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## Cannabis Now Legal – Councils Have Some Time To Make A Decision



By *Rosalind Russell* - When new municipal councils are sworn in, they will have to decide whether cannabis storefronts will be part of their local landscape.

As of Wednesday, October 17th, 2018, cannabis use becomes legal in Canada.

In Ontario, it is only available by ordering online and that will remain in place until April 2019.

Ontario Premier, Doug Ford, reversed the previous model of a licensing model similar to the LCBO.

Under the previous model, councils had until January to decide on whether to allow it in their municipality or not.

Espanola CAO, Cynthia Townsend, says

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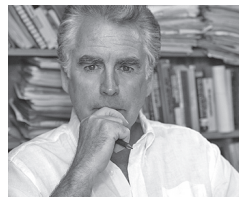
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# All The World's A Circus

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## What Ever Happened To The "Ex-Lax Bandit"?

There are certain news items you read about and, no matter how much time has passed, they still stick with you like ... like fecal matter to that Colon Cancer poop test form. It's been 23 years since Barry Lyn Stoller, a drywaller from Seattle got himself all stopped up. So he purchased a packet of Ex-Lax for \$1.99 which did not work for him. Annoyed and a bit bloated, he sent a letter off to New Jersey's Sandoz Pharmaceutical demanding his money back. It was hardly the type of message that would launch a manhunt: "Dear Ex-Lax, I took the pills at bedtime, but it did not have any effect at 8 am morning or 8 pm that day. I would appreciate the refund of \$1.99."

Rather than sending an employee (the one the boss liked the least!) to Barry's house to verify his claim, Sandoz simply cut him a cheque and put it in the mail. The pharmaceutical company's new and highly-advanced accounting system sent the 38 year old a cheque for \$98,002.00. Stoller's Washington zip code was 98002.

This serious irregularity, sorry, was not immediately discovered by Sandoz Pharmaceuticals. Stoller had deposited the \$ 98,002 check in his bank and then waited eight days before he took it out in cash, removed \$16,000 of his own savings, closed his account and left town quietly and quickly.

Before he disappeared off the face of

this earth, I'm sure Barry thought long and hard about getting up early every morning and going to work with cramps to a \$15 an hour job. Kinda like a badly constipated D. B. Cooper.

An agonizing decision that, to give up all the glitz and glamour the industry of wall building had to offer, to become a man on the run. (Remember, this all started when Barry wished he'd had 'the runs'!) Trying to minimize their embarrassment, Sandoz hired a private detective to track down Stoller and, when that failed, they called in the police.

The police had no clue as to Stoller's whereabouts claiming that, since so much time had passed, the man could be on any incontinent ... sorry, on any continent in the world.

Kent detectives claimed more time was lost because Sandoz's laboratory could not produce an analysis of the suspect's handwriting or even a verification of his identity. And, of course, a stool sample was out of the question.

With little to go on, Washington State and local police were on the lookout for a man who was probably not armed but definitely irritable. Still police warned the public not to approach the suspect should he be spotted and whatever you do, don't punch him in the stomach.

My own theory is that the "Ex-Lax Bandit" immediately fled to Tijuana, Mexico where he solved his medical

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problem by eating and drinking in local establishments. Hey, it works for me every time I go to Mexico! Gracias a Dios por Montezuma!

Although Barry Lyn Stoller did not make the top ten on the FBI's Most Wanted List, law enforcement authorities in that county did refer to him as "Number Two".

I always wondered what ever happened to the guy who became known as the "Ex-Lax Bandit". Until yesterday when my friend Dave Latham in L.A. sent me the answer in an e-mail. Several years after the inciting incident in which Barry missed a movement but hit the jackpot, he was arrested for attempting to steal two packs of cigarettes from a grocery store in south King County, Washington. County police who made the arrest said he looked "scruffy, as if he'd been living on the street".

Once his name popped up on the computer, he was identified as the "Ex-Lax Bandit" and held on \$50,000 bond. He was also fed only soft foods in jail to reduce his chances of becoming a repeat offender.

Prosecutors accused him of "appropriating mis-delivered property" and Stoller faced a standard jail sentence of three months and restitution. Good luck getting \$98,002 out of a

guy who blew \$114,000 in three years and now can't come up with cigarette money. No matter what the financial settlement, Sandoz still owes him that \$1.99 refund. Sandoz Pharmaceutical were not charged with committing Corporate America's "Biggest Bonehead Brain Fart of the Century."

Barry Lyn Stoller, before he became constipated, was a man with no criminal record who lived alone and minded his own business. Remember this the next time you want to loosen up those bowels – Ex-Lax might do the trick or it could also ruin your life! They should put that warning on the package.

