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Elections 101



By *Chloe Kneer* – While Canadian politics may not be as tabloid splashy as American politics, both countries are gearing up for federal elections. With the October 19 federal election looming, this is the longest campaign period in recent history for Canada. (The Americans won't go to the polls until November, 2016, to elect a new president. Talk about getting a head start!)

Canadian election laws require a minimum thirty-seven day campaign period, with no maximum. Elections Canada estimates that a five-week campaign would cost about \$375 million. With this being an eleven-week run, that number will be considerably higher.

Hopefully, the longer campaign period will engage more voters and reverse

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Photos Are Funny Stuff

Long before the 'selfie,' we had a thing we called a 'photograph' and some were very funny. Irma Bombeck was famous for saying: "When you look like your passport photo, it's time to go home." (As the title of one of her books explained - The Grass Is Always Greener Over The Septic Tank - she also knew a lot about homes.)

And it's true. Some days when you're travelling and being battered about by flight delays, lost luggage and surly customs officers - the only source of laughter is your passport photo. My passport photo looks like it should come with a police warning: "Do not approach or attempt to apprehend." While posing for a passport photo they tell you how to look, never ever smile and how much the whole process to get the document is going to cost. That's why when you finally get your passport you look like you're either too angry to board a plane or too sick to travel.

You're probably wondering why newspapers insist on including the columnist's photo at the top of the 850-word opinion editorial just like the one you're reading. It gives the reader a target to deface when he or she doesn't like what you have to say.

Editors love a columnist's photo. Several use mine as the 50-point centre on the dart board in the lunch room and quite a few enjoy slowly, painfully cutting my head off, one little crop at a time. This has happened. Once I received a column I wrote about religion in the mail

at the office of the newspaper and yeah, there really was a cork in it! I once had a set of columns laid on a sheet of ice inside a pen containing three fat ducks with my photos being the targets of their scatological displeasure but hey ... enough about the great Canadian sport of curling. Compared to the vile insult industry the Internet has created, this was all pretty tame stuff.

I used to get my own column photo mailed back to me with a black eye inked in with a magic marker, a missing front tooth, a Salvador Dali moustache and an unhappy face with the edges of my mouth turned down. Strangely, this stopped after my mother passed away. There's a photo of President George W. Bush, the Commander in Chief of the U.S. Military in his spiffy air cadet uniform declaring an end to all major combat in Iraq. Two thousand body bags later, the medals on his flight jacket look a little tarnished.

There's a photo of Prime Minister Stephen Harper wearing an ill-fitting cowboy hat that makes him look like the jilted cowpoke in Brokeback Mountain. It's not his best side. He's sitting on it. Then there are two photos of Michael Jackson, one from the Thriller album when he's the most handsome kid in America and one ten years later when he looks like whatever peeked out of the cockpit window in Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

My favourite is a photo taken in the 50s

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on Cuba's only golf course near Varadero Beach. President Fidel Castro and the great revolutionary Che Guevara are putting out on the 18th green. I never cease to marvel at this picture. They're both quite focused on Che stroking the ball; they're both wearing army fatigues and military berets and they're both holding putters where their rifles would normally be. Two of the world's greatest revolutionaries just trying to save par. I can't help thinking what the world would be like if both of them had received golf scholarships to an American university. Castro might have spent his career being chased by PGA golfers instead of the CIA. My favourite photo story is still the one about the elderly lady in a San Diego camera shop which I heard on Paul Harvey News. The photographer behind the counter was getting a little antsy as the woman poured out her life story and that of her much loved, long dead husband. She had come in to inquire about having a very old photo of him touched up during the shop's "Restoration Special."

Finally she got around to discussing how she wanted the photo fixed. The mole on his cheek had to go. And that moustache, he looked so much more handsome without it. Again, no problem. She gushed over his good looks. "He had such a thick, black head of hair covered up by that damn hat," she said. The hat had to be removed. "Do you have another photo of him?" asked the photographer. "No, this is the only one I have" she replied. "Then how will I know on which side to part his hair?" he asked. "Oh, it's been so long I forget," she said, staring at the photo. "But that shouldn't matter," she added, smiling and pleased that she had solved the problem. "Because once you get his hat off you'll be able to see where the part is." Only some pictures really are worth a thousand words.

