may be surprised to learn that the two stars have never worked together on screen until *The Good Liar*.

It is a treat then, in this twisty tale of con games, to see the old pros tackle their roles with sure-handed, shifty-eyed aplomb. All the more's the pity that in spite of the magic of seeing these two wonderful actors working off each other, they are usurped by a script that strains the bounds of credulity to the point that the narrative sinews holding this enterprise together come apart with a resounding, "snap!"

McKellen is Roy Courtenay, a grifter whom along with his partner Vincent (Jim Carter) specialize in ripping off upwardly mobile rubes and vulnerable, albeit well-healed, widows. One such widow is Betty (Helen Mirren) a retired Oxford prof Roy finds on an online dating site. Betty is looking for companionship while Roy is after her loot, and is not above angling for a bit of canoodling too.

The first half of the film focuses on Roy's end, as he and Vincent work an international money scam while also ramping up on Betty. Roy blithely moves into her home and life, much to the dismay of her openly suspicious grandson (Russell Hovey.)

Then as we enter the film's second half, there are three flashbacks fraught with all-too-convenient coincidences and dubious character motivations that place the plot on a crumbling precipice of believability, with the point of view shifting from Roy to Betty, who has a few tricks of her own. Nothing is what it seems.

Mirren and McKellen are fun to watch, but while the jigsaw pieces may fit, it's not without the strain of squeezing into credibility.

*A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood* is a highly fictionalized account of an award-winning magazine writer Lloyd Vogel (Matthew Rhys, excellent in *The Americans*) who is assigned to do a puff piece on children's TV host, Fred Rogers (Tom Hanks).

However, their relationship has such a profound effect that it forces the cynical writer to re-assess his outlook and attitude towards himself. It's not all sweetness and light, as Rogers gently demands the



**HELLO NEIGHBOUR:** Tom Hanks plays Fred Rogers in *A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood*.

reporter learn self-acceptance, something which he tries to instill in his young viewers.

And that is essentially the largely winning strategy employed by the movie's director Marielle Heller, (*Can You Ever Forgive Me?*) focusing more on the effect Mister Rogers had on people versus unfolding the usual bio-pic trappings.

Similar to Renee Zellweger in *Judy*, Tom Hanks doesn't so much look like Fred Rogers as he succeeds in capturing the

essence of the man, with measured speech patterns, exuding a calm warmth, who takes an active interest in those he befriends including the reporter. Thanks to his inspired portrayal, Mr. Hanks may find himself an Oscar candidate yet again.

Once a target of parody by *SNL*'s Eddie Murphy, Mister Rogers is enjoying renewed interest of late. Perhaps cherishing his memory is fulfilling a current need in troubled times. Such is the rich legacy of Fred Rogers.

IN THE bay

# Books can teach Cherry a lot



**JOHN PATEMAN**  
BOOK BANTER



Don Cherry stirred up a hornet's nest with his comments about immigrants not wearing the poppy to honor Canada's war dead.

Many people accused him of racism. Not so many have located his comments within the wider context of white privilege and superiority; or, to put it more plainly whiteness.

Few white people stop to think what it means to be white. Like the air that we breathe, we take our whiteness for granted; it is not a barrier to success and it does not make us 'the other'. An understanding of whiteness is critical to an

understanding of racism.

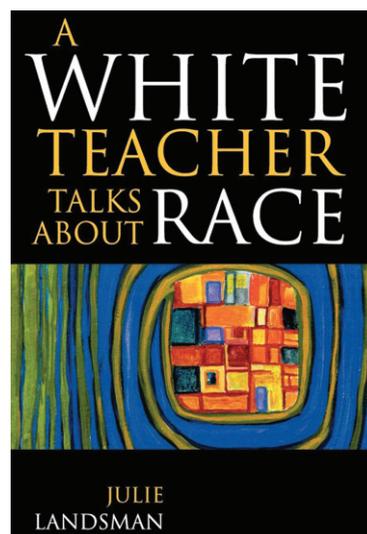
Not much has been written about whiteness in Canada, but there is a whole genre of books on this subject in America where race defines the nation.

