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Elks Making Crucial Decision About Building



by Rosalind Russell-- Espanola Elks will be making a crucial decision on the future of the hall next month.

An emergency meeting was held last Tuesday night about selling the hall, which was built some 75 years ago. Wanda Ouimette, the Grand Exalted Ruler, says the pandemic led to the loss of major revenue and despite the fundraisers held over the last year, the organization is running out of money to even maintain the hall on a month-to-month basis.

She says work had been done to apply for grants, but they were turned down and there is little, if any programs by the province or feds to help the organization with upgrades, such as roof and bathroom repairs.

She says Elk members will be asked to vote on a motion to sell the building and invest the funding to continue the charity work carried out by the organization with no plans to give up the charter.

All members are encouraged to attend the dinner meeting on September 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at the hall. Photo by Rosalind Russell

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Northern Issues Discussed At Conference



Photo: FONOM President Danny Whalen says more support and funding is needed for Northern Ontario. FONOM is one of three organizations from the North that met for a conference in Ottawa last week. Photo of President Danny Whalen provided by FONOM and used with permission.

Three northern groups are asking the province to work with and support municipalities and District Social Service Administration Boards to develop specific strategies around housing, addictions and homelessness.

The groups, which include the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, met with provincial officials at a municipal conference in Ottawa in mid

August.

They shared their experiences and challenges and presented a Northern Ontario Policy Institute research paper – which details eight strategies.

Among others, they include long-term funding for community-housing repairs, supporting new and existing housing programs and establishing mandated Mobile Crisis Intervention Teams across the region.

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Looking For Volunteers For Smile Cookie Campaign

The public is being asked to come out and volunteer a couple of hours of their time to decorate cookies as part of the upcoming Tim Hortons annual Smile Cookie Campaign.

Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank spokesperson Grant Lewis says both franchises in McKerrow and Espanola will once again be donating the funds raised from the cookies to the food bank for their fall program.

He says last year, the campaign raised just over \$17,400 and at a dollar a cookie, that's a lot of volunteers helping to frost the iconic chocolate chip treat.

Lewis says individuals can sign up to volunteer for a minimum two-hour shift between September 19th and the 25th.

He adds the food bank is also taking pre-orders to ensure everyone gets their tasty treat.

If you are interested, please phone 705-869-5798 and they will try to fit a two-hour slot that suits volunteers. They start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.



Photo: Kay Kay loves Smile cookies. It's time to get the gloves on and squeeze the frosting with volunteers needed to make literally hundreds of the delicious treats. Sign up and get set for the September marathon of frosting Smile Cookies. Photo by Rosalind Russell

Espanola Hosting Walk For International Awareness Overdose Day

A local advocacy group in Espanola has partnered with Public Health Sudbury & Districts to host a walk as part of International Awareness Overdose Day.

Linda Collins, a local organizer says the agency will be making a presentation following the inaugural walk focusing on the issue.

Collins says more programs and supports are needed to help the wider community understand the wider ramifications opioid addiction has on families, friends and the community at large.

She adds homelessness and poverty only aggravate the crisis, so real solutions must be found to help lift an individual out of addiction.

She says the walk will be held from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. on August 31st starting out from the town office down Highway Six to the Espanola Mall where public health will host their demonstration.

Everyone is invited to attend and are encouraged to wear purple in support of the initiative.

Strike Vote Expected By School Support Workers

The union representing 55-thousand educational support workers in Ontario says strike votes will be held in a month's time, but that doesn't mean a walkout will follow.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees held meetings across the province last week, to tell its members that the voting will be held between September 23rd and October 2nd, unless a new contract is reached with the provincial government.

The union represents special education teachers, administrative staff, and

custodians.

Union President Laura Walton says the Ford government has to stop picking on the lowest-paid educational workers in the province.

The two sides remain far apart in their contract negotiations.

The Union has been pushing for an 11.7 percent pay increase.

The government has offered a two percent hike for those earning under 40-thousand dollars a year, and 1.25 per cent for everyone else.

