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New CAO-Treasurer And Clerk-Manager Of Planning Services For Espanola



PHOTO: Espanola Mayor Jill Beer says Allan Hewitt who hails from Newfoundland will be the town's new CAO, treasurer. Photo - Facebook.

By Rosalind Russell - The Town of Espanola has a new head of staff. Espanola Mayor Jill Beer says Allan Hewitt who hails from Newfoundland will be the town's new CAO, treasurer. Beer says he has experience at Fleming College in Peterborough as well as managing the Durham Regional Health Department for 15 years in corporate services.

Beer says he will start work on July 5th. Mayor Beer also shares that Espanola will have a new clerk-manager of planning services.

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I'm Starting Not To Love This Country

It was only five years ago that former Safety Minister Bill Blair - formerly U.S. President Barak Obama, while addressing the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa declared: "The world needs more Canada." Highlighting our acceptance of Act into a complicated, Swiss cheese refugees and immigrants, our kindness, our tolerance and our trademark politeness — that 'shout out' from the most powerful man in the free world made me proud.

Originally stated by U2's Bono --- "The world needs more Canada" - validated all those "best country on earth' declarations by the United Nations (five years in a row!) and even this year, 2021, that Canada is the number one ranked nation on the planet according to US News and World Report.

Yet slowly, the rot from within has been tarnishing this brilliant international reputation. It did not take the discovery of the remains of 215 children assigned to a residential school in Kamloops, B.C., to illustrate the fact that the treatment of our Indigenous peoples across this country has been abysmal.

From the children ripped away from their parents to make them less "Indian" to the 4,000 murdered or missing Indigenous women over the last three decades and the casual ineptness with which the RCMP and city police departments have handled these crimes — abysmal, atrocious, unforgivable. Quick to use the word "genocide' against Turkey's Kurds and China's Weegers — Canada's day of condemnation is coming.

Please! The year is 2021 and we still have dozens of First Nations communities in Canada that still do not have drinking water!!!

After our worst mass murder in Nova Scotia that killed 22 people, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Public

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the Chief of Police in Toronto where shootings have become a daily event - these two "massaged" the Firearms piece of legislation that pleases nobody and protects not many more. Missing an opportunity to entirely ban handguns which are designed to kill people and to completely outlaw assault-style rifles which are designed to kill people faster than handguns — Trudeau and Blair revealed themselves to be consummate compromisers and clever politicians instead of tough and decisive protectors of the people.

After the feds announced this bill I remember seeing an interview with Nathalie Provost, who was shot four times in the Ecole Polytechnique massacre, crying out of sheer joy that her 31 years as an advocate for gun control had finally paid off. A day later, after she'd read the devil-like details of this flawed and feeble document, she was crying in anguish.

The minute I heard just three details of the savage attack on the Muslim family in London — that the driver of the truck was male, white and young - I immediately knew he was uneducated, poorly parented, angry and radicalized by hate mongers on social media who target immigrants and refugees. In The States this lunatic would have been a Trump loyalist shooting up an Asian massage parlour or storming the Capitol wielding an American flag. Here in Canada he's a member of a growing group of racists being brainwashed by burgeoning white supremacist organizations which, from The Proud Boys to the Nine Angles neo-Nazi organization, now number over three hundred. That's not 300 diehard

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racists in Canada. That's 300 hate-filled organizations that cater to the ugliest instincts man can possess as witnessed by the recent and alarming violent acts against Jews, Chinese, Muslims and First Nations people on our oncesafe streets.

Lost in all this fervour are 3.7 million Canadians living below the poverty line probably thankful to be wearing masks when they have to visit the food bank or begging on street corners. That's 10% of our citizens unable to feed and clothe themselves properly in one of the richest nations on earth! If countries had countenances, Canada's face would be the same colour as our flag — first pale white from shock and then red from shame.

Connecting the ungodly dots — six dead and 19 wounded in the Quebec City mosque shooting, the caretaker of a Toronto mosque stabbed to death and now, a nineyear-old orphan who will be forever damaged and haunted by witnessing the senseless murder of his beautiful family — folks, we have serious and dangerous racists in our midst who choose to follow QAnon conspiracy theories instead of Canada's rules of law.

