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and ready

Andrew Pilkey, lead pastor at Living Way Church in Englehart, delivers an Easter gift basket to Gloria Burey, 10, at left and Hazel Burey, 6, at their Englehart home on April 3. Living Way volunteers packed the gift boxes with an egg dying kit, Easter eggs, candy, and clues for families in Englehart and the surrounding areas to have their own fun and interactive Easter egg hunts over the Easter Weekend. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJI reporter)

Englehart museum staying closed through 2021

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART - Englehart council has approved a motion to keep the Englehart and Area Historical Museum closed for the 2021 season.

Mayor Nina Wallace read the motion at council stating that the fixed cost of the museum continues to increase, while the number of users continues to decrease.

For that reason, the proposal was made to keep the museum closed for 2021 to provide time for the museum board to look at viable options.

In reading the motion at the March 24 meeting of Englehart council, Wallace commented that it continues to be "a precarious year." She noted that communities never know when they can open venues, such as the museum.

The museum was closed for the 2020 season as well.

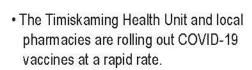
In the year prior to that, the board had been looking at finances and reduced operating and staff hours.

The museum contains artifacts collected by the late Ruby Bryan representing Englehart's town life, including items from schools, businesses, churches and the surrounding farming community.

The building also is home to a gallery space which provides exhibition space to area and visiting artists.

The building has long been in need of a new lift to enable visitors with mobility challenges to move with ease from one floor to another in the three-story former schoolhouse.

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK? TEMISKAMING SPEAKER Here are some of the stories in our April 7 edition...



- Not in my backyard is a popular slogan but it means much more for two New Liskeard home and business owners.
- The Dymond Court seniors' housing units are at a high occupancy rate, with only six one-bedroom units remaining available.
- The Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police report investigating 37 domestic violence related calls in the month of March.
- · You may be able to buy small livestock in
 - Englehart if a proposal from the Englehart and District Agricultural Society is approved.
 - The Temiskaming Art Gallery will feature the paintings of George Cassidy in the spring of 2022.

- Temagami residents aged 70 and over took the time to attend a recent COVID-19 vaccination clinic.
- Cobalt is seeking Canada Healthy Communities Initiative funding to upgrade the Teck Park, located near Cobalt Lake.
- One member has resigned but another has quickly taken her place on the Temagami Non-Profit Housing Corporation board of directors.
- Our B Front this
 week features a
 story and photos
 on the Lorraine
 Valley Volunteer
 Fire Department's
 upgrades to its
 fire hall.





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Why is it important to follow public health measures?

Following public health measures will reduce community spread. Lower community spread, in turn, will protect vulnerable individuals including seniors and people who are immunocompromised.

What public health measures should I take?

Indoor organized public events and social gatherings are not allowed, except with members of the same household (the people you live with). Individuals who live alone and single parents may consider having exclusive, close contact with another household to help reduce the negative impacts of social isolation. Outdoor organized public events and social gatherings can have no more than 5 people.

Practice physical distancing and maintain a 2 meter distance from people you don't live with.

Masks and face coverings should be worn when it's difficult to maintain a distance of 2 meters from people who don't live with you. You should wear a mask inside and outside when physical distancing may be a challenge. Masks are required by law in all indoor public spaces and in indoor workplaces.

Avoid non-essential travel outside of our district, especially to high transmission areas. Stay home if you feel sick and contact your local Assessment Centre to schedule an appointment for testing.

Wash your hands with warm water or use an alcohol-based sanitizer.

Do not touch your face.

Cough or sneeze into your elbow or into a tissue.

Disinfect frequently-touched surfaces.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?

Symptoms range from mild – like the flu and other common respiratory infections - to severe. The most common symptoms include:

- Fever and/or chills
- Cough or barking cough (croup)
- · Shortness of breath
- · Sore throat, difficulty swallowing
- Runny or stuffy/congested nose
- Decrease or loss of sense of smell or taste
- Headache, muscle aches, extreme tiredness
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea
- Pinkeye (for adults)
- Stomach pain (for adults)
- Falling down often (for older adults)

After Your COVID-19 Vaccine

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Pourquoi est-il important de suivre les mesures de santé publique?

Suivre les mesures de santé publique aide à réduire la propagation dans une communauté. Un niveau faible d'exposition protégera donc les personnes vulnérables, y compris les personnes âgées et les personnes ayant un système immunitaire affaibli. Quelles mesures de santé publique dois-je prendre?

Les événements publics et de rassemblements sociaux organisés en salle ne sont pas autorisés, à l'exception des rassemblements entre membres de votre domicile (les personnes avec lesquelles vous vivez). Les personnes qui vivent seules et les parents isolés peuvent envisager d'avoir un contact exclusif et étroit avec un autre ménage pour aider à réduire les effets négatifs de l'isolement social. Les événements publics organisés à l'extérieur et les rassemblements sociaux sont limités à un maximum de 5 personnes. Pratiquez la distanciation physique et maintenez une distance de 2 mètres ou plus avec des personnes en dehors de votre domicile.

