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Espanola's 10 Year
Recreation Plan – 41
Recommendations In All**

Take Our Survey

The proposed Espanola Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan provides a comprehensive and sustainable multi-year framework of short (1-3 years), medium (4-6 years) and longer-term (7+ years) priorities for the development and enhancement of sport and recreation, as well as community quality of life, in the Town of Espanola.

It was presented last week at council chambers and is the first of its kind for Espanola.

Many of the recommendations, there are 41 in all, if implemented, can be expected to extend well beyond the time line of 10 years – particularly as it relates to decisions regarding capital investment and plans.

Recommendations range from extending the Al Secord Trail to more literacy

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programs with the library to developing a Recreation and Leisure Guide for the Town. One of the most important recommendations is to undertake a detailed User Fee Study to confirm the true cost of service for the delivery of recreation (facilities and programs), and in completing that study, ensuring rates are reasonable for users, but also cover all costs.

The study also suggests revamping the Red McCarthy Ball Fields to accommodate all inclusive park facilities, including BMX, skateboarding and so much more; the re-establishment of a recreation committee which includes community members and more diverse program development.

And, with population and demographics changes, as well as changes in the delivery of programs and services, the study stresses it is imperative to evaluate the Town's recreation delivery system – that is, identify the issues, opportunities and challenges. The draft plan put together

by Sierra Planning and Management included consultation with the public, stakeholders, Town staff and Council as well as an analysis of Town's assets, facility revenues and expenditures, facility conditions and standards of provision based on population and participation data.

The Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan is a municipal guidance document designed to further effective planning, budgeting and implementation.

The public can review the 75-pages on the Town's website at espanola.ca from Thursday, July 13th to Thursday, July 27th.

Public comments are more than welcome and will be taken into consideration before the final plan is drafted for presentation to council and the public, which could be as early as mid-August.

The survey is available on line also. The comments will be accepted until July 27th and will be used to put together the final draft for council review.

Paddling For A Great Cause - Papertown Paddlers Help Hospice



Photo: Back - Cheryl Kennelly, Jerry Brown, Rob Haarmeyer, Cody Collins, Rob Parsons, Brandon Boomhower, Todd Yusko, Robbin MacDonald, Steven Price, Terry Franklin, Alex Smith, Everett McVety
Front - Bobbie Mandigo, Dianna Boivin, Mike Boivin, Marcella Yusko, Denise Thibeault, Meaghan Maher, Lianne Tessier, Teri Lacey, Diana St. Pierre (missing, Jacqueline Fuller Tasse) Photo provided by Bobbie-Jean Mandigo and used with full permissions

The Sudbury Dragon Boat Races were held over the weekend and the Espanola and North Shore area were well represented by the Papertown Paddlers.

Participant, Rob Haarmayer says the team made up of a mix of friends and supporters for the Sudbury Hospice Foundation took second in the first race, first in the second and third in their final third race.

They ranked 17th out of 41 teams, but what is more important to them is that a total of \$61,000 was raised by everyone who took part in this year's event.

The funds will go towards expanding Maison McCulloch Hospice. The 3-year \$5.1 million dollar STAND BY

ME Campaign will fund the Hospice expansion project, as well as renovations to the existing building.

As a result of support from the St. Joseph's Health Centre, the 4-acre property at 1028 South Bay Road is now large enough to accommodate 10 additional beds, with ample space for programming, as well as parking for families and visitors.

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If power equals money, then absolute power equals at least \$100 billion and maybe as much as \$200 billion for Russian dictator Vladimir Putin who owns several palaces, four yachts and 58 aircraft, all purchased and maintained on a presidential salary of \$115,000 a year. This makes the \$20 billion Ferdinand Marcos stole from the Philippines look like chump change. Either Putin's got the greatest investment banker on the planet or he's the biggest thief in history.


Then there's the 2017 Forbes list of the world's richest men – Bill Gates at \$86 billion, Warren Buffet at \$75 billion, Amazon's Jeff Bezos at \$73 billion and my favourite, Carlos Helu, a fat guy from Mexico named "Slim."