Espanola's New Water Main Is Now Online



Photo: Construction of the new water main from Tank Hill to the Queensway Avenue started last fall and carried through to this year. Phase One is nearly complete with road reconstruction and property restoration now underway. Photo by Rosalind Russell

pipes. He says road reconstruction is now underway and is expected to be done by the time school begins.

Hewitt says the project contractor will also be restoring property including ditching, sod and driveway tie-ins that have been impacted by the construction. Hewitt adds residents can expect some minor traffic disruptions while the final phase of this part of the project is completed.

Espanola's new water main is now live according to town CAO, Allan Hewitt.

He says the installation of the new water line began last fall, but with a good summer, the connections are now complete between Tank Hill and Queensway Avenue with the water now flowing in the

Covid-19 Mandates Implemented At Western University



Photo: The University of Western is implementing COVID19 protocols this fall including masks and proof of vaccination. Officials say COVID is still prevalent and they want to ensure a positive in-school experience for their students. Photo unsplash.com

The university, located in London, says face masks will also be compulsory in all classrooms and seminars.

The university says the new policy, announced yesterday, supports the need to protect those on campus

Western University says students, faculty, and staff, will have to be fully inoculated against COVID-19, including booster shots.

while retaining the in-person experience at the school. Those moving into residence will be given until October 1st to bring their vaccinations up to date.

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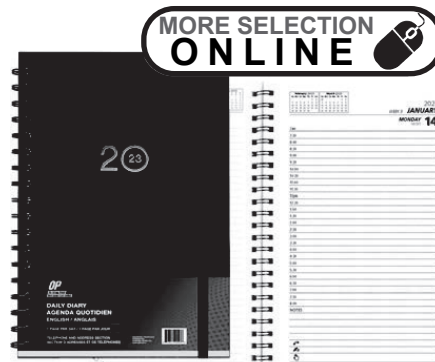
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The Lacloche Foothill Communities Will All See Strong Contingent Of Candidates These Municipal Elections.

The LaCloche Foothill communities will all see strong contingent of candidates these municipal elections.

The only acclaimed mayor in the communities that make up LaCloche Foothills is Baldwin Township's Vern Gorham.

There will be changes for mayor in the other three communities, Espanola, Sables-Spanish Rivers Township and Nairn & Hyman Township.

Nairn's Mayor Frederic Diebel, one of Canada's youngest mayors, will not be running for re-election having decided to focus on his studies and career while Sables-Spanish River's long-time Mayor Leslie Gamble did not throw his name in the hat this time around after

serving decades in the chair.

Espanola's Mayor Jill Beer also made the decision not to run in this year's race.

The slate for council positions will have to hard-fought with so many running for seats.

This year's contingent is one of the largest ever seen in the local area in over 40 years.

The Moose 99.3 FM – CJJM – Espanola is in the process of organizing debates for all four communities to give voters the opportunity to meet and ask candidates what their goals are in being elected a member of municipal council.

The election is set for Monday, October 24th.

School Boards Will See Three Races In Local Districts

There will be three races for school board trustees within our local districts.

There is a two-way race for the Algoma District School Board with long-time incumbent Marie Murphy-Foran being challenged by newcomer Andrew Ault.

There is a three-way race for the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board with newcomer Reginald Simon challenging incumbents Kathleen Rosilius and Lindsay

Liske.

There were acclamations for the three boards: Espanola's Bob Clement for the Rainbow District board, Rachelle Beaubien for the French public-school board, and Paul Gervais for the French Catholic board.

Manitoulin Island has a race for the Rainbow Board between Lisa Corbiere-Addison and Margaret Stringer.

Voting will take place October 23rd.

TOWN OF ESPANOLA

Espanola has a four-way race for mayor with Jill Beer not running again, which includes past mayor Ron Piche, former councillor Maureen Van Alstine and newcomers Doug Gervais and Dennis Lendrum with 15 candidates vying for six council positions.

