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Huron Central Railway To Shut Down Next Year



PHOTO: The Huron Central Railway, which provides rail services between Sudbury and Espanola is to be shut down, which could have major impact on three key businesses along the North Shore corridor. Photo supplied by HCR

By **Rosalind Russell** - The parent company that owns the Huron Central Railway is planning to shut down the spur, which could be a major concern for three major businesses that utilize the line along the North Shore corridor. Genesee & Wyoming Canada owns the line between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie commonly known as the Huron Central Railway. Company president, Louis Gravel, says they are not getting the financial support they need from governments to continue operating, so they will be shutting down the line in 2020. He says the railway needs some \$40 million dollars over the next five years to be able to rehabilitate and maintain safe operation of the line.

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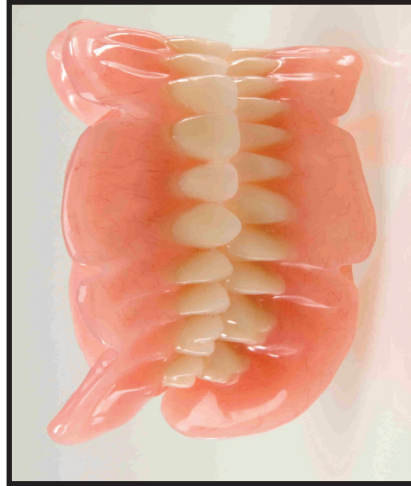
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Canada's "All The Colours Of The Rainbow Election."

From blackface to a red butt, Canadians are about to go to the polls in an election that boasts every colour in the rainbow with an awful lot of gray areas in between. If elections could be sponsored, this one would be coming to you by the good people at Sherwin Williams.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's penchant for putting on blackface at costume parties raged on social media for three days and then essentially disappeared. The giggles of East Indian women interviewed on TV and claiming he made a beautiful Aladdin may have helped take the sting out of it.

The one contradiction that plagues the prime minister is that he claims to be a green environmentalist and he bought a black-oil pipeline! He can talk the talk but when he walks the walk gooey lumps of bitumen stick to the soles of his shoes.

Embarrassed, with his bum burning red is Conservative leader Andrew Scheer who while running for the prime ministership of Canada forgot to tell voters that he is half American. The question is which half? Is the top half, the brain part American so that when he sees the strong support from extreme right wingers in the southern United States, he sort of doesn't exactly come out against anti-abortionists and homophobics? Or is his bottom half the chastised Canadian part that causes him to cross the street whenever he sees Doug Ford coming toward him on the sidewalk.

It's interesting that Andrew Scheer doesn't want to be seen in the same time zone

as Doug Ford but he's fine with Jason Kenney campaigning for him. Let's hope that Jason Kenney is not advising Scheer on winning tactics what with the premier of Alberta currently the target of an RCMP investigation for voter fraud during his successful leadership race. One more legal misstep for Scheer and it's "three fakes, and you're out."

To my mind, Scheer's face should be crimson red after it was revealed he faked his resume to lay claim to being an insurance broker. Really! I could understand if he fudged his credentials and then became Dean of the University of Toronto or a Canadian astronaut...but an insurance broker! Don't we want a leader with much loftier ideals than that, even if they're somewhat larcenous?

So in the main event it's the Al Jolsen of Sussex Drive singing "Mammy" against the semi-Canadian from Saskatchewan who one day hopes to save you 15% on your car insurance.

Pollsters have never seen Canada's west so deeply Tory blue. Never before has federal support been so lopsided with Alberta 70% pro Conservative and Saskatchewan and rural Manitoba the same at 60% in the surveys. Blue, blue, blue in the west. This may well be countered by the Liberal red of Ontario and Quebec. Red and red in the center. This does not bode well for the unity of this country.

The same political polarization which has paralyzed the United States government

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is creeping into Canada. Kenney has already broached the possibility of Alberta separating from Canada over Trudeau's carbon tax.