There's also the faux rich, poor people who spend as if they're crazy rich. Actor Johnny Depp who normally earns \$20 million for a really bad movie is

now bankrupt and suing TMG, his management group for \$25 million. To the contrary, TMG point to several of Depp's spending irregularities such as \$75 million annually to maintain 14 residences including a 45-acre chateau in Southern France, several houses and penthouses in Hollywood, a chain of islands with airstrips in the Caribbean and a horse farm in Kentucky. Depp spent \$18 million for a 150-foot yacht, untold millions on luxury airfare and 45 classic vehicles and ... and yes, this is where the word 'extravagance' applies ... \$3 million for a custom-made cannon to blast the cremated ashes of whack job author Hunter Thompson over the town of Aspen, Colorado. Between the ashes, the cocaine and the snow-making machines, it was quite the blizzard in Aspen that day.

So how come when you see Johnny Depp in an interview, he's always cheery and mellow? That's because he spends \$30,000 a month on wine. This guy better not be drinking "Two Buck Chuck" otherwise his liver is about to explode and straighten out his hair! By comparison, in just nine years, Las Vegas' greatest lounge lizard Wayne

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Newton went from being “the highest paid entertainer in the world” to \$20 million in debt and singing “Danke Schoen” in bowling alleys.

Now we come to the loony rich. These are people who have accumulated mountains of money from questionable sources at about the same rate the poor amass problems. Many of these people are highlighted in Kevin Kwan’s new book *Rich People Problems*.

Kwan refers to them as Chindocrats – Chinese + Indonesian + Aristocrat – a particularly affluent and arrogant elite. These are people who have their Boeing 747’s outfitted with in-flight spas offering seaweed exfoliating body wraps and fly to Tanzania to pick up Golden Flowery Broken Orange Pekoe Tea. Chindocrats have no qualms about outfitting their young daughters in Giambattista Valli designed dresses at \$175,000 each.

These are people who adorn their aquariums with only Arowana, a red, scaly, carp-looking creature that is the most expensive pet on earth. And after a few years, when their prize Arowana starts to develop a droopy eye, these people ... did I mention I’m not making any of this up? ... these people hire a special plastic surgeon to give the fish a face-lift. And no, I checked, it’s not that Toronto eye doctor who billed us \$550,000 a month, but I’ll betcha’ right about now he’s looking into “gill enhancements” and “dorsal tucks.”

The rich spend their money on things that would make a blue-blooded royal blush. Like Jay Z and Beyoncé spending \$200,000 on their daughter

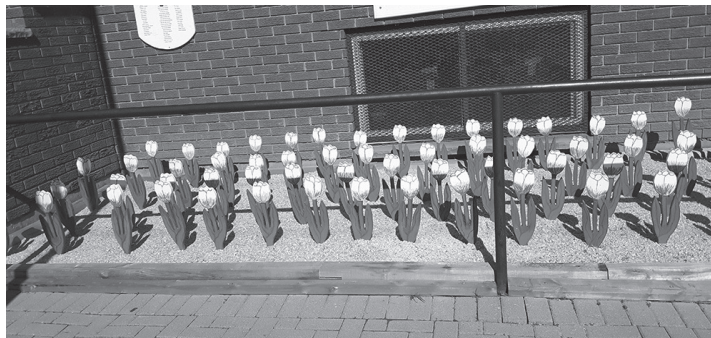
Ivy’s first birthday party that included \$95,000 for pink and white roses, \$30,000 in toys, \$80,000 on a custom-made, diamond-encrusted Barbie doll and a \$2,400 cake. Do these people even have a clue as how to bargain? For instance, you beat the florist down to \$92,500 for the flowers and you could buy a \$2,500 cheese wheel just like the one Johnny Legend bought for his wife as a Christmas present. Shave \$1,500 off the toys and you can buy \$1.8 million worth of Triscuits, enough to accommodate the cheese wheel.

Paris Hilton paid \$325,000 for a dog house. Seriously, did Sparky need both a balcony and a chandelier? Miley Cyrus forked out \$125,000 for a Range Rover Sport that’s used exclusively for her dogs. Apparently it’s so roomy, Miley can barely reach the dashboard with her tongue! Be neat if one of those dogs really is named Rover!