By contrast, New Zealand has the best, most co-operative relationship with First Nations people than any country in the world. They did not isolate or browbeat the Maori but instead integrated them into their society by giving them protection and authority over their own affairs and resources. By contrast, days after the attack on two mosques in Christchurch which killed 51 people, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern outright banned military-style weapons and assault riffles. Done. Gone. No more.

Arden also slayed the COVID-19 virus with a nononsense, air-tight lock down that was so effective, 50,000 Kiwis attended a sold-out rock concert in Aukland last month... no masks, no distancing, no problem.

So no, sadly the world does not need more Canada. In fact, Canada needs more New Zealand with its decisive, notfor-show, practical leader.

Trudeau has become a kind of head waiter trying to please all provinces all the time while quite keen about image and photo ops. Case in point, while our prime minister was dressed like a Bollywood star, playing Mr. Dressup on a state visit to India, Jacinda Ardern was breast feeding her baby during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

I used to tell anybody who would listen that I'd love to see every Canadian kid, late teens or early 20's take a year off, travel and work in an undeveloped country. Do good, meet people who don't look like you and eventually kiss the tarmac at Pearson Airport when you land back in Canada. This, the greatest country in the world. Honestly, I can't sell that patriotic line anymore. We're shifting to the darkside, so quickly and in such great numbers — I'm starting not to love this country.

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Espanola Council Rejects Hanging Flowers Donation For A Second Time

There will be no hanging baskets in Espanola following a second discussion at council.

Espanola council held another discussion on accepting a donation for hanging baskets and maintenance in town with a motion brought forward by Councillor Sandra Hayden who was not in attendance at the original meeting when council initially rejected the donation.

Hayden says there has been an outcry from the public with council's decision. However, Councillor Ken Duplessis says he has concerns about safety also pointing out Public Works is short-staffed and has just lost yet another employee.

A discussion was also held on having pots installed in key areas, rather than hanging baskets but that suggestion was also rejected.

The motion to rescind the original motion was defeated and the donation rejected once again.

Espanola Council Rejects Proposal To Discontinue Use Of First Response Fire Vehicle

A motion by an Espanola councillor to eliminate the first response fire vehicle has been rejected.

Councillor Maureen Vanalstine says the vehicle can be eliminated because it is not needed, is an unnecessary expense and that several other communities provide fire services without a first response vehicle.

The truck is used by staff to go to a fire call and assess the situation before the rest of the crew is called out to deal with each incident.

In his report, Acting CAO David King disagrees with Vanalstine's assessment stating the removal of the vehicle as part of the fleet could endanger the safety of people when a fire occurs.

The discussion lasted about an hour, even grew heated at times, then council went into closed session.

Following that session, the motion was amended that the department will not dispose of the vehicle defeating Vanalstine's push to do so.





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Espanola Lions Donate To The Birds And The Bees



PHOTO: Espanola Lions Club President Randy Edwards was at AB Ellis Public School to present a \$500 cheque to teacher Jennifer Tilston to go towards the pollinator garden which is being established on school grounds. Photo provided by Espanola Lions Club

You may not see it yet, but AB Ellis Public School students will be making life a little easier for birds, bees, and butterflies.

According to Espanola Lions Club President, Randy Edwards, the school in Espanola has been shut down, but the students have been working together on establishing a pollinator garden on the school grounds. Edwards presented a cheque for \$500 to Grade three teacher Jennifer Tilston for the project.

The school already received a grant from the World Wildlife Fund – Canada Go Wild grant for the project, which is in progress and has a few pollinators already enjoying the benefits.

Freeze ... You Have Been Caught Doing The Right Thing!

Operation Freeze will see Ontario Provincial Police officers including Manitoulin. East Algoma and Sudbury officers on the lookout in communities for demonstrating acts vouth of kindness and exhibiting positive behaviour.

Through a partnership with Circle K Convenience Stores, OPP officers will be handing out "Positive Tickets" for actions such as: doing a good deed, being kind to others, participating in community activities, demonstrating community pride and more to establish a rapport with kids in their patrol area.