In the other race, the one for third place, Green should be knocking the snot out of NDP orange. But it's not. In this and every election in every country across the globe there should be just one overwhelming issue--saving the planet we live on for future generations.

In an ideal world, we'd all be voting Green but we won't. In Canada the majority of voters don't go to the polls to promote an issue or even a political party but to erase the colour they really don't like, in this case Liberal red or Tory blue. When it comes to democracy in Canada our least favorite colour is purple. We hate it more than red and blue combined.

If children could vote and given that the earth is their legitimate inheritance-- why shouldn't they?--then Elizabeth May would be the next prime minister of Canada. She won't be of course and neither will Jagmeet Singh who is watching Jack Layton's "Orange Wave" turn into a puddle surrounded by green algae.

A handsome man of colour that Trudeau must really envy, Singh will at best be named "Mister Congeniality" as the Socialists slide down a greased pole from the 41 seats to likely less than the 12 ridings required to maintain official party status. Elizabeth May is the most

trusted, transparent and hardworking leader in Canadian politics which is why we will make sure she comes in second to last. But there is great hope for May and her Greens who--if the millennials get off their skinny, narcissistic asses to vote--could triple their current seats to six.

Not great numbers until you imagine a minority government with a Green/NDP balance of power of say 15 seats. Then you get a small but powerful environmental revolution with electric this and solar that and a pipeline that's dead before it's dug. Maxine Bernier's (White) People's Party of Canada will finish almost dead last barely edging out the Brown Groundhog Party led by Wiarton Willy.

The colours of Canadian politics. I know what you're thinking--red, blue, orange, green and supremist white--it's enough to trigger an amber alert or make voters hold their breath until they turn blacked-out blue. Trust in the system as messy as it might be and we'll all get through this with flying...okay maybe not flying colours but something soft and pleasing like a periwinkle or taupe. In a few months all will be forgotten and we'll think the whole thing was just a pigment of our imagination. To book humorist William Thomas for your guest speaker, go to www.williamthomas.ca Or williamjthomas@gmail.com

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LaCloche Foothills Municipal Association look at regional EDO

Four North Shore corridor communities are looking at hiring a regional economic development officer.

The LaCloche Foothills Municipal Association is taking the next step in putting a regional EDO in place for the region.

The Town of Espanola has given its approval, the first of the four to do so.

The townships of Nairn & Hyman, Baldwin and Sables-Spanish Rivers now have to give their stamp of approval for the initiative to move ahead.

Funding to cover the cost of the position would be provided through the Community Investment Initiative for Northern Ontario.

The LaCloche and Manitoulin Assistance Corporation (LAMBAC) would hire the staffer and provide office space at the Espanola office.

The rest of the municipalities all have the proposal on their agendas for discussion this month.

The CIINO would contribute 90% of eligible costs to a maximum of \$100,000 or up to \$170,000 for a regional project. The eligible costs would cover salary, benefits and travel. Espanola's 10% share would depend on the number of municipalities, as well as surrounding unorganized areas and First Nations that decide to come on board.

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Oracle Poll Shows Jobs Are Number One For Espanola

Economic concerns top the list of issues for Espanola residents and businesses.

Espanola council has released its Oracle Poll results.

The 2019 Citizen Survey Report was carried out in July and August of this year, updating the previous one done three years ago.

Economic stability, especially jobs, was number one with some expressing concerns about attracting new businesses to Espanola and the future of the Domtar Mill.

Taxation was the second-highest issue at 13%, but down from 22% in 2016 while crime and/or public safety was third on the list at 10%.

The detailed document means the council has some homework to do in compiling and using the information to benefit the municipality while also providing direction in developing several programs, such as the Strategic Plan and recreation.

According to the report released by council, it was conducted by phone and an online survey with 473 residents and 36 businesses surveyed.

The link for the survey is: espanola.ca ... click on the council, then the agenda pdf for September 24th, 2019 council meeting titled: 190924 Regular Council Agenda

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Gravel adds the freight volumes do not provide the economic rationale for the company to make that investment on their own, so they have made what he calls the 'difficult' decision to cease service early next year.