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to www.williamthomas.ca

Espanola Police Report

The Espanola Police Service are investigating a break, enter and theft at the Espanola Ski Club, and are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible. Between July 14 and July 16, unknown person(s) entered the main chalet at the ski club by breaking a window. Once inside, they damaged a cash register, and stole three boxes of Pogos, one box of frozen hamburgers, and five boxes of Sabatso's brand pizza singles from a freezer.

On July 18 at 8:55 p.m., the driver of a westbound Greyhound Bus contacted the O.P.P. to request assistance in removing a passenger from the bus who was smoking. As the O.P.P. were unable to intercept the bus before it reached Espanola, officers from the Espanola Police Service met the bus as it arrived at its stop on Tudhope Street. In speaking to the male who was suspected of smoking, police discovered that in addition to being wanted by the South Bruce O.P.P. on several warrants, he was also in breach of his Recognizance of Bail, which confined him to his residence in Walkerton, Ontario, except for specific reasons. Based on the information they received, officers arrested the male for Breach of Recognizance, and while leading him to the police station, the male became combative, pulling away from, and kicking at officers, resulting in officers pulling him to the ground until he calmed down. Once calm, officers continued to lead him to the police station, where he was placed in the cells. While in the cells, the male spit in the direction of officers, and threatened to return to Espanola once released, and get back at the officer who arrested him. Within an hour of being incarcerated, the male became ill, and revealed that just prior to his encounter with police, he had ingested a quantity of crack cocaine, methamphetamine, and ecstasy. As a result, paramedics were called and the male was transported to the hospital for assessment. The following morning, the male was released from the hospital back into police custody, and while being escorted out of the hospital, he again threatened to kill the police officer who had arrested him, and spit on the door of the hospital while being led out; in the police car, the male urinated in the back seat. On July 20, the male appeared in Sudbury Bail Court to answer to charges of: Assault Peace Officer; Adult Fail to Comply with Probation Order; Fail to Comply with Recognizance; Uttering Threats (3 counts); Resist Peace Officer; and Mischief to Property (2 counts). The 27 year old from Walkerton, Ontario, pled guilty at his bail hearing, and received a sentence of 90 days incarceration.

Anyone with information on any of these crimes call Espanola Police Service at (705) 869-3251 or remain anonymous by calling Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers locally at (705) 222-TIPS (8477) or toll free at 1-800-461-4899

Bear Encounters On The Rise: What To Do

The Ministry of Natural Resources operates a toll-free Bear Reporting line twenty-four hours a day from April to November. The number is 1-866-514-2327. This number is for non-emergency encounters with bears. Lately, however, municipal police forces have been tasked with putting more and more bears down as their food supply in the wild this summer is scarce. There have been several cases in Sudbury and at least one incident in Barrie where bears have been foraging in residential neighbourhoods and eventually have broken down doors of homes in

search of food for themselves and their young. The Bear Wise program has educated residents for years on prevention methods for keeping bears away from populated areas. Tips include not putting garbage out until the morning of collection, not using bird feeders in the summer months, freezing meat scraps and other attractive foods until garbage day and keeping barbecues clean. In other words, eliminate tempting odours to keep the bears at bay. This year, however, the rules seemed to have changed. Bears have shown that they will forage

for food outdoors and will, if need be, make their way into homes if food supply outdoors is inadequate. The MNR offers the following safety tips in areas where bears are prevalent: never approach the bear to get a better look; do not attempt to feed a bear; anticipate and avoid encounters; know what to do if you encounter a bear; learn about bears and their behaviour; when outdoors, supervise children and pets, never leaving them unattended. If you encounter a bear, follow this advice: stay calm, as often the bear is simply passing through; do

not run away, walk towards a building or vehicle and get inside; bring children and pets inside too; once indoors, observe the bear; encourage the bear to leave by banging pots and pans, or blowing an air horn or whistle, the more stressful a bear's encounter with you, the less likely it is to come back; if the bear got food (like garbage or bird food), remove the food once the bear leaves, as often they will return to places where they have found food, once they do not get food, they move on. If you come across an aggressive bear that will not leave, call 911.

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the trend of declining voter turnout. The 2008 election saw the lowest percentage of registered voter turnout at just 58.8%. 2011 had a bit of a bump with 61.1% of registered voters turning out. Statistics can be slightly deceiving, however, as although the number of registered voters casting a ballot has dropped, as a percentage of the population, the number of registered voters has actually gone up; the highest number of registered voters, as a percentage of population, was in 2004 when

nearly 75% of Canadians were registered to vote. This is largely attributable to an aging population and a steep decline in the number of Canadians under the age of eighteen. Those under the age of twenty-five are least likely to vote as they are the least likely to be engaged in politics and amongst the least educated about politics. Advance voting will take place October 9, 10, 11 and 12 with regular voting October 19. To see if you are registered and to find your polling place, visit www.elections.ca.