Les masques et les couvre-visage doivent être portés quand il est difficile de maintenir une distance de 2 mètres ou plus avec des personnes en dehors de votre domicile. Vous devez porter un masque à l'intérieur et à l'extérieur quand la distanciation physique est difficile. La loi exige que les masques soient portés dans tous les espaces publics intérieurs et dans les lieux de travail intérieurs.

Évitez tout voyage non-essentiel à l'extérieur de notre district, en particulier dans les régions où le risque de transmission est élevé.

Demeurez à la maison si vous êtes malade et contactez votre centre dévaluation local pour faire un test de dépistage.

Lavez vos mains avec de l'eau chaude et du savon ou utilisez des désinfectants à base d'alcool.

Ne pas toucher votre visage.

Toussez et éternuez dans votre coude ou dans un mouchoir.

Désinfectez les surfaces fréquemment touchées.

Quels sont les symptômes de COVID-19?

Les symptômes peuvent être légers, comme ceux associés à une grippe ou à des infections respiratoires courantes, ou graves. Voici les symptômes les plus courants :

- Fièvre et/ou frissons
- Toux ou toux aboyante (laryngite)
- Essoufflement
- Mal de gorge, difficulté à avaler
- Nez qui coule ou bouché ou congestionné
- Diminution ou perte du gout ou de l'odorat
- Mal de tête, douleurs musculaires, fatigue extreme
- · Nausées/vomissement, diarrhée
- Conjonctivite (pour les adultes)
- Maux d'estomac (pour les adultes)
- Chutes nombreuses (pour les personnes âgées)

Après votre vaccin contre la COVID-19

Dois-je quand même respecter les mesures de santé publique relatives à la COVID-19?

Le vaccin est un moyen supplémentaire de se protéger contre la COVID-19. Après l'une ou l'autre des doses du vaccin contre la COVID-19, vous devez continuer à suivre les mesures

liées à la COVID-19, comme le port d'un masque, la pratique de la distanciation physique et le lavage des mains.

 Surveillez l'apparition des symptômes de la COVID-19 et passez un test de dépistage en cas de symptômes.

Quand dois-je revenir pour ma seconde dose?

Vous avez besoin de deux doses de vaccin pour être complètement immunisé. S'il s'agit de votre première dose du vaccin contre la COVID-19, assurez-vous de recevoir votre seconde dose, tel qu'indiqué par la clinique ou le système de réservation. Apportez le récépissé imprimé du vaccin qui vous a été remis aujourd'hui lorsque vous vous présenterez votre second rendez-vous.

Do I still have to follow COVID-19 public health measures?

- The vaccine is an additional way to protect yourself against COVID-19. After either dose of the COVID-19 vaccine you should continue to follow COVID-19 measures, such as wearing a mask, practising physical distancing and washing your hands.
- Monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 and get tested if symptoms present.

When should I return for my second dose?

You need two doses of vaccine to be fully immunized. If this is your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, be sure to get your second dose as directed by the clinic or the booking system. Bring your printed vaccine receipt that was given to you today to your second appointment.

Cobalt councillors getting pay raises

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

COBALT - After decades of maintaining low remuneration rates for council members, Cobalt council has elected to increase their rate closer to the average for small municipalities in Northern Ontario.

At the town's regular council meeting March 16, council voted in favour of an increase from \$6,120 annually to \$9,713 for the mayor, and an increase from \$3,060 for a councillor to \$6,361 annually. The rate is to be adjusted annually in accordance with the federal cost price index.

Up until now, Cobalt council has been "the lowest paid council in the better part of Ontario," said Mayor George Othmer.

He added that council members have very few expenses that would have to be reimbursed by the town.

Councillor Pat Anderson commented, "I think we're long overdue for a raise in this town." Since the early 1990s when she first sat on council, there has been one raise for council members, and that was \$5 a year, she said.

Councillor Bill Gabbani opposed the increase though.

"I signed on for four years at this rate," he said. "Based on the times we are going through" the remuneration should be left as is, and a future council could make the decision whether to increase it, he said.

Anderson pointed out that position has been the reason council has not given itself an increase over the past few decades.

"Each council has said, 'We don't want to. Let the next council do it,' "she commented. "That's the way it's gone since the early 1990s."

Gabbani conceded that the matter could be put forward as a motion and council could vote on it.

Councillor Doug Wilcox commented that this is the third council he has been on and the topic of a remuneration increase has come up at each one.

He said the question was not simply one for them as individuals, but for council members in the future.

"You're looking at establishing a fair remuneration that reflects the work we do and the responsibility we take when we take this position," he stated.

Gabbani suggested the mat-

ter should be deferred until after the 2021 budget is set, but Anderson stated if pay is to be increased, it should be decided before the budget is set.

Councillor Matthew Johnson spoke of making the decision so that it is in place for future councils.

Those who gave their support to the increase included Othmer, Anderson, Joseph Dube, Johnson, and Wilcox. Gabbani opposed it. Councillor Angela Adshead was absent so did not cast a vote.