He says they will continue to work with both the Ontario and Canadian governments

should they be prepared to fulfill their commitments to preserve the line.

Over the last few years, both levels of government have provided funding to keep it operational, since it is vital for operations at Essar Steel Algoma in Sault Ste. Marie, Domtar in Espanola and EACOM in Nairn Centre.

Peace Lanterns Light Up The Night



Public Health Sudbury And Districts Unveils Racial Equity Action Framework

A new Public Health Racial Equity Action Framework is being put in place by the board for Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

Board chair, Rene Lapierre says the framework is the first of its kind for the agency and under the law everyone has the right to exist free from racial discrimination and harassment.

He adds the Ontario Human Rights Code provides those protections in social aspects of life including accessing public services, health services and social assistance.

Lapierre says the new policy will be put in place in the near future. Health is about much more than access to medical care. Everyone has different opportunities for health and these are largely influenced by

avoidable injustices, including societal responses to race, culture, and ethnicity," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Officer, PHSD. "As an agency with a vision of healthier communities for all, (PHSD) is proud to highlight our commitment to racial equality and we encourage other organizations to consider how they too can improve this important opportunity for health." Systemic racism takes place when an institution or set of institutions create or maintain racial inequity in their policies and practices. This can be unintentional and does not mean that people within an organization are racist. It is often caused by hidden biases that privilege or disadvantage people based on race.

There was a great turn-out for the Annual Peace Lantern Ceremony In Massey. The annual launch took place in Massey this past weekend. Dianne Emiry says the wind made it difficult to launch the Peace Lanterns so they moved from the public boat launch to

the Mouth Beach and launched them there. There were about 50 lanterns made by local schools, churches, and 4-H clubs. Monique Alexander coordinated the event on behalf of the Interchurch Council. A small ensemble sang three songs about peace.

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To that end, the first assembly of the school year was held at Sacred Heart Catholic School yesterday afternoon where a cheque for \$1,800 was presented to the school's music and band programs.

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Harvest Chicken Casserole

- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided, plus more for baking dish
- 2 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into small cubes
- 1 lb. brussels sprouts, trimmed and quartered
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp. fresh thyme leaves
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. ground cumin
- 1/2 c. low-sodium chicken broth, divided
- 6 c. COOKED wild rice
- 1/2 c. dried cranberries
- 1/2 c. sliced almonds

• Preheat oven to 350° and grease a 9"-x-13" baking dish with oil. In a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon oil. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Add chicken to skillet and cook until golden and cooked through, 8 minutes per side. Let rest 10 minutes, then cut into 1" pieces.

• Heat another tablespoon oil over medium heat. Add onion, sweet potatoes, Brussel sprouts, garlic, thyme, paprika, and cumin. Season with salt and pepper and cook until softened, 5 minutes. Add 1/4 cup broth, bring to a simmer, and cook, covered, 5 minutes.

• Place cooked rice in a large baking dish and season with salt and pepper. Stir in chicken, cranberries, cooked vegetables, and remaining 1/4 cup broth. Top with almonds and bake until dish is hot and almonds are toasted, 15 to 18 minutes.



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Have questions? Feel free to forward them to jaymie@localhippie.net or find me at the Espanola Farmers' Market. Have a happy hippie week!



TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

NOTICE OF A STATUTORY PUBLIC MEETING RESPECTING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW

- Sections 17 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario.