A useful starting point is *The History of White People* (Norton, 2010) by Nell Irvin Painter.

The author sketches the history of whiteness, race theory and its inevitable partner racism. Race is not a biological construct – we are all human beings with the same DNA. Race is a social construct.

Painter guides us through more than 2,000 years of Western civilization, tracing the invention of racism as a social construction by white people to justify their domination of others for economic, social and political ends.

It is essential that educators speak honestly about issues of race, poverty, institutional responsibility



**HOT TOPIC:** Julie Landsman's book, *A White Teacher Talks About Race*.

and white privilege.

That is what Julie Landsman does in *A White Teacher Talks About Race*

(Rowan & Littlefield, 2009). She frames this discussion by engaging the reader in her day to day experiences with students in the classroom.

Throughout a typical school day we meet bigotry head on, struggle with questions of racial identity, and find cultural conflict through the lived experience of young black Americans.

We begin to learn, if only just for a moment, what it feels like to be the other. As the saying goes, we need to walk a mile in someone else's shoes before we can even begin to imagine what their lives are really like, and how they differ so markedly from our own, because of the color of their skin.

Or we can choose to ignore them of course.

Bury our heads in the sand and pretend that racism does not exist. This is what most white people and institutions tend to do. But there is a

terrible price to be paid for this ostrich mentality. This is described by Jonathan M. Metz in *Dying of Whiteness: how the politics of racial resentment is killing America's heartland* (Basic Books, 2019).

The author travels through Donald Trump's America and discovers how his racist policies have made life sicker, harder and shorter for the very white people they were meant to help; white life expectancies have fallen, gun suicides have soared and school dropout rates have risen.

Metz demonstrates just how much white America would benefit by emphasising cooperation, rather than chasing false promises of superiority.

Don Cherry should read these books. He might learn something about himself.

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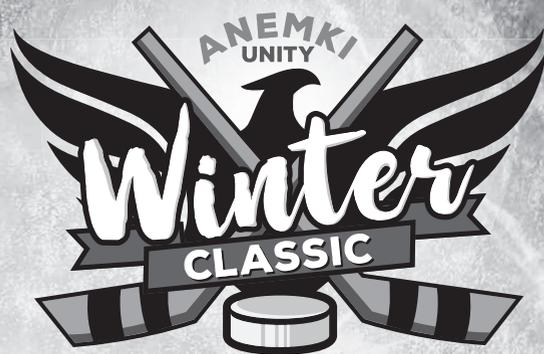
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IN THE bay



SCOTT HOBBS

CHRISTMAS CLASSIC: Melissa MacKenzie and Neil Paterson rehearse for Magnus Theatre's *It's a Wonderful Life*.

# Magnus to present *It's a Wonderful Life*

## THEATRE

By Linda Maehans – TB Source

In 1955 Hollywood made a movie in Deluxe colour called *Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing*. Nice idea, but there's an even better movie, a holiday classic, come to many-splendored and many-layered life on Magnus' stage next week.

Likely you've watched *It's a Wonderful Life* with your family on a television screen in your living room: the story of an idealistic man up against the odds who decides to end it all, until a guardian angel earning his wings intervenes. Can you imagine any of this over radio airwaves instead?

OK sure, you can see people in front of microphones in a studio. That doesn't explain the magic that takes hold. No. This thing, many-splendored, is real.

The Source met with actors Melissa MacKenzie and Neil Paterson ahead of a many-layered show. A play-within-a-play, within the play of your own imagination. Didn't have to gaze into Sally Applewhite's beautiful sienna eyes to see her happiness; could hear it in her voice, clear as a silver bell. "Oh, sure. I've been at this for a few years now. Freddie, WBFR's host, asked me to do a little crossover into radio-land. A little building of, well, a wonderful life. In the town of Bedford Falls. And of falling in love, at Christmas-time."

As George's wife, Mary glows. "I've known him since I was five. He worked at Mr. G's shop; I'd go in and get sick off chocolate-floats because all I wanted was to spend more time there. I knew if I left little

hints along the way, if I played my cards right, we would end up together. Now, and with four lovely children, I'm so very content."