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Your patience and care, together with the Dialysis Unit, Don's second home, enabled him to live longer than expected. Thanks to the team, Dr. G. Roedde,

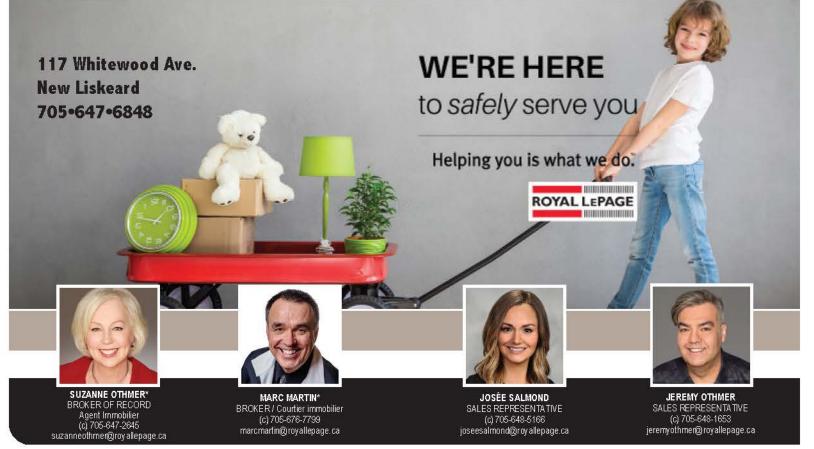
and the many doctors from Health Sciences North especially Dr. R. Goluch, and the cancer specialists. You all know how much your help was appreciated. Susan Rennie and family, and the Lamondin family.



TSMHA CAR DRAW

Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association president Derek Shilling law holds up the winning tickets from the annual 2021 Car Draw held. The lucky winner of a Chevrolet Spark was Amelie McDonald. Her name was chosen out of just over 5,500 tickets sold this year. Out of the five \$500 prizes offered this year, the winners were Nancy Goudreault, Dennis Jibb, Atalie Brown, Jordanne Doucette and Don Lamothe. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)





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EDITORIAL

Stay at home order?

An alarming rise in COVID-19 infections and deaths across Ontario has health care professionals worried.

The province needs stronger measures to curb the spread of the virus such as a Stay At Home order due to the dangers of the variants circulating around the province driving up hospitalizations.

Many people are wondering why the provincial government is not taking stronger measures to curb the spread of the disease.

province from a lockdown to a Stay At Home order?

The virus is now hitting schools so why aren't teachers and staff being prioritized for vaccinations?

People are getting sick in workplaces yet trict Health Unit reported Premier Ford won't implement paid sick leave saying they had seven for factory and retail workers thus protecting themselves and their families from the harm of COVID-19.

When people gather in large groups the vi-

Why not move the rus has a way to spread and this is causing hospitals to be stretched to the limit with ICU admissions.

> But worse than that is the fact so many Ontarians are being killed by the virus.

> The Sudbury and Disa grim statistic recently deaths happen in seven days due to COVID-19 in that region.

Sudbury is not that far away from our region.

Stay home and stay safe everyone!

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Caution needed

little spring runoff in the Temiskaming region, which has caused the woods to be extremely dry at this time of year.

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Extra caution is needed with regards to the use of fire and yard cleanup efforts.

It's been a mild winter with very concerns leading into the upcom- terms of purchasing burning pering forest fire season.

> It might be a good idea to ensure off-road vehicles are cleared of debris, which can smolder and ignite grass.

Being mindful when burning yard waste is a must and always A warm, dry spring may spark check with your municipality in

mits and abiding by all safety regulations.

Hopefully, the Temiskaming region is blessed with an adequate amount of rainfall to offset the dry spring conditions we are seeing.

Please be extra careful with outdoor fires.

Flipping the bird

"I don't feed the birds because they need me, I feed the birds because I need them." Anonymous

I had to check my judgment levels in the mirror last weekend when I questioned someone who was travelling into the region to visit family during this long and laborious pandemic. What part of stay at home don't people understand is what I was questioning?

I felt like flipping the bird using the one finger salute at all the pandemic lockdown B.S. but instead I headed outdoors.

a spring sonnet of common grackles, robins, red-winged blackbirds and starlings all singing their tiny lungs out. It was a chorus of sheer joy, despite the doom and gloom of the recent lockdown.

It has been noted during the

pandemic that more people are discovering the wonders of the natural world and specifically of the avian world.

Birds are providing therapeutic benefits during the pandemic bringing a sense of calm and wonder to our lives.

Paying attention to birds provides me with an intimate connection to the natural world that I glean so much joy from.

We all see and hear birds all I found myself listening to around us but how many of us actually stop and identify a species or learn more about that

> I have tried to do that by reading anything and everything I can about birds. I just recently purchased David Sibley's beautifully illustrated hardcover

book called What's It Like To Be A Bird.

Sibley has a Facebook page and this past weekend he posted some information about the spring migration.

I happened to comment on his post and lo and behold he thanked me for my comment.

I've read other books on birds and bought field guides of North American birds.

Of course the best birding resource locally is the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre, sadly now closed to the public.

The marsh banders are actively banding birds and posting terrific notices about the spring migration and other birding knowledge on their social



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media page.

