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No Word On Funding For Huron Central Railway: Huron Central Railway Hopes To Get Its Finances Back On Track



By Rosalind Russell - In late October the company has said it needs money and assistance to keep the line between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie open or it could shut down the line in the immediate future. However, this isn't a recent problem. Back in April of this year, city council in Sault Ste. Marie heard about the railway woes. Genessee & Wyoming Canada, the parent company of Huron Central Railway Inc., claims it needs between \$5 million - \$6 million annually to keep its infrastructure in shape on its 278 km of rail line to, in turn, keep industry products and supplies running to the region's major industries. The 44-employee rail carrier's ask of federal and provincial funders is a combined \$46 million over five years for the 278-kilometre of track. Three major regional companies - Essar Steel in Sault Ste. Marie, Domtar in Espanola and Eacom in Nairn Centre - make up about 88 per cent of Huron Central's business. All three provided letters of support to the rail

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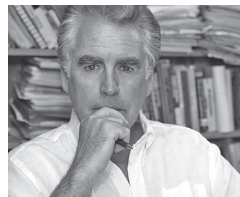
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Beware Of Catty Song Lyrics. They Bite!

Whereas pop star Meghan Trainor is "all about da base, bout the base, no treble," when it comes to listening to music, I'm all about the lyrics.

Leonard Cohen's Closing Time could well be a scene set in a rundown Italian bistro in a Federico Fellini movie. "All the women tear their blouses off. And the men they dance on the polka-dots. And it's partner found, it's partner lost. And it's hell to pay when the fiddler stops. It's closing time."

Paul Quarrington, pushing through life during its most difficult times: "Driving hard, like lake effect snow."

I believe my respect for words in music harks back to Harry Chapin, not so much a writer of songs, but a painter of pictures that moved across the screen of your brain like mini-movies of the mind.

Harry Chapin's Better Place To Be is more than a song and more than a poem. "The waitress took her bar rag. And wiped it across her eyes. She said, I wished that I was beautiful. Or that you were halfway blind. And I wished I weren't so doggone fat. I wish that you were mine." It's a romantic tragedy that sets an indelible film scene in your head. I can still see the tandem truck that Harry wrote about spinning out of control down the hill that leads to Scranton, Pennsylvania

spilling 30,000 pounds of bananas along the way in which the driver's life was lost. "Yes, we have no bananas, today," comes to mind. But sometimes the messages sent by the words of songs are mixed at best and occasionally diabolic. I think the lyrics to John Lennon's Imagine served as a love song to the planet, an eloquent survival guide for humanity, a Hail Mary pass for peace. Turns out he wrote it as his very own "Communist manifesto." What the hell do I know?

My faith in good verse was shattered yet again when I'm driving along the windy road that hugs Lake Erie and this lovely song comes on the radio. Rude. Not a great title, but the guy's got a beautiful, soft tortured voice and I like it immediately. That is until I listen to the lyrics. "Why you gotta be so rude? Don't you know I'm human too? Why you gotta be so rude? I'm going to marry her anyway." Not exactly off to a rollicking start with this young man's future father-in-law after having just asked for his daughter's hand in marriage. Dad's response: "Tough luck, my friend, but no still means no." Ouch!!

So I barely recover from that when Adele comes on the radio with her hit single Hello sung in a voice that sounds like God, Himself: "Hello, it's me. I was wondering if after all

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these years you'd like to meet. To go over everything. They say that time is supposed to heal ya. But I ain't done much healing." Never mind that this phone call is coming from a woman still wounded by some heinous crime you committed, like forgetting about an anniversary ... think about what she's proposing here. Now that things have settled down and everybody has moved on, Adele wants to dig up the body and then do a postmortem examination. Oh yeah, let's pick over the bones again; there's sure to be some meaty blame left on them. After a failed relationship that was all his fault, that's exactly what guys want to do – go over everything and rehash all the gory details, like the plates you dodged on the way out the door and the slow drive down the street on four slashed tires. Yeah, let's relive that final descent into hell and see if we can't find something

positive or even a lesson or two. Oh and Adele – time does not heal ya. What heals ya is alcohol and a lookalike voodoo of your 'ex' that comes with dull needles. Adele, if you had any clue as to how guys think (I know, I'm taking a big leap there on behalf of guys everywhere.) you would rewrite that opening stanza to read something like this: "Hello, it's me. I was wondering if after all these years you'd like to meet in a public place and have a great big nasty fight. Harsh words and personal accusations, profane language, awkward shoving and rude gestures made from the backseats of separate police cruisers. How's Tuesday late afternoon after my Pilates class?" Sorry and I hope that didn't sound bitter.

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

Strategic Plan Update continues in Sable-Spanish Rivers Township

The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers is hosting one more public session focusing on the Strategic Plan for Economic Development.

Township Economic Development Officer Kelli Hansson says the next focus group session will take place Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00pm at the Webbwood Eagles Club.