Espanola Town Council Report

By Chloe Kneer – The highly anticipated KPMG Service Delivery Review presentation that was scheduled just before the regular meeting of Espanola Town Council last week had to be cancelled due to an illness in the lead advisor's family. As of press time, the presentation has not been rescheduled.

The water meter survey was presented to Council with information and recommendations by EXP, the firm that conducted the study. According to EXP, in the period from 2008-2013, Espanola's water consumption has steadily declined year over year. Forty-nine percent of the municipality's water usage is residential and both residential and commercial users pay monthly flat fees. EXP explained that switching to water meters would: measure the volume of water used at each location; identify leaks in systems; make users accountable; extend the life of existing water/waste facilities; improve equitability for water users. The current data collection system doesn't allow for accurate determinations of: residential use; commercial use; industrial use; or institutional use.

EXP says the recommended switch to water meters would cost the Town of Espanola about \$1.3 million, not including the special handling of asbestos pipes or town staff wages to make the transition. It was noted that, as was the case in North Bay and Gore Bay, the town could possibly recover two-thirds of that

initial cost through federal gas tax funding. Current annual operational costs for billing are \$18,000. If meters were installed, there would be a roughly \$10,000 increase to around \$28,000/year. EXP says the base rate, which would account for 40% of the annual water and sewer operational costs, would drop to \$41/month. Users would then pay an additional \$1.26/cubic metre of water consumed. The average four person household consumes around 44 cubic metres/month, making their bill roughly the same as the current flat rate of around \$100.

In the meantime, EXP recommends decreasing the residential flat rate by 2% and increasing the commercial rate by 15%, meaning residents could see a \$1.96 reduction in their monthly bills, while businesses will pay approximately \$34 more. Council made no decision on the matter.

It was announced that Espanola will benefit from improvements to drinking and wastewater management systems thanks to funding from the government of Ontario through the Small Communities Fund.

The town will replace existing sewer lines to limit ground water infiltration and reduce the wastewater treatment costs. In addition, the water main's cast iron will be replaced to ensure cleaner drinking water. Espanola will share \$1.8 million in funding with Blind River for the upgrades.

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Elections 101: Candidates Wrap Up



Espanola resident Heather Wilson is running for the federal Liberals in Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing. She and her husband operated local Widgawa Lodge for fifteen years. She has been active in the community as treasurer and president of the Espanola Ski Hill and a volunteer at A.B. Ellis Public School and the Espanola Public Library. Wilson's education includes a Bachelor's degree in English and Women's Studies as

well as a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on Gender Equality and Social Justice. She is part of Team Trudeau, in Justin Trudeau's bid for Prime Minister. As a party, the Liberals are promising "real change." Their main focus is on families with a revamped Canada Child Benefit and tax cuts for the middle class. On their website, www.liberal.ca, voters can input their information to see what sort of benefit they would receive under the Liberal platform.



The NDP's Carol Hughes is aiming for a third term in Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing. Hughes was elected in 2008 to represent AMK. As part of Tom Mulcair's team, Hughes says she will continue to fight for northern Ontario residents' jobs, as well as infrastructure and tourism. She has been a voice in the call for an inquiry into the murders and disappearances of indigenous

women. Prior to being elected MP, Hughes was a regional representative for the Canadian Labour Congress. The NDP hopes to make childcare more affordable for families by capping daily fees at \$15, introducing a lower tax rate for small businesses and strengthening laws to protect the environment. To see the full NDP platform, their website is www.ndp.ca.



Conservative candidate André Robichaud hopes to represent Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing. Robichaud is the Economic Development Officer for the Town of Kapuskasing and owns the website www.OntarioNorthLiving.ca, a site which connects renters with property owners in northern Ontario. A vote for Robichaud is in support of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, whose platform consists of cutting

taxes and reinstating a home renovation tax credit for homeowners. Robichaud has stated that his campaign will focus on working with First Nations for responsible resource development, creating jobs, tax relief for families, keeping retirement affordable and protecting the rights of gun owners. To learn more about the Conservative party, visit www.conservative.ca.