We are losing thousands and thousands of birds each year to loss of habitat, predatory cats, wind turbines, pesticide usage and climate change.

There is a price to be paid for looking the other way when a forest is gutted or a wetland is wiped out or climate change denial starts to creep into our public policy.

During this crazy, nonsensical pandemic year, birding has provided me with hours and hours of joy and joy is good for anyone's physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing.







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COMMUNITY

NEWS



FOR A GOOD CAUSE

In a great show of community spirit, the Temiskaming Shores Beaver and Cub Scouts hosted a bottle drive March 14 in front of Riverside Place in an effort to raise funds for the Northern Animals Rescue and Sanctuary that was affected by flash flooding that seeped into the Hidden Treasures building on March 11. The Beaver and Cub Scouts packed a trailer to the top with empties and also filled up the back of a pickup truck with pet food, litter, treats and toys. The group received over \$800 in total donations for the animal shelter. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJI reporter)

FedNor enhances forest industry support

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

NORTH BAY - FedNor has announced an investment of \$525,600 over three years to support FPInnovations, a private not-for-profit forest research organization which will provide assistance to forestry businesses in Northern Ontario to develop innovations and increase the use of technology in their practices.

The Ontario Forest Sector Capacity Building Initiative is in place to assist all northern forestry businesses. Through the funding announcement, local advisors will be hired in North Bay and Kenora, and another position already situated in Thunder Bay will receive additional support.

"This strategic investment



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will support Northern Ontario-based research staff and relevant FPI support staff in connecting research directly to forest sector businesses, helping them to build their technical and human resources capacity. The project goals are to implement innovation, foster investment, grow skilled employment, and achieve a tangible economic impact in Northern and Indigenous communities, "FedNor stated in a press release April 6.

specializes **FPInnovations** in solutions that assist in the growth of the Canadian forest industry to increase global com-

FPInnovations president and chief executive officer Stephan Renou was present at the virtual announcement made April 6 and stated the funding announcement "for us is a step forward in our mission. We are using all the information we have in our industry to support where we can see we can help them," he stated of FPInnovations' mission with forestry businesses.

Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota was also present for the virtual announcement and stated FPInnovations will be able to assist forestry businesses by accessing informa-

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Physical distancing and mandatory face covering is in effect so upon arrival, review the signs and then ring the door bell for service. Before coming into the office, please screen yourself in accordance with public health guidelines. Minimize non-essential in-person visits to the office and if you feel unwell, stay home. The Township continues to encourage the use of internet payments through your financial institution, or by mailing cheques to the Municipal office. Residents can call the office at 705-679-8833 during regular working hours (8:30 am - 4:30 pm) for assistance.

Municipal Waste Site: Hours of Operation

Tuesday and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed: Statutory Holidays All garbage deposited at the Municipal Waste Site is subject to applicable tipping fees.

Garbage: A maximum of three (3) regular sized garbage bags of household garbage will be picked-up weekly. Please ensure your garbage is out by 7 am.

Recycling: Next collection date is Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Building Permits are required for all construction in the Township of Coleman. Please allow sufficient processing time for your application.

By-law Enforcement: To report a property standards issue or if you want to report some illegal dumping or other by-law infraction, please contact the municipal office or Pete Gilboe directly at 705-648-3750.

■ Animal Control: For emergency animal control services, please contact the Animal Control Service Provider at 705-648-4583.

Burning Permits - are required effective April 1st, 2021 ■ The permit is NOT valid between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day except with special permission - Daytime burning is prohibited.

Streetlights: Anyone who notices a street light out is asked to please report the pole number of the light to the office.



Temagami looking to reduce water infiltration in lagoon

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMAGAMI-The Municipality of Temagami is taking steps to address water infiltration issues into the sanitary system in Temagami North.

It was noted at Temagami regular meeting council's March 25 that the municipality has been working with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) to develop a strategy that would reduce water infiltration into the lagoon.

"We are looking at having the

smoke tests done, probably in July, when it's a little bit drier,' treasurer-administrator Craig Davidson at the March 25 meeting.

"We have been trying to get some ways where we can determine the level of infiltration through the manhole covers in the low areas of Temagami North, including Goward Avenue."

The smoke tests will be completed to pinpoint areas where sump pumps, or down spouts, have been connected to the



MOMENTARILY BOGGED DOWN

As spring advances, the water along the shore of Lake Temiskaming is still low. People who enjoy mud bogging were out with their vehicles on the resulting mud flats along the New Liskeard beach. One driver had the misfortune of getting stuck at one point on Sunday afternoon, April 4, drawing a crowd along the beach, a police presence, and many people who were trying to help. Extraction measures were successful later in the day. (Staff photo)

sanitary sewer system, rather than using the storm sewer and ditch system, noted Davidson.

Determining where infiltration is occurring, and then takis key to further residential development in Temagami North,

"Without this step, we would any proposed developments."

ing appropriate steps to limit it most likely be looking at steps to enlarge our lagoon or other, more costly, treatment measures before adding more lots to



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Cancer is the leading cause of death in this country, with some 30 per cent of Canadians dying from one type of cancer or another. In April, Daffodil Month, the Canadian Cancer Society asks the public to spare a thought for all those who are affected by this disease and to do something concrete in the fight against cancer.