Now 61 years of age, Stoller eventually plead guilty to everything and was back on the street within a few months. He claims his release was a real load off ... nope, sorry, according to my editor I am officially over the limit of tasteless, scatological jokes in this column.

I'm certain it was Barry Lyn Stoller who inspired the joke: "Why are men like laxatives? Because they irritate the crap out of you!"

For comments, ideas and copies of The Legend of Zippy Chippy, go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

## Police Unsuccessful In Finding A Suspect

The Espanola OPP took over policing in Espanola on Thursday night and were in action by early Friday morning looking for a robbery suspect.

However, the Espanola OPP canine unit and special officers were unsuccessful in finding a suspect.

Officers from the Espanola detachment responded to a theft in progress at a business on Panache Lake Road in Espanola on Friday October 12th at around 8:00am.

OPP Constable Peter Crouse says they did not want people walking their dogs or hunting in the immediate local area while the search for the suspect was going on. He adds, they were

not looking for a missing person and the Espanola search had no connection with the one on Manitoulin Island for a missing teen.

With the assistance of the OPP Emergency Response Team and the OPP Canine Unit, officers made attempts to locate the suspect, but no individuals were found.

The damage to the building and theft are estimated to be over \$5,000.

Access to Penage Lake Road was re-opened Friday night.

OPP are asking that any person with information to call OPP or Crimestoppers and the investigation is continuing.

## OPP Police Briefs

**EXCESSIVE SPEED RESULTS IN SEVEN DAY IMPOUND - (ESPANOLA, ON)** - On Thursday, October 11, 2018, an officer from the Manitoulin-Espanola Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) was conducting traffic enforcement on Highway 17 in Sables Spanish-Rivers Township, Ontario.

At approximately 11:21 p.m., the officer observed a traffic violation and conducted a stop. As a result of the investigation Jeffrey GUITARD, age 36 from Sudbury, Ontario has been charged with:

- Race a Motor Vehicle - Excessive Speed, contrary to section 172(1) of the Highway Traffic Act.

The accused's driver's licence has been suspended and the vehicle impounded for a period of seven days. He is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola, Ontario on November 29, 2018.

Manitoulin-Espanola OPP would like to remind drivers that excessive speed is one of the most serious and reckless forms of aggressive driving, and it puts everyone on the road at serious risk of injury or death.

**DRIVER CHARGED WITH IMPAIRED BY DRUG - (ESPANOLA, ON)** - On Saturday, October 6, 2018, officers from the Manitoulin-Espanola Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were conducting Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) checks at Lee Valley Road and Government Road in Sables-Spanish Rivers Township, Ontario.

At approximately 10:54 p.m., officers checked a passenger vehicle and observed the female driver exhibit signs of impairment. As a result of the investigation, Mitz TOULOUSE, age 43 from Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, Ontario has been charged with:

- Driving While Under Suspension, contrary to section 53(1) of the Highway Traffic Act; and with
- Driving While Ability Impaired - Motor Vehicle (Drug), contrary to section 253(1)(a) of the Criminal Code.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola, Ontario on December 3, 2018.

The Manitoulin-Espanola OPP would like to remind the public that a charge of impairment by drugs involves all drugs, be it prescription, over-the-counter and those that are illegal. Should you observe a suspected impaired driver, please dial 911 or contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122.

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## Espanola Police Service Gone - Espanola OPP Renovations Underway

The sign marking the site of the Espanola Police Service has been taken down and the OPP are not wasting time in renovating the downtown building.

On Thursday night, at six p.m. October 11th, the Espanola Police Service ceased to exist. The sign was removed within minutes and OPP transition staff was handed over the keys to begin the renovation process, since the station will become a satellite office for the Espanola OPP.

The facility will undergo renovations between October 11th and November 9th and is closed for that period of time. Under the transition agreement, Espanola taxpayers will pay for the renovations, not only on Centre Street, but also at the main detachment in McKerrow.

Staff has also been put into

place. Staff Sergeant Kevin Webb left the detachment in early October to oversee the Sudbury Detachment, so a new detachment commander has been put in place. The new Acting Operations Manager is Acting Staff Sgt. Wayne Minnear and Inspector Baldassare Nuccio is the current Detachment Commander.

Anyone needing assistance can either go to the detachment on Highway 17, call 705-869-1211 or 911 in an emergency. Still with the story, arbitration is underway and as of press time, there was no release as to what arbitration entails for the former staff of the now defunct Espanola Police Service. And, there is still no confirmation as to the former EPS officers who are being transferred to the new OPP.



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## Cannabis Now Legal – Councils Have Some Time To Make A Decision

“council had some discussions on it, but when Ford changed the model, the discussion ended.”