A genuine Sally continues. "It's truly a world we get to create the soundscape for. The sounds are all coming from us: shoes on our hands on a table; slammed-shut doors and such. Oh, we do have a little fun on stage. And off." She winks.

Can't quite pin-point the colour of George's eyes, they're so serious. It's the rest of his face that catches my attention: so expressive. And when Jake Laurents speaks, a light goes on. "I love how it's left up to the imagination. We do enough of the Foley (sound-design) to re-create the situation, but what really happens, the magic, is all live on stage."

I ask George about life in Bedford Falls; Jake morphs into character.

"Life is swell. I have a beautiful wife, four amazing kids. But, well, business has been rough and," he trails off. Heavy sigh. "I just don't know." In an instant I know. I can see it in his worried hazel eyes.

"I give a lot back to my community, I'm like my father in that regard. But it's not easy to do, not all the time." Again his voice trails off.

I ask George if he believes in spirits or angels and the like. "No, I don't. That's plain ridiculous."

Jake tells me he wants the live studio audience to experience all the joy and fun he and his cohorts in front of microphones do.

And I'm telling you I am certain you will.

*It's a Wonderful Life* opens Dec. 5; sparkles until Dec. 21. Enjoy!

# Victoria Secret Fashion show cancelled

After months of rumours and innuendos, the secret is out. There will be no angels on the runway this year. In fact, no runway at all. After more than 20 years, the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show will not go on.

According to an internal memo, network television was not "the right fit" for the annual fashion show anymore. They're probably right. Despite numerous A-list models like the Hadid sisters and Mrs. Adam Levine, Behati Prinsloo, strutting their stuff on the catwalk, last year's show posted the lowest ratings in the event's history.

And why not? The show's sparkling thongs and diamond-encrusted brassieres were hardly going to sell product from their catalogues to the average shopper. So exactly who were they trying to appeal to when they attached eight-foot wings and high heels to skinny girls?

What's more, given the broadcast



standards, the network often had to be very careful with their camera angles and creative in their editing so not to show the models' butt-cheeks exposed by those teeny-tiny undies. And thus, was born the giant wings, snowflakes, tail feathers and bows that were attached to the models behinds in recent years.

It wasn't always so. The show started in 1995 with real lingerie from the catalogue. Compared to recent productions, the show looked like



ON THE RUNWAY: Model Shanina Shaik.

something you'd see at a school for Mormon fashion designers. Simple. Almost chaste.

Over the years, the show developed into a carnival of Vegas-like showgirl outfits and celebrity musical appearances. They manufactured a mystique around the "Fantasy Bra" that cost up to a million dollars. They even added behind-the-scenes footage of the models with trainers and being fitted for the show. Because frankly, how else do you stretch a total of five minutes of walking into a 60-minute production?

It was titillating, over-the-top and the stuff of twelve-year-old boys' dreams.

And somehow, that doesn't fit in the era of #MeToo and gender fluidity? Say it isn't so!

Furthermore, in an industry finally starting to embrace plus-size and minority models, Vicky's management held tightly to the old standards, claiming their models were "curvy" and "healthy" compared to most. Sure. Just not anything near the average woman's proportions.

Ironically, public outcry has been rather silent. In fact, it seems the people most upset by the cancellation are the models who owed their blossoming careers to the pre-Christmas extravaganza. Of course, I'm sure there are some guys too. After all, where else will some of Hollywood's leading men find their next girlfriend?

Victoria's Secret claims it is "evolving the messaging" to its customers who, according to falling sales, are moving on to more female-centric brands. Rihanna's Savage x Fenty says it's "created for the female gaze, not the male gaze." Meanwhile, ThirdLove promotes 78 bra sizes and a fit-finding app.

So it appears audiences have spoken. With better options available, a million dollar bra and scantily-clad women just won't do the job anymore.