Despite progress — the survival rate is now at 63 per cent - more Canadians die of cancer than any other disease. That's why funding activities are organized throughout the month of April to help prevent cancer and fund research; it's so that one day we can win the battle against this disease that kills 210 Canadians every day.

You can contribute to the fight against cancer by purchasing a bouquet of daffodils, which are a symbol of renewal, hope and courage. You can also wear a daffodil pin as a sign of solidarity with those who are fighting for their lives; you'll be doing so along with all their families, and with the families of those who have lost their battle. You can also donate time or money or help raise funds.

Lastly, you can fight against cancer by taking care of your health and minimizing your risk of developing this disease. Even though you have no control over your age and your genes, you can control other risk factors, such as smoking, alcohol use, physical inactivity, chronic stress and sun expo-

To learn more about cancer visit www.cancer.ca.



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"This April, we honour the resiliency of those fighting back against cancer. We'd like to take a moment to recognize all our community partners working to support individuals and their families during their fight. Please support cancer research by purchasing daffodils." Mike Baker, President & CEO

Temagami appoints a weed inspector

By Jamie Mountain

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

TEMAGAMI – Temagami council has appointed bylaw officer Daryl Bell as the municipality's weed inspector.

The bylaw was approved at council's regular meeting March 25.

Temagami received a letter from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs that highlighted the provincial requirements to appoint a weed inspector under the Weed Control Act. It was noted at the meeting that Monty Cummings was previously appointed as the municipal weed inspector until his retirement in 2019.

The appointment of an inspector was overlooked until Temagami received a notification advising that if there were changes in personnel, that it was required to give an update to OMAFRA.

Councillor John Harding questioned if appointing a weed inspector was normal for smaller municipalities.

Treasurer-administrator Craig Davidson responded that "it's a position that the Ontario Ministry of Agri-

culture, Food and Rural Affairs requires. It's not common if you're in a two-tier municipal system, typically it's the upper tier that has it. We're a single-tier municipality, so it's a requirement that we have one."

Mayor Dan O'Mara questioned if the appointment was also complaint driven.

Davidson answered that it was.

"It's the same as our bylaws. If you're walking down the road and you see a noxious weed, then the weed inspector would spring into action, but typically it's complaint driven."

Notice of Study Commencement

Replacement of the ONR Overhead Bridge, Highway 11 at Earlton, (G.W.P 5101-17-00)

THE STUDY

The Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) has retained WSP Canada Inc. to complete the Detail Design and Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study for the Replacement of the Ontario Northland Railway (ONR) Overhead Bridge, Highway 11 at Earlton, within the Township of Armstrong. The study area is shown on the key plan.

THE PROCESS

During this Class EA study, alternatives for bridge replacement will be generated and evaluated, a preferred alternative will be selected, impacts assessed and mitigation measures developed.

This study will follow the approved planning process for Group 'B' projects under the Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities.

COMMENTS

Public consultation is an important part of the Class EA process. The public is encouraged to provide input at any point during the study.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français en composant 28g g82-4620, auprès de Marc St-Louis (courriel : Marc.St-Louis@wsp.com).

If you wish to be added to our study contact list or submit comments, please contact one of the Project Team members listed below:

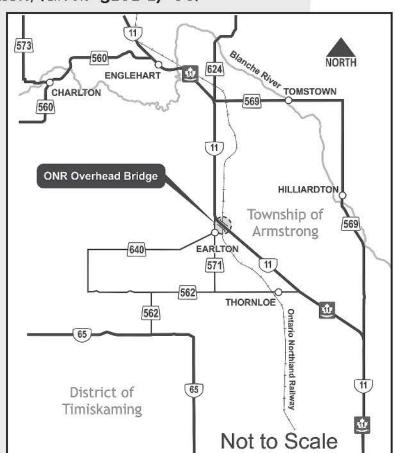
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Comments and information will be collected to assist the Ministry of Transportation in meeting the requirements of the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.* Information will be collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act.* With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.



Avis de début d'étude

Remplacement du pont d'étagement ONR de l'autoroute 11 à Earlton, (G.W.P 5101-17-00)

L'ÉTUDE

Le ministère des Transports de l'Ontario (MTO) a retenu les services de WSP Canada Inc. pour entreprendre l'étude de conception détaillée et d'évaluation environnementale de portée générale pour le remplacement du pont d'étagement ONR (Ontario Northland Railway) de l'autoroute 11 à Earlton, dans le canton d'Armstrong. La zone de l'étude est présentée sur le plan repère.

LE PROCESSUS

Dans le cadre de cette évaluation environnementale de portée générale, des solutions de rechange au remplacement du pont seront soulevées et évaluées, une solution privilégiée sera choisie, les impacts seront évalués et des mesures d'atténuation seront élaborées.

Cette étude suivra le processus de planification approuvé pour les projets du groupe « B » dans le cadre de l'Évaluation environnementale de portée générale pour les routes provinciales.

COMMENTAIRES

La consultation publique constitue un élément important du processus d'évaluation environnementale de portée générale, c'est pourquoi les membres du public sont invités à fournir leurs commentaires durant l'étude.