The council candidates are as follows: Sue Allen, Ken Duplessis, Ron Duplessis, Sandra Hayden, Aidan Kallioinen, Angela Kelly, Raymond Kozachenko, Joe Kozlowski, Heather Malott, Joel Marion, Gerry Massicotte, John Maville, Johnathan Nadeau, Ashley Porteous and Shelaine Williamson.

NAIRN & HYMAN TOWNSHIP

Nairn & Hyman Township has newcomer Amy Mazey taking on Seppo Vataja who has had previous experience serving on council vying for the mayor's seat with nine candidates running for four council positions.

The nine are: Wayne Austin, Kathy Bourrier, Donna Marie Cortolezzis, Guy Despatie, Brigita Gingras, Shelly Lowery, Roderick MacDonald, Trevor McVey and Riet Wigzell.

SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS TOWNSHIP

Sables-Spanish Rivers Township long-time mayor Leslie Gamble decided not to run leaving the mayor's race open for Kevin Burke, Marty Martel and Robert Steinke with 14 candidates for council. They are Casimir Burns, Brian Channon, Harold Crabs, Edith Fairburn, Patricia Hnatuik, Merri-Ann Hobbs, Rodney Junkala, Mike Mercieca, Cheryl Phillips, Kareem Roberts, Kendra Rogers, Stacey Shiels, Charlie Smith and Dale Spiers.

TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN

Baldwin Township has acclaimed Mayor Vern Gorman, but there are eight candidates running for the four council positions.

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Amk Could Be Eliminated – Carol Hughes Vows To Fight Proposed Electoral Boundary Changes

The communities of Iron Bridge, east to Sudbury and Manitoulin Island could be absorbed into the federal boundaries of Nickel Belt while the communities to the west including Thessalon could be absorbed into the Sault Ste. Marie riding.

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes says she will fight the elimination of the riding proposed by the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission.

She says the riding has seen a loss of some 25 percent of its population, which is being used as the basis of changes proposed by the commission.

Hughes says the change would be devastating for the North in losing one voice in Parliament, as well as the effect on funding and potential jobs.

The current riding has a population of around 75,000 people and is one of the largest covering 93,000 square kilometres.

Hughes says she is working

with the other parties to fight the change with hearings now underway across Canada.

Changes would not begin until April 1st of 2024.

The proposed expansion would add Bruce Mines, Thessalon, Wawa, most of Huron Shores, Chapleau, Dubreuilville, Hilton, Jocelyn, Johnson, Laird, Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional, Plummer Additional, Prince, St. Joseph, Tarbutt, and White River, as well as Hilton Beach to the Sault Ste. Marie riding while the expanded Nickel Belt riding would include Iron Bridge, Spragge, Spanish, Blind River, Elliot Lake, east and including Sables-Spanish Rivers, Espanola, Baldwin and Nairn & Hyman Township, as well as the corridor to Manitoulin Island and include the entire Manitoulin District. To review the details and the hearing process, visit Redistribution of Federal Electoral Districts - 2022 (redecoupage-redistribution-2022.ca)

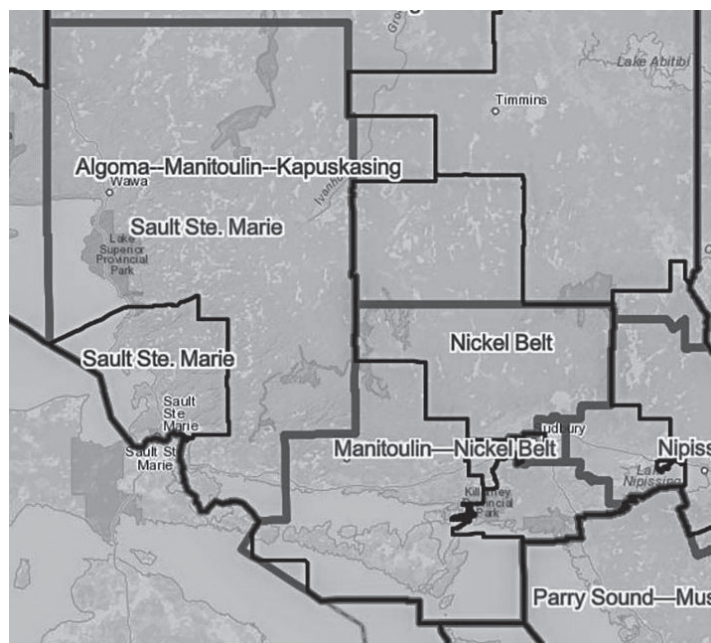


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New Chief of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory



Photo: Rachel Manitowabi has been elected as the new chief for Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory. She ousted long-time chief, Duke Peltier, by an eight vote lead, 278 to 270. Photo provided FB.