And that, I think, is a Christmas miracle.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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  - 12 Son of Samuel
  - 13 Ear (pref.)
  - 14 Aim
  - 15 Aloud
  - 17 Monster
  - 18 Dutch commune
  - 19 Extirpate
  - 21 Kwa language
  - 22 Medieval money
  - 23 Booty
  - 25 Ease
  - 29 Sultan's decree
  - 32 Oil (pref.)
  - 33 Pers. gateway
  - 35 And other: abbr. (2 words) (Lat.)
  - 36 Enter
  - 38 One of the Three Furies
  - 40 Title of Athena
- DOWN**
- 1 Flutter
  - 2 Son of Ruth
  - 3 Wet earth
  - 4 Babism founder
  - 5 Hornless stag
  - 42 Rope-splicing tool
  - 43 Dept. of Motor Vehicles (abbr.)
  - 45 Vainglorious
  - 47 Abet
  - 50 Time period
  - 52 Call
  - 54 Prayer beads
  - 55 Oriental tea
  - 56 Amer. Civil Liberties Union (abbr.)
  - 57 High (Lat.)
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- 6 Tamarisk
- 7 Princely
- 8 Bygone days
- 9 Think
- 10 Remarkable person
- 11 Queen of the Nile
- 16 Pointed (pref.)
- 20 King (Fr.)
- 22 Oleic (2 words)
- 24 Mountain nymph
- 25 Swan
- 26 Cheer
- 27 Electric unit
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- 30 Indian timber tree
- 31 Guido's note (2 words)
- 34 Denial
- 37 Fiber knot
- 39 Fr. author
- 41 Braz. timber tree
- 43 Lady (Sp.)
- 44 Repast
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- 49 Deuteronomy (abbr.)
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## T-Wolves hit break at .500

### UNIVERSITY HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The last-place Laurier Golden Hawks were bound and determined to leave Thunder Bay with at least one win.

Thanks to three unanswered goals in the third, they got it.

Connor Graham, Anthony Conti and Grayden Gottschalk were the difference makers at Fort William Gardens on Saturday night, after Lakehead battled back from two goals down to tie the game 3-3 after two periods.

Momentum is a mysterious mistress.

The Wolves seemed to have it after Tomas Soustal and Brendan Martin scored 12 minutes apart to restart the game heading into period No. 3.

But it was the Golden Hawks that took advantage, making the most of some sloppy play by an opponent looking to hit the Christmas break on a winning note.

“I think they had all the momentum,” said Laurier coach Greg Puhalski, a third-round pick of the Boston Bruins in 1983, who was born and raised in the Lakehead.

“I think for us it was to just manage the puck, put the puck in good areas and don’t hurt yourselves. I think that’s what we did. We were up 3-1, two turnovers and two goals and it was a 3-3 game. We’ve got to do a better job and that was my message.”

#### Stolen puck

Graham stripped the puck from a T-Wolves defender and fired it past goaltender Brock Aiken, making a second straight start with Nic Renyard sidelined with an undisclosed injury.

The Golden Hawks bought some insurance 73 seconds later when Conti stole the puck, cut across in front of Aiken and out-



**TARGET HUNTING:** Lakehead’s Josh Laframbolse (right) takes a shot against Laurier defender Kyle Gentles last Saturday night.

waited the Lakehead goaltender, depositing the puck into the open net.

It was sloppy hockey, said Wolves captain Patrick Murphy.

“It was a couple of tough bounces. I know on one, I tried to block it and it hit me and went right in the slot to the guy,” Murphy said. “I think we’ve just got to weather the storm there. They’re a really good team. Their record doesn’t show the kind of team they are over there. I think they were

desperate for a win tonight and came out and showed it.”

**“It was a couple of tough bounces.”**

**PATRICK MURPHY**

Matt McJamet and Conti staked Laurier to an early 2-0 lead in the first, but the Thunderwolves got one back late in the period, Murphy letting loose a shot from just inside the blue-line that eluded Golden Hawks goaltender Tyler Fassel.

Neil Aird scored for a second straight night five minutes into the second, but 50 seconds later Tomas Soustal responded, netting his eighth of the season, after Daniel Del Paggio stole the puck at his own blue-line, raced down the ice on a 2-on-1 and deposited the puck on Soustal’s stick at Fassel’s goal mouth.

