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MPP Gélinas Appeals To Human Rights Commissioner As Bill 7 Passes Vote



Photo: The Human Rights Commission is being asked for their opinion on a piece of Ontario legislation that directly affects seniors. Photo by alexas fotos - unsplash.com

by *Rosalind Russell* Moving vulnerable seniors into a long-term care facility not of their choosing does not sit well with Nickel Belt MPP, France Gelinas, so she has sent a letter to the Human Rights Commission.

She says that Bill 7, which could force the elderly now receiving alternative accommodations in hospital would be forced into a long-term home not of their choosing.

She says most alternate level of care patients in hospitals are not waiting for a long-term care bed, but rather home care.

Gelinas adds several other groups including the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly, Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Ontario Health Coalition also wrote to the Ontario

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Fonom Waiting For Resolutions Calling On Electoral Boundaries To Remain The Same

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities expects to receive several resolutions from the 110 municipalities in Northern Ontario calling for electoral boundaries to remain the same. FONOM president Danny Whalen says they are aware of one such resolution coming from St. Charles asking for the Federal Electoral Districts Redistribution – Ontario Commission to leave the ridings as they are. He says the commission is recommending eliminating the Algoma-Manitoulin-

Kapuskasing riding and having it absorbed between Nickel Belt and Sault Ste. Marie. Whalen says it is not fair for the north to lose more representation in the House of Commons, which could only have a detrimental effect on the North. He adds St. Charles is expected to submit their resolution soon with other municipalities to follow suit. The commission has recommended the move following a nearly 25 percent loss of the population in AMK.

Mantha Reintroduces Loverin's Law To Improve Abuse Prevention Education In Ontario

Last Tuesday, Michael Mantha, NDP MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, reintroduced an Act to proclaim Abuse Prevention Week and to establish an Abuse Prevention Framework Advisory Committee which would proclaim the week beginning on the first Sunday in October of each year as Abuse Prevention Week. Mantha says he is proud of the proposed Loverin's Law, legislation that would

ensure youth have the tools and supports to stop the circle of abuse and violence. He adds during Abuse Prevention Week, all Ontario schools would teach an evidence-based curriculum focused on abuse prevention, which it does not provide at this time. Mantha reintroduced the legislation yesterday afternoon as the fall session of Queen's Park gets underway.

Update on Coronavirus Mandate And Vaccination

Coronavirus isolation mandate ends Ontario's chief medical officer of health says people who come down with COVID-19 no longer need to isolate for five days before returning to work or school. Doctor Kieran Moore says, instead, they should stay home until their symptoms have eased and they should wear a face mask for ten days.

Moore says he doesn't expect a return to restrictions, saying our high vaccination rates should head off any explosion in the number of cases this fall. But he adds that, if infection numbers grow too quickly, he may impose a mask mandate. Moore also says parents of children aged 5 to 11 can start booking COVID-19 booster shots today.

Jump Day Welcomes Around 100 New Students

Espanola High School's new principal is pleased to see some 100 new students welcomed to the facility at Jump Day 2022. Melanie Bertrand says it was a pleasure to welcome the students and their families yesterday at the annual event. She adds she is excited to become an active member of the school and wider community.

Following her welcome, the assembly heard from various staff members who talked about academics, sports, the arts and the access to technology. Following the assembly, students toured the school, found their homerooms, met their teachers and received their timetables. The high school officially begins the new school year began September 6th.

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Human Rights Commission this week asking for what they call an inquiry into age-based discrimination. She wants the Commissioner to make a finding as to whether Bill 7 effectively overrides the human rights of Ontario's Alternate Level of Care patients. The Ford government bypassed public

hearings on the bill insisting it's needed to quell the provinces current healthcare crisis that has seen many emergency departments and hospital units shut down for hours or days at a time. The closures have been blamed on staffing shortages.

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The following streets will be swabbed/affected on **Monday Sept. 19:**

- Park St., Gray St., and Hayward Ave.
- 162 – 314 Avery Dr.
- 46 – 141 Mead Blvd.
- 76 – 129 Centre St./Hwy 6
- Station Rd. including Domtar Pulp & Paper Mill
- 147 – 222 Spruce Ave.
- 60 – 139 Barber St.
- 182 Wilson Cres.

The following streets will be swabbed/affected on **Tuesday Sept. 20:**

- Spanish River Dr. including Espanola Golf & Country Club.
- Sheppard St.
- 45 – 81 Spruce Ave.
- 91 – 214 Tudhope St. including Domtar Forestry Building.
- 152 – 323 Barber St.
- 247 Mead Blvd.

The following streets will be swabbed/affected on **Wednesday Sept. 21:**

- Church St., Hunter Ave., Appleford Ave., Parchment Ave. & Thornloe Ave.
- 307 – 319 Haig St.
- 162 – 386 Avery Dr.
- 160 & 182 Wilson Cres.
- 346 Barber St.
- 302 – 331 Talbot Ave.
- 292 – 316 Mead Blvd.
- 439 – 508 Second Ave.
- 211 – 279 Spruce Ave.
- Businesses on the West side of Centre St./Hwy 6 from 315 – 387.

The following streets will be swabbed/affected on **Thursday Sept. 22:**

- Gray St., Sime St., Fleming St. & Read Ave.
- 224 Station Rd.
- 119 – 160 Wilson Cres.
- 229 – 279 Spruce St.
- Businesses and residences on the East side of Centre St./Hwy 6 from 228 – 378.

Residents immediately affected each night are advised to close the main water valve in your homes and DO NOT attempt to use any water during swabbing hours. This is important to avoid drawing a piece of foam swab into your service and plugging it.

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The Lighthouse -- Community lunches are starting up again Tuesday, September 27th from 11:30-1:00 p.m.. They will continue every second and fourth Tuesday. Everyone is welcome.

The Churches of Espanola would like to invite you to join us for an evening of combined worship. Sunday, Sept. 18th from 6-7 p.m. At The Pavilion.

The Sunshine Senior Choir- Meeting Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Senior's Hall. Everyone welcome. For more info call Mariette at 705-869-1474.

Espanola Public Library--Author Sylvia Barnard will be doing a Reading and Q&A on Thursday, September 29th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm for her debut novel "Rhubarb, Strawberries, and Willows."

Parlowe Jammers-- Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m. starting September 20th, at the Queensway Seniors Drop In Centre, Espanola, the Parlowe Jammers will be playing music. For details call 705- 665-6331

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