Hansson adds the final focus group session is looking for input from health and wellness organizations, businesses, sports and recreation groups and anyone who has not been able to attend a previous meeting. To comment or for more information, call Hansson at: 705-865-2646 or email: khansson@sables-spanish.ca.

Annual Christmas Exchange

Are you looking for Christmas decorations for your home or to decorate your float for the Christmas Parade? The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank will be holding the Annual Christmas Exchange on Saturday, November 18th at the Recreation Complex from 9:00am to noon. Gently used Christmas decorations will be available in exchange for

a food or monetary donation to the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank. If you have Christmas decorations to donate such as ornaments, lights, old trees, bring them to the Complex on November 17 during operating hours. If you have decorations to donate, but would like them to be picked up, please call Teresa at 705-869-1597.

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operator.

Company officials say while federal and provincial government infusions of cash between 2010 and 2015 have helped improve infrastructure along the rail line, Huron Central considers itself "in survival mode" because profits are insufficient to enable sustainable capital investment to maintain and rehabilitate the line.

Increased compliance costs like insurance and crossing regulations and the end of government funding have drained Huron Central's finances, the report to council stated.

Huron Central says its current volumes don't provide the additional revenue needed to keep the railway lines in shape.

It's looking for public funding to help maintain the rail lines.

While the city couldn't financially support Huron Central's endeavours, it did unanimously pass a resolution supporting the company's efforts to secure the funding necessary to provide the short line freight service between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury.

At that time, Louis Gravel, president of the company, called the support "critical."

Moves have already been made asking the federal and provincial government for \$8 million, he said. "The financial backing is needed for another five years and it's believed that a brighter future for the mining industry will result in increased shipping tonnage and more revenue for Huron Central to become self-sustaining."

Huron Central says, "its service provides lower costs for manufacturing customers to move its products as opposed to truck usage, decreases the cost of road maintenance, reduces environmental costs and provides safer roads."

Saving Huron Central also preserves direct and indirect jobs, ensures viability and sustainability of area industries and provides direct and indirect rail access to communities and First Nations says Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha.

Mantha renewed the NDP commitment to keep Huron

Central Railway rolling in order to save jobs in the Sault and Algoma region and said the Wynne Liberals need to stand up and do the same quickly.

On Friday, November 3rd, Mantha's office told Around&About that his understanding is that there is a federal commitment to fund a portion of the line upgrades through the National Trade Corridors Fund, but it is contingent on the province coming to the table with a funding commitment.

They were also told that the provincial commitment had to be made by November 6th to be eligible for the federal funding, but as of press time, no word had been received in that regard.

Since May 2017, New Democrats have committed to provide \$4 million a year for 5 years to meet the provincial funding requirement—this is a firm commitment should we form government in 2018.

The Huron Central Railway rail line is critical for steelmaker Algoma to get its products to market. It is not the first time. Back in 2009, Huron Central had said it would stop operating the line between the Sault and Sudbury because major infrastructure improvements were needed to return the short-line rail to profitability. It struck a one-year deal with the major stakeholders that would see the operations to allow officials time to seek funding for the much-needed improvements from higher levels of government.

Traditionally, the province does not fund railway infrastructure, but the plan was created to allow for its share of the funding. Eventually, both governments kicked in the money to ensure the infrastructure improvements on the tracks were made. At that time, major users of the line, including Essar Steel Algoma and Domtar, needed to make commitments pertaining to usage levels and shipping rates while CP and Huron Central need to finalize agreements relating to sharing rates and lease agreements for the tracks.

Huron Central, which has leased the rail line since 1997, said it had lost money in the four years prior to the funding announcement, including \$2.1 million in 2008.



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In Memorium Ball Campaign Getting Underway



Christmas can be an especially difficult time of the year for anyone who has lost a loved one.

One volunteer organization in Espanola acknowledges that loss through their In Memorium Christmas Ball campaign.

The Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre Auxiliary volunteers have been busy over the last few months making In Memorium Christmas balls for the public.

Member and spokesperson, Chantal Lafrance, says the volunteers worked throughout the summer.

She says every one of them is unique, some are quilted, some beaded, others even covered in

bird seed for the eco-conscious.

"They start out with the styrofoam ball and the member decides how they would like to decorate them. It's meticulous work, but they love it whether they are covering it to look like a quilt, or sticking bright pins to create a pattern, anything and everything goes. What is so cool though is that every single one is different just like the people they will be purchased in memory of."

"They sell for \$5 each with the funds going towards buying hospital equipment," says Lafrance. "For example, a neonatal bassinet was purchased the year before, and specially-adapted shower chairs."

Lafrance adds the official launch is on Thursday, November 16th at the Christmas Bazaar at the Espanola Mall.

They will also be on sale at the gift shop at the hospital.

The balls will be put on display and family members can pick them up a week before Christmas.

Lafrance points out that this is the largest fundraiser of the year for the hospital auxiliary and extends a thank you on behalf of the members to everyone who supports the campaign.