Des renseignements sont disponibles en français auprès de Marc St-Louis au 28g 982-4620 (courriel : Marc.St-Louis@wsp.com).

Si vous voulez être ajouté à notre liste de distribution de l'étude ou envoyer vos commentaires, veuillez prendre contact avec l'un des membres de l'équipe du projet indiqués ci-dessous :

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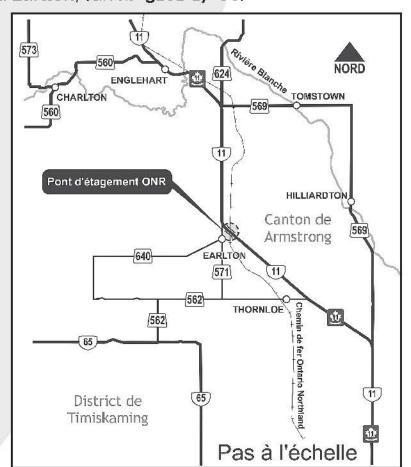
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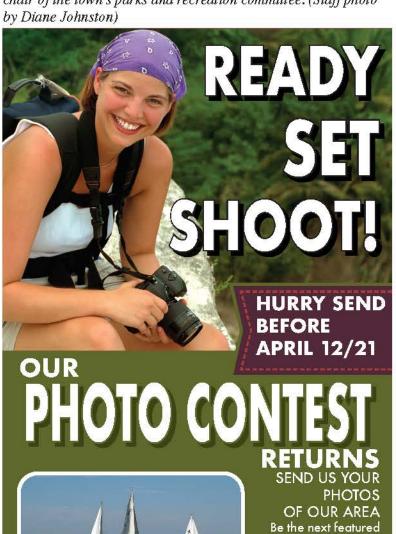
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Nous recueillons les commentaires relatifs à ce projet pour aider le ministère des Transports à respecter les exigences de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*. L'information sera recueillie conformément à la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information et la protection de la vie privée* et à la *Loi sur l'accès à l'information*. Tous les commentaires, à l'exception des renseignements personnels, feront partie du dossier public.





The sun was shining as Sam Green donned a costume and climbed aboard an ATV to join Latchford's Easter parade. The event was held "just to brighten people's day" as the pandemic and related precautions continue, said Sharon Gadoury-East, chair of the town's parks and recreation committee. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)





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Latchford hops and rides into Easter fun



The bunny of the hour paid a personal visit to Latchford as the second annual Easter parade wound its way through all the town's streets. "It brings the community together," said Vicky Gray, a.k.a. the Easter Bunny. She hoped the Easter Sunday parade would put "a smile on everybody's face during this pandemic." She was chauffeured on the route by driver Larry Wilks and passenger Bibi Tracey. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



Nine-year-old Abbygail Beck lives in Cobalt, but her grandparents live in Latchford. She and mom Cindy Brooks joined the Easter parade through the town's streets in a car decorated for the occasion but Brooks anticipated the vehicle would be decoration-free in time for work on Monday. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



HAPPY PLACE

Ryker Leroux, 2, was all smiles playing at the Carter Antila Skateboard Park with other family members March 27. It was a beautiful sunny day for outside play, but within 24 hours the region had been hit with a winter snowstorm. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Taxi services for Englehart area

ENGLEHART (Staff) - Two separate taxi businesses have been approved for licenses to operate in Englehart and area.

Englehart council approved the two applications at its council meeting Wednesday, March 24.

Randel Chesworth of R & A Taxi is located at 56 Fifth Avenue in Englehart.

Ray Goodwin of Goodwin Taxi is located on Highway 569 in Ingram Township, and has also been approved by Englehart council to operate a taxi service.



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CORRECTION

The Weekender apologizes for misidentifying Barb Gordon in this photo which ran in the April 2 Weekender. The 2020-21 season is now over at the Haileybury and New Liskeard clubs thanks to the latest pandemic developments and precautions. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Cobalt library board positions filled

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Three new people have been appointed to the Cobalt Paul Penna Library board.

Cobalt council selected Joanne Beeson, Reiner Mielke and Victoria Starchuk from among five candidates during the in-camera portion of their council meeting Tuesday, March 16.

They join existing board

members Emma Laughlin, Amy Lemoine, Colleen McNaught, Doug Wilcox, and Maggie Wil-

Librarian and chief executive officer Kendra Lacarte commented in a telephone interview that the Library Act allows the library to have a nine-member board, but the library will continue with eight for now.

The first meeting of the board with its new members was March 18.

Lacarte said she is assuming the duties of treasurer and secretary, which are typically held by the librarian in public librar-

The selection of three new board members was undertaken with the recent resignation of chair Liz Cooper and treasurer Georgette Saxton.

The town had been seeking a meeting with the board prior to that to review its responsibil-

UPDATE Timiskaming COVID-19 Vaccination Timeline Calendrier de vaccination contre la COVID-19 pour le Timiskaming

For more information visit / pour plus d'information visitez : covid-19.ontario.ca/ontarios-covid-19-vaccination-plan

WATCH FOR Clinic dates, times and location at www.timiskaminghu.com, newspaper and Facebook. SURVEILLEZ LES dates, heures et lieux des cliniques sur www.timiskaminghu.com, dans les journaux et sur Facebook.