Martin, who’d been held without a goal in 12 appearances, finally broke

through with two minutes to go in the second.

“It’s obviously a relief getting the first one here. It definitely feels good. I’ve played around 13 games so far. It’s been a while, so it’s nice to have one,” said Martin, a 31-goal scorer with Steinbach of the Manitoba Junior Hockey League last season.

#### Tough outing

Aiken allowed five goals on 31 shots, while Fassel was good on 29 of the shots directed his way.

The Thunderwolves hit the Christmas break at 7-7-2, good for sixth in the OUA West. Laurier, at 4-9-2, is 10th.

## No. 8 Lakehead pulls upset on No. 3 Gee-Gees

### BASKETBALL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A night after giving the top-ranked Carleton Ravens their toughest match yet this season, the Lakehead Thunderwolves have knocked off the

No. 3-ranked Ottawa Gee-Gees.

Laoui Msambya scored 20 points to lead the offensive charge for the visiting Thunderwolves, who ran away with the game in the second quarter, outscoring the Gee-Gees 23-9 to take a 16-point lead into the half and went on to down

Ottawa 80-73.

Isaiah Traylor put up 18 and hauled in nine rebounds for the Wolves, who improved to 7-3 and look to improve on their No. 8 spot in the national top 10.

For the Gee-Gees, it was their first lost in seven games.

Ottawa, who went 22-for-74 from the floor at Montpetit Hall, was led by Calvin Epistola’s 24.

The Thunderwolves return home on Friday and Saturday night to take on the York Lions, who lost 129-44 to Carleton.

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LEITH DUNICK

**TOUGH RUN:** Jordan Smith and the Thunder Bay North Stars have struggled to keep pucks out lately.

# North Stars find defensive trouble



**LEITH DUNICK**  
SPORTS SHOTS

Smith has allowed four goals or more in five of his last eight starts, but more concerning his save percentage has been below .900 in six of his last eight.

He'll have to step up his game, with help from his blue-line corps, of course, to help the North Stars turn things around.

At this point, I'm not too worried, but you'd hate to see this become a trend.



If you weren't a believer in the Lakehead Thunderwolves men's basketball team, you better jump on the bandwagon right now.

The Wolves gave the No. 1 Carleton Ravens their toughest test yet this season last Friday night, then followed up with an 80-73 win over No. 3 Ottawa the following night.

They host York for a pair this weekend. For some context, the Lions lost by 85 to Carleton on Saturday night.



Apparently Thunder Bay's Robert Bortuzzo has been being a naughty boy.

And so close to Christmas too. Hopefully Santa doesn't pay too much attention to the hockey highlights this time of year.

Bortuzzo was suspended this week by the NHL for a vicious cross checking incident involving Nashville's Viktor Arvidsson, who is expected to miss four to six weeks as a result.

Bortuzzo, who off the ice is one of the nicest guys in the National Hockey League, slammed Arvidsson from behind into the St. Louis Blues crossbar, then used his stick to slam him back to the ice as he tried to get up.

There's no place in hockey for this type of behaviour, and Bortuzzo certainly knows better. The 30-year-old has one assist in 11 appearances this season.

Something's not right with the Thunder Bay North Stars.

After 16 games, they looked like they were ready to run the table again, maybe even stronger than they were a year ago in winning the Superior International Junior Hockey League championship.

The offence seems fine.

The ability to finish off teams is something completely different.

On Nov. 13, the North Stars were up 6-2 on the Thief River Falls Norskies, on home ice nonetheless, and wound up losing 7-6 in overtime.

The next night, the Norskies scored the first five goals of the night, giving them 10 straight overall, and doubled up Thunder Bay 6-3.

Twice they led the Fort Frances Lakers by a goal last Friday night, only to have the Lakers score three straight to win.

The Red Lake Miners scored the final three goals of the game on Saturday night and handed Thunder Bay its fifth straight loss.

I'm not sure what to make of the recent run of bad luck.

Offensively, the North Stars look fine.

Their roster includes Jacob Brown, Cody Bruchkowski and Jacob Anttonen, the top three goaltenders in the league.

In net, Jordan Smith has looked like a solid No. 1 goaltender all season long.

