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**École Catholique
La Renaissance:
A Name For Espanola's
New French - Language
Catholic School**



The Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon proudly adopted the name of its new school in Espanola during its January 28, 2020 board meeting. After consulting students, families and school staff from the community, it was decided that the new school, which will open for students from Kindergarten to grade 12 during the 2020-2021 school year, will be called École catholique La Renaissance.

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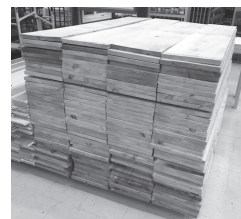


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AMENDMENT TO A ZONING BYLAW {Planning Act Section 34(13)}

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers will hold a public meeting in order to consider amendments to the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw 2010-51. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario.

File No. ZBA20-01

Purpose and Effect: The purpose of the amendment would allow for an accessory building to exceed the 6m maximum building height as well as allow for a reduced setback of the interior side yard in the Resource Recreation zone. The property is legally described as Harrow Township, Parcel 14898, Concession 3, Lot 10; Part 2 of Plan 53R11494. The application is deemed to be complete for the purposes of Section 34 (10.1) of the Planning Act. The land subject of this application is not subject of any other application under the Planning Act.

TAKE NOTICE that if you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers on the proposed application, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

To appeal the decision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, send an appeal form to the Clerk of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers outlining the reasons for the appeal. You must enclose the appeal fee of \$300.00 for each application appealed, paid by cheque, made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers before the bylaw 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 the public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers before the decision is made, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Tribunal, unless in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding these applications is available at the municipal office at 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario P0P1P0 during regular office hours.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2020
Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator

MASSEY-WALFORD FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE

The Sables-Spanish Rivers Firefighters will be doing a "Food Drive" on April 7, 2020 from 6 pm – 8 pm.

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Only satisfactory road conditions will decide if the load restriction shall be removed prior to June 15th, as determined by Public Works.

PROPERTY TAX & WATER BILLS

Tax bills were due February 28th, 2020. Water bills were sent out at the beginning of January and are due by March 31st. We would like to remind you that we offer payment through online banking, pre-authorized debit as well as e-billing. If you wish to receive more information on any of these options, please give us a call!

MASSEY WINTER CARNIVAL MARCH MADNESS

The Winter Carnival will be held at the Massey & District Community Centre & Arena from March 20 – 22, 2020. Loads of family fun activities are being planned including a dance Saturday evening with the theme "Glow Party"! Come out and get your glow on!!

Opening ceremonies will be at 6:00 pm, Friday, March 20th at the Arena.

Watch for brochures and posters with event times!

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It's The Pessimists, Not The Meek That Will Inherit The Earth

Asbestos, Quebec is changing its name to dissociate itself from all the deadly illnesses it's open-pit mining caused. The people of Asbestos have reason to be pessimistic. In Haight, California, Haight Elementary School just changed its name to Love Elementary. Haight was pretty pessimistic until it was rescued by Love.

But neither Asbestos or Haight can hold a candle, likely a damp and unlit candle, to Puolanka, Finland. Even residents of this small town in the middle of the country agreed it was just a down-trodden, lousy place to live where nothing ever went right. The people became jealous of other nearby towns that were hosting successful social and tourist events drawing visitors and their money. Joy in Puolanka had become that warm, fuzzy feeling a local got after not being hit by a car.

"Nothing works out in Puolanka. Not even pessimism. What's the use?" lamented one long-time resident. And thus was born Puolanka's sad community theme as well as its exceptionally bright future.

The roadside sign a few kilometers before Puolanka used to read: "Soon Puolanka. You've still got time to turn around." A sign closer to the town read: "Puolanka. You're invited to not visit." Now the sign that best suits this gloom-ridden hamlet of 2,600 depressed people reads: "Puolanka: Finland's Best Worst Dying Town." Wow! What a makeover, from bleak black to a lighter shade of despair.

With a pharmacy, a gas station, one restaurant and a couple of grocery stores, Puolanka didn't offer much to warrant visitors. Hell, they didn't even offer much to its residents. Then the people of Puolanka organized an "Evening of Pessimism" so they could at least feel sorry for themselves. Instead of an entry fee for the event, participants had to pay an exit fee. And instead of normal salutations like: "Hello" and "How are you?", these glum

and glummer Finn's greeted each other with "Oh, I see you're still alive."

That first pathetic pity party was such a huge hit, more get togethers were planned and a musical band called "Trauma Group" was formed. (Apparently the name "Deadbeat Downcast Bastards" was already taken.)

