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**Domtar Has New Owners** 



*By Rosalind Russell* - Domtar's holdings including the pulp and paper mill in Espanola is under new ownership.

According to the company release, Domtar stockholders approved the sale of the Montreal and South Carolina-based pulp and paper giant to Paper Excellence of Richmond, British Columbia late last month.

At the July 29th virtual meeting, more than 81 percent of the shareholders voted to accept the sale of common stock to Paper Excellence in an all-cash deal worth \$3.77 billion.

The impending sale had been first announced in May.

The acquisition, expected to be finalized at year's end, takes Canada and U.S.listed Domtar private.

Paper Excellence said it intends to continue the operations of Domtar as a stand-alone business entity. The company adds Domtar's management team will stay in place and Paper Excellence plans to retain its corporate and production locations. Headquartered in Montreal and South Carolina, Domtar employs 6,400 employees globally, making market pulp <text><text><text><image><image>



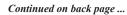
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and variety of specialty and packaging papers.

Paper Excellence picks up nine processing plants in the U.S., 12 pulp and paper mills in North America, including four in Canada, which include mills in Dryden and in Espanola. Paper Excellence has six mills and a distribution centre in British Columbia, one in Saskatchewan and one in Nova Scotia, as well as operations in Brazil.

### Pickle Ball Agreement Needed Between Town And Domtar



Espanola council has agreed to begin negotiations with Domtar regarding insurance for enthusiasts to play pickleball at the Espanola Golf & Country Club.

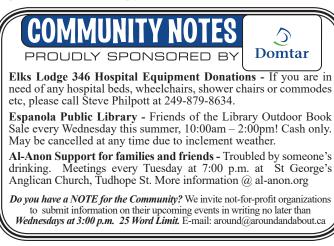
Domtar owns the property and the current lease agreement with the golf course has expired. The town's insurer is recommending a new lease agreement be drafted by both Domtar and the golf club to share the burden of insurance coverage with the town.

A benefactor has come forward to provide \$70,000 to upgrade

the tennis and pickleball courts, which share the same space, with Domtar also donating \$2,500 towards the retrofit.

Talks will now begin to reach a deal to allow for the upgrade to begin by the fall with a grand reopening slated for next Spring.

**PHOTO:** Espanola council has agreed to begin negotiations with Domtar regarding insurance for enthusiasts to play pickleball at the Espanola Golf & Country Club. Photo by Rosalind Russell





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### **Grand Opening Planned For Peace Garden**



in the celebration of Baldwin Township's Peace Garden in the fall.

The community's Peace Garden has been getting plenty of kudos, including being filmed as a Gas Tax Award contender says

township CAO Karin Bates. She says plans have now been finalized to celebrate this major community project, which includes picnic areas, walking trails and so much more.

The grand opening is slated for September 18th from

You can enjoy its beauty now and share 11:00 am to 2:00 pm with mayor and council attending, various presentations and live music from the Hardwood Boys. Bates adds people are welcome to attend, but also be aware COVID-19 protocols must be followed.

### Free Care Van Rides in August

Thanks to a sponsorship all riders enrolled in the Care Van Rider Program in Espanola will ride for free this August. providing Enbridge Gas is the sponsorship for the Care Van for August, which provides public transportation for residents aged 55 and over and residents with disabilities.

And every Tuesday, Tanner's Your

Independent Grocer sponsors the Care Van with free rides for seniors to do their grocery shopping.

Book your pickup time by calling 705-862-0244. If you aren't a registered rider already, submit a completed application to the Care Van Driver, via email town@ espanola.ca or drop it off at the Municipal Office.

### **Trunk Water Main Project Tender Awarded**

Espanola council has given its approval to the tender for the Trunk Water-main Replacement project.

It is the main water line that runs from the water treatment plant to the town's water tank on Mead Blvd.

Public Works manager Joel Yusko says they received three bids recommending council that the tender be awarded to Belanger Construction in the sum of just over \$4.3-million dollars.

He also explained to council that due to



supply chain issues and the availability of products, the municipality pre-purchased the pipe materials and valves at a cost of just over \$572,000.

He adds the tender and materials fall within the department's budget of \$5,744,000 based on the engineers estimate.

Council unanimously supported the motion with funds coming from reserves. The project will begin immediately with a completion in the fall of 2022.



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### **OBITUARY**



*Williams – Clifford Stanley* of Espanola passed away with family by his side at the Espanola Regional Hospital on July 28, 2021 at the age of 70. Dear son of the late Bill & Henriette (nee Gilmour) Williams. Beloved husband of Rachelle (nee Simond). Loving father of Marcia Williams (Rick) of Sudbury, Serena Maslakow (Derek) of Whitefish and Shane (Nikki) of McKerrow. Cherished by grandchildren Adam, Dallas, Brennan, Kayden, Teagan and Jayden. Dear brother of Lana Chalifoux and Charlie Gilmour both of Kirkland Lake. Also, will

sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and interment at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola



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*Esther Southwind* - From sunset August 17, 1953 to sunset July 26, 2021 Esther Southwind passed away at the Sudbury Health Sciences North hospital with her family by her side on Monday July 26, 2021 at the age of 67. Beloved mother of Bruce Southwind (Sharon) of Sagamok, and Kirk Southwind (wife Kathy) of North Bay, ON. Late Daughter of the late Sylvester and Eva Jane Southwind of Sagamok. A very loved sister to Agnes, Lawrence, Clarence, Wilbert, Charles, Fern, Peter, Wayne (all predeceased).

Survived by sisters Blanche Restoule of Sagamok, Caroline Griffin (Van) of Pembroke, ON and brother Maurice Southwind of Sagamok. Loving Grandmother to Melissa Zhaawaninodin of Sagamok, Harmony (Jaiden), Trent, Nimbgishmwa, Brandon (Predeceased), Tynan Eshkakogan of Sagamok, Chris Bearskin (wife Jennifer) of Chisasibi QC. Chantal, Dameion, Colleen & Jasmine of North Bay ON. Great grandmother to Kane, Jenna (Beautiful girl), Niibin, Kenya, Krista-Kate, Camille, Drew Anne, Dominic, Xavier. Godmother to Shane Southwind and Tammy Griffin. In appreciation Esther's family would like to send a special thanks to the RN's and PSW's at HSN especially to Dr. Harmon and his team of the Neuropathy Clinic Team. Visitation starts on July 28, 2021 in the New Community Centre, Sagamok. Funeral Service on Friday July 20, 2021 at 11AM. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Bourcier Funeral home in Espanola, ON.

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