April 4 to 10	Phase 1 of Ontario Vaccine Implementation Plan complete. Phase 2 of Provincial Plan begins.	Phase 1 - Plan de mise en œuvre des vaccins en Ontario terminé. Phase 2 - début du plan provincial.					
4 à 10 avril	Clinics for 70+ years old continue*	Les cliniques pour les personnes de 70 ans et plus continuent *					
	Clinics for residents and staff in high risk congregate settings	Cliniques pour les résidents et le personnel des lieux d'habitation collective à haut risqué.					
	Booking 65+ begins*	Début des reservations pour les personnes de 65 ans et plus*					
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***	Clinics for 65+* Booking 60+ begins*	Pour en savoir plus, visitez <u>la COVID-19 en Ontario</u> Cliniques pour les personnes de 65 ans et plus*					

*When we open clinics to new age groups, that group will remain a priority as long as needed. Additional age groups may be invited to book appointments if a clinic is not full.

*Lorsque nous ouvrons des cliniques à de nouveaux groupes d'âge, ce groupe restera une priorité aussi longtemps que nécessaire. Des groupes d'âge supplémentaires peuvent être invités à prendre des rendez-vous si une clinique n'est pas remplie.

Dates may change and will depend on vaccine supply and shipments. Les dates peuvent changer et dépendront de la disponibilité et de la livraison du vaccin.

Local COVID-19 vaccine roll-out follows the 3-Phase Ontario Vaccine Implementation Distribution Plan. Timelines depend on vaccine supply. Le déploiement local du vaccin COVID-19 suit le plan de distribution de trois phases de mise en œuvre du vaccin en Ontario. Les délais dépendent de l'approvisionnement en vaccins.





BUILDING FOOD SUPPLY

Earlton Timber Mart delivered multiple bags and boxes of non-perishable food for The Speaker's community food bank drive. Timber Mart's Tiffany Veysey, at left, turned over the donation to Lois Perry, general manager of Temiskaming Printing. Donations from drop-off locations throughout South Temiskaming support food banks serving Temagami, Haileybury, New Liskeard, Englehart, and the Cobalt, Coleman and Latchford area. The next food drive will be held in the fall. (Staff Photo)

FedNor enhances forest industry support

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tion from many places to allow better connections within the industry. Through this service "the industry and individual companies can get much further ahead," he stated.

Also present at the virtual announcement was FedNor parliamentary secretary Terry Sheehan and Canadore College president George Burton.

CANADORE

Along with the FPInnovations' announcement, Fed-Nor also is providing assistance to Canadore College with \$101,000 to enable it to assist with the pre-commercialization of a device that will offer small businesses and social organizations a user-friendly, cost-effective sterilization method to comply with public health and safety regulations. Canadore's Innovation Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Prototyping (ICAMP) is working in partnership with FEME Innovations from North Bay who came up with the creative prototype to tackle the coronavirus health crisis, the press release explained. Its invention, dubbed the UltraViolet Qube-it, was developed in response to a COVID-19 challenge sponsored by the Brazilian mining company, Vale, and is one of a dozen winning proposals from around the globe. The device could be used to sterilize many items

such as identification badges, pagers, shoes, masks and toys.

This invention was started by three students from West Ferris Secondary School - Fionna Truong, Ella Kelso, and Emily Yates - and has the potential to help people worldwide and Canadore College can help them reach that next step, Rota stated.

As well, Emile Janveaux Forest Products Ltd. will receive a repayable FedNor contribution of \$381,500 to purchase equipment to improve operational efficiency in the forest. The logging company, based in Mattawa, currently processes treetops manually. Upgrading to a mechanical process will increase efficiency as the felling, topping and delimbing would be done by one machine. As a result, this initiative will improve the company's competitiveness, while enhancing on-the-job safety for its employees.

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Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

COVID-19 and Anxiety

Anxiety is a normal reaction to uncertainty and things that may harm us. It's important to be kind to yourself. This is an anxious and stressful time for everyone and it's okay if you feel more anxious than usual. You're doing the best you can in a time when just turning on the news can feel overwhelming.

Take Action

Taking reasonable action can help you take back control and reduce anxiety. Look to trusted organizations and agencies for information about steps you can take to reduce your risk of getting sick or passing the illness on to others.

Take Care of Yourself

Eat as well as possible, exercise regularly, get enough sleep and make time for hobbies.

Stay Connected with Family and Friends

Isolating yourself from others, such as staying home from school or working from home for longer periods of time, can affect your mood. Find ways to connect with people you care about in other ways. If you can't see someone in person, you can still reach out by phone, text or video call.

Help Others If You Can

People who are more vulnerable to the COVID-19 illness may have to take extra precautions or isolate themselves more than others. Ask friends, family members, or neighbours if they need anything, such as groceries or other household needs. Checking in regularly by phone, text or video call can make a big difference.