When I heard about Celine Dion’s \$2 million humidifier and Lady Gaga’s \$50,000 backstage ghost detector and Madonna’s \$10,000 monthly expenditure for holy water, I almost ... I almost had to make a run for Kanye West’s \$750,000 gold-plated toilet. According to Oxfam’s latest tally, 1% of the world’s richest people have now amassed as much wealth as the other 99% of us. Although they’re hoarding all the world’s wealth, the really rich are still a long way from cornering the market on brains.

For comments, ideas and copies of *The Legend of Zippy Chippy*, go to www.williamthomas.ca

Massey Legion Celebrates Canada’s 150th Anniversary with Wooden Tulip Flower Bed



Royal Canadian Legion Massey Branch 432 has made a flower bed of wooden Tulips to Celebrate Canada’s 150th Anniversary. The tulip committee led by Phyllis Kutschke went with the theme of, Thinking of you

Thinking of me.

The tulips were a fund raiser and were received very well by the Community. Thoughts of Veterans, Parents, Siblings, Friends and most of all just because.

Caring Charity Closes Its Doors – Espanola Royal Purple Officially Disbanding After Six Decades Of Service



Photo: Mike Dunn, chair of the foundation board, accepts a cheque from the Ladies of the Royal Purple in Espanola to go towards the new Espanola Therapeutic Park. Photo by Terri Noble.

A bittersweet gathering took place last week in Espanola when a long-time charitable group handed out its last dollars to various organizations before officially disbanding.

The women of the Espanola Royal Purple have officially disbanded after 63 years. With only eight members, the ladies were no longer able to continue providing their charitable services to the community. The women’s group is the female arm of the Espanola Elks and was formed in Espanola back in 1954.

In its’ heyday, the organization had well over 50 members, catered many functions and was well known for its delicious

dishes. The ladies also assisted with various events from the popular annual Elks Canada Day Picnic to bingos and helped out the community with countless events from baby to wedding showers to memorials and award dinners.

The money they raised always went to local area people and groups, which needed the help.

As part of disbanding the group, they made several donations before officially closing the books, \$17,800 in all, including \$5,400 to the Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation (\$4,000 for the park, \$1,400 for another foundation program), \$4,000 to the Northern Cancer Foundation for the Sam Bruno PET Scan, \$3,400 to the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank, and several smaller donations to the recent victims of house fires in Espanola, the Sunshine Quilts for Cancer, Diabetes Education Program, Autism Society, Muscular Dystrophy and Easter Seals, as well as scholarships to both Espanola High and Ecole Franco-Ouest Secondaire.

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Recipe

I love mushrooms and I love Bruschetta, combine the two and I'm a happy girl. My friend made these for our mutual friend's

Birthday party and we gobbled them up. They were so tasty that I have made them twice since. This is the original recipe as found. I have to confess that I cheat; I put the filling in immediately and grill it all together from the start. I use feta cheese and diced onion as opposed to garlic, due to personal preference, but feel free to make the bruschetta filling anyway you usually enjoy it.

Grilled Bruschetta Portobello Mushrooms

- 3 tablespoons olive oil, plus extra for greasing grill pan
- 4 large Portobello mushrooms (about 5 inches in diameter), stemmed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
- 1 clove of garlic, minced or finely diced sweet onion
- Splash of balsamic vinegar
- 3 small to medium sized vine ripened tomatoes, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 8 oz diced feta or mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil leaves

Prepare the barbecue (medium-high heat).

Using a spoon, scoop out the gills of the mushroom caps and remove the stems and discard. Drizzle 3 tablespoons of olive oil over both sides of the mushrooms. Sprinkle the mushrooms with salt and pepper. Drizzle olive oil on grill pan to prevent mushrooms from sticking. Grill until the mushrooms are heated through and tender, about 5 minutes per side. Meanwhile, whisk the extra-virgin olive oil and garlic in a medium bowl to blend. Add the tomatoes, cheese, and basil and toss to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Divide the tomato and cheese mixture into each cap, cover and grill for about 3 minutes or until cheese has melted.



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