Espanola Toddler Fighting For Her Life - Family Needs Some Help

An Espanola toddler is once more fighting for her life at Toronto Sick Kids.

Autumn McCulligh, 2, of Espanola is on life support following heart surgery at the end of October.

Her relative, Larissa McCulligh, says she is trying to raise funds to help her cousin, Aaron, Autumn's father, stay in Toronto with his baby girl.

Larissa told Around&About Autumn was born with a heart condition and had open heart surgery on October 31st, but Autumn had complications where CPR was performed on her.

There could be brain damage, but the extent is not known at this

time.

Larissa says everything is touch and go at the moment and no one is entirely sure on the next steps in Autumn's recovery.

The family needs some financial help to stay in Toronto and is not sure how long that stay will be.

Donations can be made online at: <https://www.gofundme.com/autumn-road-to-recovery>

There is also a draw for a basket donated by Hair Plus at the Espanola Mall.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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Photos: Autumn on Life Support Autumn had surgery on Halloween, so the family had a little party for her the week before.

Photos: Larissa McCulligh

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SABE Meeting - Save A.B. Ellis Meeting November 15, United Church Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

In Memorium Christmas Ball - Come out to the Charity Craft Sale and Bazaar between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. November 16 at the Espanola mall to purchase one.

Espanola Hospital & Healthcare Center Auxiliary In Memorium Christmas Ball Sale - Thursday, November 16, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Espanola Mall.

38th Annual Penage Road Rendezvous Craft Show - November 17 from 4:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. and November 18 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Penage Community Centre, Whitefish. More info call 705-866-2918

Espanola United Church Women's Christmas Tea & Bazaar - Saturday, November 18 from NOON - 2:00 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

Zion Lutheran Church Annual Harvest Supper - Sunday, November 19 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Massey. Feast on turkey with all the trimmings and pie for dessert. For more information please call 865-2020.

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Michon, Ronald of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on Tuesday, November 7th, 2017 at the age of 72 years. Loving partner of Joyce Laplante of Espanola and husband of the late Denise (nee Dubien) (1990). Beloved son of the late Armand & Viviane (nee Clavette) Michon. Very dear father of Chris Michon (wife Patricia) of Kitchener & Renee Michon (partner Scott) of Red Deer, Alberta. Will be sadly missed by grandchildren, William, Kaylin, Daulton and Jayden. Dear brother of the late Rae Huot. A Celebration of Life was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Espanola on Sunday, November 12, 2017. Interment of ashes in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date. If so desired, Memorial tributes may be made to the Arthritis Society, Espanola Hospital Foundation (Therapeutic Garden), or the Community Care Access Centre. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd., Espanola

NOTICE

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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF ZONING BYLAW (Planning Act-Section 34(18))

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers passed Bylaw 2017-29 on the 8th day of November 2017.

The land to which the bylaw applies is described as McKinnon Township, Concession 4, Lot 9, Parcel 27673, Plan 53R-9499 Part 1, 250A Moose Lake Road.

The purpose for the amendment is to allow for reduced lot areas, lot frontages and lot depths, and frontage/access over Crown Land via a seasonal municipal road as is existing and to restrict further development. This application is also subject of a consent application under the Planning Act.

The last date for filing a notice of appeal is **December 4, 2017**. A Notice of Appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, setting out the reasons for the appeal. This must also be accompanied by the fee required by the Ontario Municipal Board.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning bylaw to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No persons or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the bylaw was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

This bylaw is available for inspection in the municipal office during regular office hours.

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Rosalind Russell - Correspondence
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THANK YOU

Thank You



The family of the late Yvonne Polojko would like to express sincere gratitude to those who reached out to us and shared with us during this most difficult of times. These are moments that mark your life; moments when you realize nothing will ever be the same and time is divided into two parts ... "before" and "after" this. Words cannot express the strength you have given us to face this "after" part.

To anyone and everyone who showed our mom kindness and respect in her life, who cared for her and cared about her, who made her smile and maybe giggle out loud and brought her joy in any way - a simple but heartfelt THANK YOU. This is what matters most to us.

And to our beautiful mama - these moments of sadness are worth a lifetime of memories and the only thing that trumps how much we miss you is how much we love you. You will always be with us ... like a perfect handprint on our hearts.

Sincerely, The Polojko Family

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice of Annual General Meeting Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 Massey Arena (upstairs) Time: 7:00 p.m.

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Massey Agricultural Society.

At the Annual Meeting:

The Board of Directors shall present:

- A report of the Society's activities and accomplishments.
- A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year.
- A statement of the assets and liabilities for the Society, certified by the appointed Reviewers.

The general membership will appoint the Secretary and Treasurer. Such positions will be voting members of the Executive.

The general membership will elect 10 Directors to represent the Board of Directors of the Society. The new Board of Directors will elect from themselves a President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President (officers of the Society to be known as the Executive).

Should you wish to address the membership at this meeting please advise the Secretary in writing prior to November 26th, 2017 of your intent and the topic you wish to address so that the agenda can be finalized.

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