Cut Back on the Amount of Time You Spend on Social Media and the News It's important to be informed, but constantly checking for updates or reading sensationalized stories can really take a toll on your mental health. Stick to trusted, verified news sources and limit yourself if social media or news stories increase your anxiety.

Explore Self Management Strategies

Things like mindfulness, yoga, meditation, art, or exercise to manage anxious thoughts are all helpful strategies. You can find self-management strategies for anxiety from Anxiety Canada at www.anxietycanada.com

Seek Extra Help or Support When You Need It

People feel anxious about the future at the best of times and many people have never encountered a pandemic like this before. It's okay if you need help. If you are a patient of the Temagami FHT, please call (705) 569-3244. We are still taking calls and conducting appointments over the telephone as much as possible.

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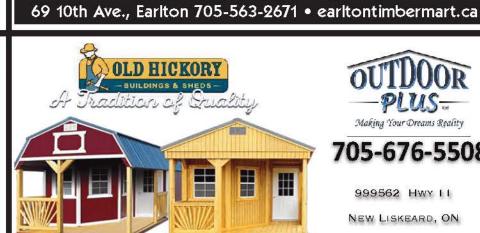
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vacation or enjoying a

to take this trip with a

group, it's possible that

some complications will

quick getaway will cross

your mind. If you planned

initiatives, each more exci-

determination, you'll

AQUARIUS

You'll enjoy wonderful moments with your family. Perhaps you'll need to work on a project together, such as planning a move or reorganizing your schedule because of work. This will cause some stres



Stress is one of the greatest health threats of the modern age; if you don take time to relax, you You should adopt a more spiritual life style that's in line with your values.



You'll display your

generosity, but there are

some who'll take advantage

of it. This will prompt you

to seek more respect from

others. Your tendency to

be outspoken will set the

record straight

GEMINI

won't be able to escape it.



CANCER

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yourself, most likely with

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LEO

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ARIES

You'll take on a renovation

project or purchase

will have a positive

quality appliances for

your home. Your friends

influence on you, helping

you to strengthen your social connections and be



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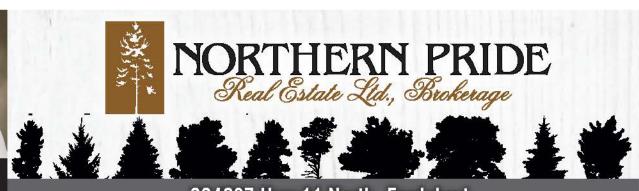
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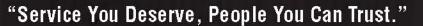
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Interest in Northern College on the rise

TIMMINS (Special) – Interest in Northern College is rising as the college announces a tentative return to a new normal in September.

In a news release, college president and CEO Audrey Penner described the growth in applications and confirmations of attendance as "remarkable," as most colleges are seeing a decline

"Our Haileybury campus has seen a 54 per cent increase in applications, Kirkland Lake is re-



AUDREY PENNER

porting a 120 per cent increase, Moosonee is up by 100 per cent and our Timmins campus is showing an increase of 43 per cent."

It's clear, she said, "that learners and their families are seeking a different experience and are making decisions indicative of that as a result of a changed world over the past year."

The news comes as the college wraps up a year of adjusted programming forced by COVID-19.

It said it intends to welcome students back to as much of a traditional learning environment as possible in the fall.

The college said it'll use "high flex options, modernized by the lessons learned from this unprecedented pandemic, barring any unforeseen changes in the pandemic situation between now and September."

"Northern College has always led the way in terms of distance learning, which resulted in our ability to quickly pivot to broader online offerings during the pandemic," Penner said.

"The high quality of our programs and the impressive rating of the student experience were both validated through our internal student satisfaction and course feedback."

Some 4,714 students, most of whom were learning online, were polled.

The college reported satisfaction rates in a variety of categories including classroom experiences, faculty knowledge and student treatment, along with a high approval of the use and implementation of technology.

"The hands-on components of programs, shops, labs, and clinics used in hybrid delivery are well developed and Northern's faculty are excellent at weaving theory and practice together for a holistic learning experience — one that is clearly resonating with our students and appreciated by them, "Penner said.

TRADES PROGRAMMING

In the summer of 2020, the college was one of a few chosen by the province to test delivery of select on-site programming in trades.

The college said the experience set Northern ahead of schedule for the efficient implementation of physical distancing practices.

In one case, materials were moved into an unused student pub so that separate stations could be established at even greater distances than before.

When it comes to the college's wellness procedures, Penner said its smaller classes and the ingenuity of its faculty served Northern well.

"We implemented a pre-screen electronic check feature almost overnight due to a staff member who worked around the clock to make it happen, and it has proved highly beneficial to curbing the transmission of COVID-19."

Earlier this year, Northern declared itself Canada's kindest college, and pointed to its bursary programming as an example.

"We issue bursaries to our students three times a year in order to support students as they work to complete their studies and pay for life," said Nicole Gingras, the college's alumni and foundations officer.

"This winter semester alone, we gave over \$340,000 to our deserving students."

It issued 382 bursaries in the latter half of 2020 as well as support funding to help students deal with the impact of the pandemic on their ability to work and study.



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