The Circle K in Espanola has been an active partner of this program for the last few years but had to discontinue its student launch due to COVID-19.

Operation Freeze provides law enforcement officials with an additional tool to foster strong relationships with the youth they serve in their communities.

New CAO-Treasurer And Clerk-Manager Of Planning Services For Espanola

Joseph Burke, originally from Sables-Spanish and Espanola, has seven years of experience in education and government relations. She adds Burke started his new position on June 21st. The positions were left vacant following the resignations of the clerk and former CAO.

No New Espanola Motel For Now – Site Plan Amended



A site plan agreement has been amended to exclude a motel in Espanola's south end.

Initially, the site plan agreement was approved by Council in August 2020 to renovate the existing Queensway Motel, which had suffered fire damage and closed a couple of years ago.

The owner of the property, Polly Investments, says the building will be demolished and a strip mall built in its place.

The property owner advised that they intend to later build a motel south/east of this location in the future. from the original agreement a new one had to be drawn up to ensure the legal development of the site takes place at outlined within the document.

A Site Plan Control Agreement is an agreement registered on title, at the Land Registry Office, that describes the manner in which a property must be developed. It contains plan(s) illustrating the proposed development, terms of the agreement and usually includes financial guarantees to ensure compliance with the agreement. PHOTO: The Oueensway Motel, Photo by Rosalind Russell

Since this was a major change



PHOTOS: Circle K stores across the province, including the one in Espanola, are continuing the Positive Ticket program providing coupons to young people seen doing good deeds by police. Photo by Rosalind Russell

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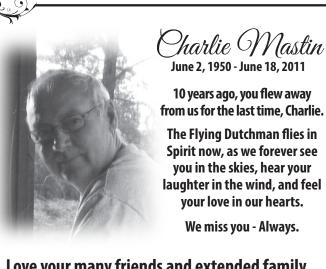
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René Philion - May 21, 1927 -June 14, 2021. René Philion of Espanola, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 14. René worked most of his life as a truck driver. He enjoyed life and spent most of his free time in nature, either camping or fishing. He will be remembered for his caring kind heart. Service will be at the grave site of the Massey Catholic Cemetery on Wednesday, June 23 at 11:00 a.m.

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Ontario Trillium Foundation Upgrades Manitoulin Island Parks



Construction is now getting underway for various upgrades in the Manitoulin area.

Earlier this year, the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands received a \$111,500 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Mayor Alan McNevin says the investment will allow the municipality to construct permanent washroom facilities at the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah Park, along with providing enhancements to its current washroom facilities within its municipal parks, waterfront area and at the NEMI Recreation Centre.

He adds in addition to the construction at Sheguiandah Park, upgrades to the municipality's recreational facilities will include the installation of touchless

features such as hand sanitizing stations, touchless faucets and more to ensure proper covid safety protocols in the high traffic facilities.

PHOTO: The Township of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has received trillium funding to upgrade washrooms, park and waterfront facilities in Little Current and Sheguiandah. Photo by Rosalind Russell

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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

Recipe

I sent out a request for recommended recipes and my son's girlfriend sent me a recipe for her favourite meatballs. I like to double the recipe and freeze some



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for future meals. These can be used in spaghetti sauce, sweet sauces and are delicious in a meatball sub.

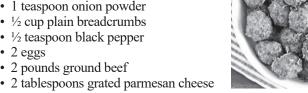
Easy Homemade Meatballs

- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- ¹/₂ cup plain breadcrumbs
- ¹/₂ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 eggs

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• 2 pounds ground beef



Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets (baking pans will work if you don't have rimmed cookie sheets) with foil and set aside. Place all ingredients into a large bowl and gently mix together with your hands, careful not to over-mix. Just squish it all together a few times to combine. Using a cookie scoop or your hands, divide meat mixture into desired size balls. As long as they are uniform, they can be as large or small as you like. Bake in the preheated oven for ■ 10-14 minutes, depending on the size. Be sure to check for ■ doneness. Serve hot with your favorite sauce. TO FREEZE: Allow meatballs to cool completely on the baking sheets. Once cool, scrape the fat away from each ball and seal tightly in a freezer safe bag or airtight container and place in the freezer.