THE PURPOSE of the Public Meeting is to invite comments from the public on revisions to the Official Plan proposed as Official Plan Amendment # 2 and to the proposed zoning by-law amendment. Revised and new policy areas for the update to the Plan include: building strong, healthy communities; providing a range and mix of housing types including affordable housing and tiny housing; planning for the integration and management of infrastructure and community services; conserving the natural environment, water resources and natural heritage resources; promoting alternative and renewable energy systems that reduce the dependence on fossil fuels, and planning for the impacts climate change; providing for local food security; ensuring land use compatibility and protection against natural and human-made hazards; protecting natural resources (i.e. minerals, agricultural lands, forests, pits and quarries) and coordinating land use decision making including consultation with Indigenous communities. The Amendment incorporates changes requested by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as their role in the review of the Amendment. The updated official plan is consistent with the 2014 Provincial Policy Statement and complies with the 2011 Growth Plan for Northern Ontario. The effect will be to better manage growth and development, community services and infrastructure in the Township to 2028. The format of the meeting will include a presentation by the Township's planning consultant followed by an opportunity for the public to make verbal or submit written comments. As these amendments pertain to all lands within the jurisdictional limits of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, a key map has not been produced. A corresponding zoning by-law amendment will be presented at the meeting which is intended to implement the official plan amendment.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make written request to the Clerk of the Township (see address below).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted and zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY DOES NOT MAKE ORAL SUBMISSIONS AT A PUBLIC MEETING OR MAKE WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS TO the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, and the zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER, including information about your appeal rights, please contact the Township office at the address below. The amendments may be inspected at the Municipal Office during regular business hours.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2019

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TEMPORARY (Contract) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers is accepting applications for the position of a temporary full-time PUBLIC WORKS OPERATOR

- ✓ Must possess a valid DZ licence
- ✓ Must possess high school diploma or equivalency
- ✓ Must be willing to work on an as-needed, full-time basis, including accepting call-outs as dictated by road conditions and weather
- ✓ Must be willing to submit a criminal records check
- ✓ Road testing will be included in the interview process

The following will be considered an asset: Common Core Surface Miner training, experience in operating a tandem truck, grader and loader

This is a 5-month contract position, with potential for full-time employment.

Written applications shall be accepted until Friday, November 1, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.
E-mail and fax copies accepted.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to Bylaw 2012-05

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers will consider an amendment to the Building Bylaw concerning the schedule of permit fees, at a meeting on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario.

Council has determined that a review and update of the permit fee schedule is appropriate at this time. Further information is available at the municipal office upon request.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2019.
Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Gilles Poirier and staff, we wish to send our sincere congratulations on the opening of Poirier's Clover Farm grocery store. We also wish you much success in this endeavor.

FORM SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

THE TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

Take notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 pm local time on **October 22, 2019, at the municipal office, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario P0P 1P0.**

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:15 pm local time, at the **municipal office, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario.**

DESCRIPTION OF LAND(S):

File No: SSR-18-01
Roll No.: 000-001-06700-0000
PIN: 73424-0020 (LT)
Property: PCL 13967 SEC SWS; PT BROKEN LT 11 CON 3 HARROW AS IN WP 7334; SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS
Minimum tender amount: \$ 7,717.12

File No: SSR-18-05
Roll No.: 000-002-13000-0000
PIN: 73417-0010 (LT)
Property: MAY CON 4, PT LOT 3, PCL 991
Minimum tender amount: \$ 5,555.05

File No: SSR-18-06
Roll No.: 000-003-04000-0000
PIN: 73418-0096 (LT)
Property: SALTER SECTION 9, PCL 17392A
Minimum tender amount: \$ 5,002.40

File No: SSR-18-12
Roll No.: 000-005-15900-0000
PIN: 73415-0144 (LT)
Property: HALLAM CON 6; LOT 9, PCL 20897, RP SR2041, PART 2
Minimum tender amount: \$ 12,216.36

File No: SSR-18-13
Roll No.: 000-010-06700-0000
PIN: 73413-0288 (LT)
Property: PM6 PT LOTS 38-39, RP 53R9142, PARTS 2-4, PCL 27770
Minimum tender amount: \$ 13,278.81

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least Twenty per cent (20%) of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land(s) to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001, and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

Title: Patricia Deline, Treasurer	Name of Municipality or Board: Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers
Address of Municipality or Board: 11 Birch Lake Road Massey, Ontario P0P 1P0	Phone No. of Municipality or Board: 705-865-2646