As of press time, the AMK riding did not have a Green Party candidate. Visit www.greenparty.ca to stay up to date.

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Recipe

It's that time of year when people who have planted zucchini, go out to their garden and discover that overnight a gigantic squash has appeared. It happens to me every year.



They are past the small size that you can grill or add to a stir fry and you're not sure what to do with it. I hate to see it go to waste but they often end up in my composter. There are the usual loaves and muffins that you can make, but I was happy to find this recipe for something different to do with them. The secret to this recipe is to get as much moisture out of the zucchini as possible or you'll end up with a sloppy mess. It's a great way to sneak a vegetable into your child's diet and for added nutritional value you can use whole wheat flour. I like them dipped in sour cream or ranch dressing but some like to omit the parmesan cheese and drizzle maple syrup over them.

Easy Zucchini Fritters

- ❖ 1 1/2 pounds zucchini, grated
- ❖ 1 teaspoon salt
- ❖ 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- ❖ 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ❖ 1 large egg, beaten
- ❖ 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ❖ salt and ground black pepper to taste
- ❖ 2 tablespoons olive oil

Toss zucchini and salt together in a large colander and place in sink to drain for 10 minutes. Put zucchini in the middle of a piece of cheesecloth; wrap cheesecloth around zucchini and squeeze to drain as much moisture from zucchini as possible. Mix flour, Parmesan cheese, egg, garlic, kosher salt, and pepper together in a large bowl. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Scoop batter by the tablespoon into the hot skillet and fry until golden brown, about 2 minutes per side. Serve with sour cream, ranch dressing or maple syrup.



COMMUNITY NOTES

Children's Clothes Closet – Calvary Baptist Church, Espanola, Wednesday, August 19 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Sizes newborn to 6X.

Fibre Art Coral Reef Project Meetings – Thursday, August 20 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, September 3 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Espanola Public Library. Call Jody for information at 705-583-2326.

Next Community Kitchen Luncheon - August 25 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No charge. Everyone welcome.

Massey Area Museum 32nd Annual Art Show - Opening ceremony at 1:00 pm. on Saturday, August 15. Finger foods and beverages will be served. Open to the public each day. Show closes on August 29.

Espanola Curling Club Fundraisers – BBQ Thursday, Friday, Saturday, September 3-5 outside FreshCo. Fish fry and silent auction Friday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets available from club members or by calling 705-869-6237.

French And English Story Hour Registration – Wednesday, September 9 at 9:00 a.m. at the Espanola Public Library.

Espanola Sea Cadets - Every Wednesday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Espanola Legion starting September 9. Free leadership, seamanship and physical fitness training for youth, ages 12-18. Call 705-862-7700.

Massey and Area Museum - Educational and fun experience for children. In each room, you must find Sam of the Sauble's hiding place. Every child who tours the museum will receive a free large freezie and a ballot for a weekly draw for a McDonalds kid's meal.

Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank - The food bank needs volunteers. If you would like more information, call 705-583-3045 Wednesdays between the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PD Day Camp 2015-16 – At Queensway Pentecostal Church, pre-registration required for ages 6-12. Runs 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on school PD days starting September 28. Crafts, stories, daily activity options, limited spaces. Call Angela Phibbs at 705-869-1700 for more information.

The Good Food Box - Benefit from the savings of wholesale prices and increase healthy choices! Get the Good Food Box every month in Espanola, Nairn and Massey. Call 705-521-6717 x.104 for more information.

Yoga (Chair Style) – At the Espanola Elks Hall Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 11:00 a.m. (30 minute classes).

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their upcoming events in writing no later than **Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.**
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Youth Fishing Tournament This Weekend



to enable youth to fish in a competitive atmosphere; AYA's main priority being to educate and introduce youth to competitive fishing with the help of friends and family. Registration is open now and prizes will be awarded to all who enter. The main prizes consist of: first, a Lund

boat, motor and trailer package; second, a Clam complete ice fishing package; third, a big game processing package; fourth, a professional hunting package; and fifth, a camping package. For details and registration information, call 705-936-7155 or gunsablazen.mb@gmail.com.

Safari Club International Foundation (SCIF) and Lund Anglers and Young Anglers (AYA) are hosting their fishing tournament this Saturday, August 22 at Espanola Bay on Agnew Lake, McKerrow. Only fifty teams are allowed to register, with each team consisting of an adult captain and two partners aged 17 years or younger. The tournament is a full day of fishing, designed

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