Well, at least he did for the first five or six games he played. Since then, his play has dropped – in part because the defence in front of him isn't doing their job.



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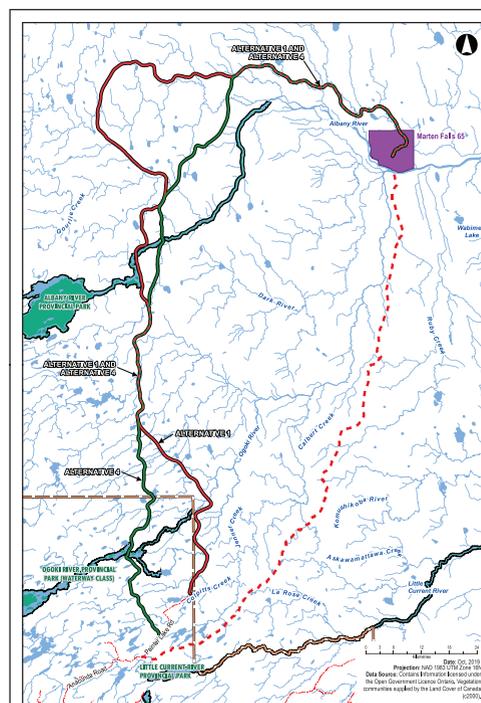
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Marten Falls First Nation (MFFN) is a remote First Nation community in northern Ontario, located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina, Ontario and Aroland First Nation.

MFFN has a winter access road but it isn't reliable and makes transportation of goods and people difficult. All season road access connecting MFFN to the existing provincial highway network is needed to improve the well-being of the community. MFFN has started a Provincial Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Design Study to assess the potential impacts and benefits related to the proposed Community Access Road.

### WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

MFFN, in agreement with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), is preparing an Individual EA for the proposed all season Community Access Road. The EA will follow a community-led approach, meaning that the MFFN community membership helps to develop solutions and advance decisions about the proposed road. MFFN—as the proponent or owner of the project—has formed a Project Team that includes MFFN members and acts with guidance, direction and input from the MFFN Chief and Council, MFFN Community Member Advisors and MFFN membership.



**Legend**  
Route Alternatives  
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**General Features**  
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- Learn about the Community Access Road's history and updates since Public Information Centre (PIC) #1;
- Learn about the provincial EA process, and why the Western routes for the road to follow are to be further evaluated during the EA;
- Learn about the draft Terms of Reference, including how to review the documents and provide feedback;
- Learn about the kind of field studies being conducted;
- Find out how Indigenous communities have been involved, and learn about the Indigenous Knowledge program;
- Find out the feedback we've heard to-date and how it is being considered;
- Discuss future consultation activities and opportunities; and
- Learn about next steps.

### WHEN AND WHERE?

Join us to share your comments, ideas and community values related to the proposed all season road.

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Information panels about the project will be available for review, along with a printed copy of the draft Terms of Reference and a plain-language Guide to the Draft Terms of Reference. Project Team members will be present to answer questions and receive comments.

The same information will be provided in Thunder Bay and Longlac, so you have the option to choose which location works best for you. Also, if you can't make the in-person sessions, you can find the information posted on our website ([www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca](http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca)). Public Information Centres are wheelchair accessible; contact us if you require other accessibility accommodations.

You are welcome to contact the Project Team at any time during the process with questions or comments:

**Lawrence Baxter**, Senior Community Advisor, Marten Falls First Nation  
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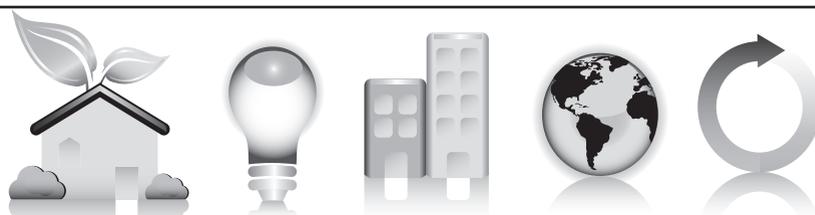
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