Now, after some excellent networking by the Puolanka Pessimist Association, officially the most negative place on the planet is hosting music festivals and attitude conferences. Emboldened, they hired Tommi Rajala as the Executive Director of the PPA to market the town internationally. No advertising campaign necessary, he just had to highlight Puolanka's pathetic position in the world. And man, did he do a great job! In short order he took the town to new heights of despondency. His online video "On A Tour Of Puolanka" featuring very dark humour got a half a million hits. They even have an online retail shop where they sell pessimistic souvenirs like "Grumpy Old Man" and "Difficult Hag." Black humour products are flying out the window which in Puolanka is all fogged up and cracked.

Then the town got into the matchmaking business because Puolanka has way more men than women. They set up a Tinder dating service and in keeping with the original theme "Nothing works out in Puolanka," 22-year-old Antti Ryynanen got matched up with his mother!

Said Antti: "The only woman to meet in Puolanka is your own mother." How bloody depressing is that?

A new public space is being built devoted to the meditation of serious pessimism. Mayor Harri Peltora believes that the population of Puolanka could double due to its new and optimistic take on being chronically negative. Yes, Puolanka, Finland is on the top of the world which in and of itself has become a very depressing place.

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The other thriving towns around Puolanka occasionally entertain big community enhancement dreams that fail, leaving the townsfolk disillusioned. While in Puolanka, when the creative pessimists come up with yet another hairbrain scheme that falls flat on its face--the residents are ecstatic. And then very quickly...depressed again. Folks, there's something strange and uplifting going on here. According to the 2019 Happiness Report, Finland was listed as the happiest country in the world, well above Denmark, Norway and Iceland. Why? Very low expectations. Finland is definitely not buying those glitz and glam marketing schemes of North American life styles where kids are depressed because they're not famous and adults are obsessed with their weight.

Turvy turned topsy, a young boy from Newfoundland, devastated that none of his friends showed up at his birthday party, is flown to Toronto along with his parents to celebrate with his beloved Maple Leafs. It will be

the highlight of his life.

Zippy Chippy, the horse who lost 100 races and the subject of my last book, is today so popular and selling so many personalized souvenirs, he's now helping to support 22 other thoroughbreds on that retirement farm...and they did win races.

Either the world is easing into the Age of the Underdog or people are finally shedding the guilt of not being able to live up to the unrealistic images American corporations and their ad campaigns have created in order to sell their products. Are we starting to feel contentment or perhaps even pride in who we really are? Note to guys drinking the kool-aid of TV advertising: you can buy a basement full of that brand of beer and you're still not going to get the girl in the commercial. She's NHL.

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NOJHL Announces Soo Eagles - Espanola Express Quarter-Final Series Schedule



The Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League announced Sunday, February 23 the game schedule for its upcoming first-round West Division playoff match-up between the No. 4 seeded Soo Eagles and the No. 5 Espanola Express.

This best-of-three affair will commence Wednesday, March 4 with a 7 p.m. start at Pullar Stadium in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Game No. 2 is slated for Friday, March 6 at the Regional Recreation Complex in Espanola with the opening face-off in that one slated for 7:30 p.m.

Should the series go the distance, a third and deciding game will be held Saturday, March 7 back in the Soo at 7 p.m.

Awaiting the winner of this match-up will be the the Rayside-Balfour Canadians in

a best-of-seven West semifinal. The other West series will feature the Blind River Beavers taking on the Soo Thunderbirds, with those schedules, as well as the East Division match-ups, being announced by the league once they are finalized.

All NOJHL postseason contests will be streamed online live and on demand via HockeyTV.com.

NOJHL Playoffs

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their participation in several fun learning activities and creative projects, elementary students learn how to prepare themselves properly for grade 9. In addition, students will familiarize themselves with École secondaire catholique Jeunesse-Nord classrooms and become familiar with the courses and activities offered in high school.

EHS Features New Mural Featuring "Water Is Life"



An established First Nation artist has painted another mural at a local school with the support of the Ontario Arts Council.

Michael Cywink of Wiikwemikoong First Nation has spent nearly 11 years working with students on murals highlighting First Nation values.

Cywink says his latest work has just been completed at Espanola High School featuring the Seven Grandfather Teachings with the theme 'Water is Life'. Cywink adds he has painted well over 100 murals in schools throughout Ontario as part of the initiative to educate students about First Nation culture.

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École Catholique La Renaissance: A Name For Espanola's New French-Language Catholic School



several years. By choosing the name La Renaissance, we underline the desire of our students, parents and staff to see our new school serve as a place of gathering for Espanola's Francophone community."

The new school –

"In choosing this name, our school community has acknowledged the importance of its French-language Catholic roots," declared CSC Nouvelon Chair Mr. André Bidal. "Seeing the establishment of this school is a dream that is finally coming to fruition for Francophone students and parents as it will ensure that the Francophone and Catholic culture can thrive and be passed on to future generations."