She adds it will be one of the high priority items for the new council to deal with.

Meanwhile, Glenda Massicotte of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers says, “Municipalities need to hear from rate payers regarding this. Council is responsible for making the

decision to accept or opt out by January. I am all for boosting the economy in our municipality by any legal resources.”

Local area councils had preliminary discussions, but since the government has changed the model to favouring private store sales, municipalities will now decide whether storefronts will be established in their own communities.

## Rainbow District School Board Adopts Mental Health Strategic Plan



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The plan, which was carried unanimously, will guide the board's work over the next three years.

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In presenting the plan, Mental Health Lead Mary Jago shared some statistics; as many as one in five children and youth in Ontario experience some form of mental health problem at any given time.

Fewer than one in six receive the specialized treatment services they require.

Suicide accounts for 24 per cent of all deaths among young

people.

“Mental health and well-being are fundamental to student achievement,” said Rainbow District School Board Chair Doreen Dewar. “We have made strides in increasing awareness, reducing the stigma, and building a supportive culture. The Mental Health Strategic Plan will ensure that we continue to be responsive and progressive.”

“According to Public Health Ontario, the impact of mental health, mental illness and addictions in Ontario on life expectancy, quality of life, and health care utilization is more than 1.5 times that of all cancers and more than seven times that of all infectious diseases,” Jago added. “We need to stem the tide by creating the organizational conditions required to successfully communicate and deliver evidence-based programs that promote resiliency and wellness.”

To learn more about the Rainbow District School Board's Mental Health Strategic Plan, visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca).



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## Have A Coffee With A Firefighter

As part of Fire Prevention Week, October 8th to 12th, volunteers and staff from the Espanola and Sables-Spanish Rivers Township fire departments were on hand at McDonald's in Espanola.

The firefighters talked to customers about the importance of fire safety, especially with the onset of winter.

The Have A Coffee With A Firefighter Day campaign was held on Friday October 12th to increase awareness of the Look, Listen, Learn campaign in dealing with fire. The National Fire Protection Association announced the theme for the Fire Prevention Week 2018 campaign: Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware – fire can happen anywhere.

Through the annual campaign, the association aims to raise awareness of “three basic, but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire.”

Those steps are:

LOOK for possible fire hazards in your home and eliminate them.

LISTEN for your home's

smoke alarms. Know that you may have only minutes to get out if a fire breaks out.

LEARN two ways out of each room of your home. Exits should be easy to access and free of clutter. After leaving the home, go to your family's designated meeting spot, established when you set up a home fire escape plan.

### Recipe

This recipe comes from our favourite office baker's great- great aunt. We enjoyed them at work last week slathered with butter and homemade jam. The secret to tender scones is to not handle the dough too much or overwork it. Keep it quick and simple. They are melt in your mouth delicious, and are perfect served with a hot cup of coffee or tea. I can't wait to serve them for breakfast next time I have overnight guests.

#### Raisin Sugar Scones

- 2 ½ cups of flour
- ¾ cup white sugar
- ½ tsp salt
- 4 tsp baking powder
- 2/3 cup shortening or butter (Doreen uses butter)
- 1 cup of raisins ( soaked in warm water for 15 minutes)
- 1 egg lightly beaten- with enough milk to make 1 cup
- Sugar for sprinkling



Sift dry ingredients together, cut in shortening or butter until fine and crumbly. Drain the water from the raisins and add to the dry ingredients. Stir in the egg/milk mixture with a fork until the dry ingredients are moistened. Turn mixture onto a floured surface and pat to ½ inch thick. Cut into diamond shapes or use a round cookie cutter. Place scones on a parchment lined cookie sheet. Sprinkle lightly with white sugar. Bake at 425 degrees in oven for 12-15 minutes. Serve warm or cold. May be reheated for later use.



Photo: Members of the Espanola and Sables-Spanish Rivers Volunteer Fire Departments met with customers to promote the new 2018 Fire Prevention Campaign. Photo by Rosalind Russell

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## OBITUARIES



**BELL, Terry Randall** of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the age of 72 years. Beloved son of the late Peter & Sarah (nee Bailey) Bell. Loving brother of Roger (wife Marjorie) of Espanola and the late Ervin Bell, Floyd Bell & Daisy Elliott. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. Terry was a member of the Espanola Little Theatre. He was a school teacher of 30 years. He also enjoyed reading and had a great memory for his students. A graveside Committal Service will be held on Saturday, October 27th at 11:00 a.m. in the Espanola Cemetery with Beverley Van Der Jagt officiating. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd., Espanola



**BIENIEK, Helen** of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Nursing Home, Espanola on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the age of 90 years. Beloved wife of the late James Bieniek Sr. (1982). Loving mother of James Jr. of McKerron & Cathy Champagne (husband Mac) of Calgary, Alberta. Will be sadly missed by 3 grandchildren. Dear sister of the late Charles Hulcio. In respecting the family wishes cremation has taken place. Interment of ashes in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd. Espanola

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To all who supported me during this election and helped in any way!