Last Saturday, the community members elected Rachel Manitowabi as their new Ogimaa defeating incumbent chief Duke Peltier by just eight votes, 278 to 270.

She will oversee a band council of 12 councillors serving two-year terms with four incumbents and eight newcomers elected.

The newly elected council for the 2022-2024 term are Francis Mandamin, Shane Cooper, Ralph Gonawabi, Lyle Peltier, Irvin Oshkabewisens, Phyllis Williams, Gilbert Pitawanakwat and Lorraine Fox. The four returning Councillors are Gladys Wakegijig, Joseph Wabegijig, Tim Ominika and Marcia Trudeau-Bomberry.

A new chief has been elected by a small margin in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island.

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OBITUARY



Forbes – “Bill” William John of Espanola passed away peacefully after a brief illness at Health Sciences North on August 18, 2022 at the age of 97. Dear son of the late Alexander & Edna (nee Bell) Forbes. Beloved husband of the late Phyllis (nee Hopkins). Loving father of Carolyn Mulack (Rudy) of Espanola, Nancy Hopes (late Ken) of Tucson, Arizona and the late Sue Bundus. Cherished by grandchildren Scott Sadowski, Chantel (Sissy) John, late Jasen Hopes and 8 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Virginia Malott and half siblings David, Marshall, Peggy & Betty Ann. Sadly missed by Adam & Julie Nelson, Stewart Nelson, Kim, Robert and Arthur. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Bill & Phyllis owned and operated Forbes Resort in Whitefish Falls for many years. During the first year of operation, cottages were built to accommodate the cast and crew of the TV show Rainbow Country. The tourist guests became special friends with visits year after year. What were very special were the home town friends who very often gathered for parties and fishing. Bill looked forward to his buddies and the annual New Year fishing trip (ice permitting). He had a good life in his 97 years. The family would like to thank sincerely all the help they received from the paramedics, Doctors, Nurses and friends. You are appreciated for being so compassionate at this time. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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The ideal candidate will be an administrative professional with two (2) years of experience in an administrative or clerical capacity in an office environment. A minimum Grade 12 education is required, post-secondary education or training in a business administration related program preferred.

Successful candidates will require a Criminal Reference Check.

We wish to thank all who apply however only those persons selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your cover letter and resume by 4:00 pm, September 21st, 2022 to:

Attn: File #2022-PWD-02

**The Corporation of the Town of Espanola
596 Second Ave.**

Espanola, ON P5E 1C4

E-mail: pubworks@espanola.ca

Fax: 705-869-4294



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Employment Opportunity with The Town of Espanola
Public Works Department

Permanent Labourer Position

File No. 2022 PWD-03

Applicants must have successfully completed Grade 12 or equivalent, and possess a valid DZ driver's license. A knowledge and ability on heavy equipment and truck operation as well as water and waste water certificates will be considered an asset. The position will be on a permanent full-time basis and will require periodic evening, night and/or weekend work.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a detailed resume outlining current experience, background, and education quoting **File# 2022 PWD-03 no later than September 14th, 2022 by 4:00pm**. Applications will be received at the Public Works Department at 596 Second Ave. Monday to Friday from 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm or by email at pubworks@espanola.ca

The successful candidate will be required to submit a medical examination and criminal reference check prior to the award of this position.

Salary: As per collective agreement

Dave Parker
Superintendent of Public Works
596 Second Avenue
Espanola, ON P5E 1C4
Phone: 705-869-1751 ext. 92303
www.espanola.ca



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