"The construction of our new school is seen as being a key element in the renewal of Espanola's Francophone community," explained CSC Nouvelon Director of Education Mr. Paul Henry. "Our new school will benefit from the reputation of excellence and the dynamism of our French-language Catholic schools which have undertaken remarkable work in Espanola for

École catholique La Renaissance - will be located on the former site of Sacred Heart School and former St-Louis de France Catholic Church. It will welcome students from École Saint-Joseph and École secondaire catholique Franco-Ouest in Fall 2020. The new building will also house Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School which is operated by the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board.

The Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon offers a French-language Catholic Educational Program that is widely recognized for its excellence. The CSC Nouvelon provides a quality learning environment and academic program that runs from early childhood to adult education, with some 6,700 students enrolled in 27 elementary and 10 secondary schools.

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World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 6, 2:00 p.m. at the St. George's Anglican Church Espanola

Webbwood Eagles Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, March 7 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, coffee, tea, juice and Ice Cream.

Bean Supper - Sunday, March 8 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church.

Espanola Area Friendship Circle Alzheimer Support Group - Monday, March 9, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Seniors' Drop in Centre 799 Queensway Ave. Espanola. More info; 705-869-1137.

Manitoulin Community Church is hosting "Solitary Refinement" - Little Current United Church, March 12 at 7:00 pm. Admission is free but a goodwill offering is welcome.

C.W.L. Saint Patrick's Day Soup & Sandwich Luncheon - Tuesday, March 17 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Saint Jude Parochial Hall.

Massey Area Museum AGM - March 26, 7:00 p.m. at the Museum, 154 Sables Street in Massey. The purpose of this meeting is for election of Executive Officers and Board Members. The public is invited.

Espanola Seniors Citizen Club Spring Tea - March 27 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the drop in center 799 Queensway Avenue. More info, call Claire Lamothe 705-862-2663

Free community luncheon at the Lighthouse - every second and fourth Tuesday of the month 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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No More Fibre Arts Festival In Espanola

Espanola Fibre Arts Festival

It attracted hundreds of visitors and artisans from around the globe, but a lack of volunteers is one of the reasons the Espanola Fibre Arts Festival has been cancelled.

Espanola Fibre Arts Festival Committee chair, Jody Pilon says the fair, which ran for the last eight years,

was a life's dream for her. Unfortunately with the recent loss of some key members, a lack of volunteers and other personal commitments, there will be no festival this year.

Supported by the Ontario Arts Council, the five-day festival featuring fibre artisans from across

Canada, the U.S. and overseas including Africa and the Ukraine ran in conjunction with the annual Pumpkin Festival in October.

Pilon adds a small group of fibre enthusiasts will continue to meet and there may be some small workshops available in the future.

Welcome to Local Hippie's weekly tip for living a greener life! Each week we will provide you with a quick tip to help you reduce your carbon footprint and change the world.

This week's tip is a recipe for an all-natural floor cleaner!

A few years ago, I filled a bucket full of hot water and Pine-Sol and mopped my floors. Later that evening, I watched one of my four cats (yes, four!) lick his little paws clean and I was suddenly so upset with myself. I realized my animals were directly ingesting toxic chemicals because of what I was using to wash my floors, and if I had little babies crawling around - it would be the same for them too! At that moment I decided I needed to start using something that was safer for all the living beings in my home. I found this recipe and I have never gone back:

To a 24 oz (or larger) bottle, add:
- 2 cups of filtered water
- 1 cup unscented liquid Castile soap
- 50 drops of lemon essential oil and 30 drops of another oil of your choice (I like to use pine or balsam fir)

This recipe yields 3 cups of floor cleaner, which is enough to clean your floors about 24 times! To use it, simply add 2 tbsp to a bucket of hot water.

Try it out and let me know what you think!

Have questions or comments? Feel free to forward them to jaymie@localhippie.net
Have a happy hippie week!



Recipe

Cannoli's are an Italian tube-shaped pastry filled with a sweet, creamy filling usually containing ricotta cheese. Many people would agree that the filling is the best part of the dessert. This recipe allows you to indulge in just the filling. My friend made this dip last weekend, and we couldn't get enough of it. I promise you; you can't go wrong bringing this to a party or serving it at your next gathering.

Easy Cannoli Dip

- 1 cup whole milk ricotta cheese
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2/3 cup mini chocolate chips

Place the ricotta, cream cheese, and powdered sugar into a mixing bowl. Beat the mixture with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until smooth. (3-5 minutes.) Add the vanilla to the mixture, whipping for another 30 seconds. Before proceeding, taste the dip. If you would like the dip to be sweeter, add in more powdered sugar, about 2 tablespoons at a time (up to 8 tablespoons). Add the mini chocolate chips to the mixture and stir with a spatula. Be sure to keep some of the mini chocolate chips for garnishing when serving. Serve the dip immediately along with broken waffle cones, small chocolate chip cookies, butter cookies, graham crackers, strawberries, etc. On the off chance there is any dip left over, store it in a container with a lid and place in the refrigerator.



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