Many Thanks  
Merci Beaucoup  
Chi-Miigwetch

*Maureen Van Alstine*

## HELP WANTED

### Help Wanted

Individual must be well organized, willing to learn new skills, able to lift 50lbs.

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## THANK YOU

### Thank You

To our children James Wesley and Anne Marie for the surprise 50th wedding anniversary supper and dance at the Elk's Hall on Friday October 12.

A special thanks to Sue, Kim and May for the delicious meal. To all our family and friends who attended and to those who sent cards; gifts; and best wishes.

Harry & Maureen Van Alstine

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### NOW HIRING

Liberty Tax Service Inc. is currently looking to hire a motivated Income Tax Preparer for our office located in Espanola, Ontario.

We are a growing organization with lots of opportunities for continued development.

If you want to join a team that is focused on being friendly, attentive, and knowledgeable advocates for our clients, apply now !!

Applicants should submit resume, and cover letter via e-mail to [CAResumes@libtax.com](mailto:CAResumes@libtax.com)

### Employment Opportunity

Our Children, Our Future is a non-profit agency that works with children and families is seeking an experienced and dynamic individual who will work collaboratively with an interdisciplinary team in our LaCloche EarlyON Child & Family Center. We have an immediate need for:

#### Family Resource Worker

Temporary, 35 hours/per week  
Maternity Leave Position - Salary: \$22 per hour  
Anticipated Start Date: As soon as possible

For a complete description of this position, please visit our website at: <http://o-cof.net/en/Program-jobs>

Please submit your cover letter and resume by **November 09th, 2018.**

Attention: Stephanie Brazeau

Fax: 705-673-3354 or

Email: [stephanie.brazeau@ocof.net](mailto:stephanie.brazeau@ocof.net)

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### Canadian Mental Health Association, Sudbury-Manitoulin is hiring:

Rehabilitation Practitioner / Justice Case Manager,  
Little Current  
Full-Time – 35 hours per week

**Deadline** for accepting applications is **Friday,  
October 26, 2018 at noon.**

Please visit our website at  
<https://sm.cmha.ca/get-involved/careers/>  
for all application details.



705-869-6883

email: [around@aroundandabout.ca](mailto:around@aroundandabout.ca)

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank** - will be hosting the meat roll-offs at the Espanola Legion on Oct. 20 and Oct 27. The fun starts at 3:30 and everyone is welcome.

**Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild** - Next meeting, Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

**Spanish River Snowmobile Club** - Next meeting is Thursday, October 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion-Spanish. Everyone Welcome.

**Fall Harvest Gathering** - Massey Legion on Saturday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m. Sponsored By Lee Valley Autumn Leaves.

**Espanola Area Friendship Circle Alzheimer Support Group** - Monday, October 29, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Senior's Drop in Centre. For more information, call 705-869-1137.

**Community Living Espanola's 10th Annual Fall Harvest Luncheon** - Tuesday, October 30 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Espanola. Tickets at 345 Centre Street, or by calling 869-3131 or at the door.

**Massey Area Museum 23rd Annual Christmas Craft Sale** - Saturday, November 3rd from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Massey Arena. For more information call 705-865-2266

**Walford Christmas Bazaar** - now accepting donations for - penny sale, silent auction and gently-used table for bazaar Nov. 24. Drop off at 36 Walford Rd. Walford between 1 and 5 or call 705-844-2364 for pickup.

**Free Community Luncheons** - Every second and fourth Tuesday at the Lighthouse, Espanola (across from the Royal Bank). EVERYONE WELCOME.

**Need rides to medical appointments?** - VON's Transportation Program offers rides to medical appointments, even to Sudbury. Call Espanola VON at 705-869-3304.

**Free Indoor Pickle Ball** - Mondays 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. & Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Espanola High School Gym. Begins Saturday, November 3. Contact Mike 705-662-5859 or Greg 705-863-2684

### 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.**

E-mail: [around@aroundandabout.ca](mailto:around@aroundandabout.ca)

## Sacred Heart Daycare Centre

**INFANT, TODDLER, PRESCHOOL  
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

Financial Assistance is available for those who qualify  
For more information, please call

705-869-3171

[www.ourchildren-ourfuture.net](http://www.ourchildren-ourfuture.net)

