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Public Survey On Regional Medical Transportation For LaCloche Foothills



Photo - The LaCloche communities have completed a community safety and wellbeing plan. Part of that plan focuses on a regional transportation system for seniors and those who need medical care. A survey will detail how such a service can assist individuals in the four municipalities. Photo - unsplash.com

By Rosalind Russell - Residents of the four LaCloche Foothills areas are being asked to take part in a public survey on regional transportation as it relates to seniors and others with medical needs. Susanne Cassidy, the Community Health Navigator says the Town of Espanola, in collaboration with the Townships of Sables-Spanish Rivers, Baldwin, and Nairn-Hyman, is considering a transportation project that would provide bus service to seniors 55 years and older to access medical appointments in Espanola or Sudbury. She says the project is dependent on

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funding from a government grant.

A survey was done last year to see if there was interest in such a service.

Cassidy adds this survey is to help the municipalities gain an understanding of the needs of the community regarding scheduling a medical transportation van.

She says the surveys will be mailed out and should be returned by the deadline of August 15th to either individual municipal offices or to herself at the Espanola Regional Hospital. Susanne Cassidy, Community Health Navigator, Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre, 801 McKinnon Drive, Espanola, ON P5E 1R4.

North Shore Search & Rescue Partners With Black Creek Sno-Shoe Trails For Training



Photo - North Shore Search & Rescue Search Coordinator, Adam Page, mans the communication centre set up for a mock scenario of a lost child at the Black Creek Sno-Shoe Trails. The satellite computer shows the GPS of every searcher as well as where they have carried out a search, so a search is good old-fashioned visual searching and modernized computerization. Interested in being a volunteer, contact any member of the NSSR. Photo by Rosalind Russell

Gaining first-hand experience is an important part of the training offered through North Shore Search & Rescue.

The unit has partnered with the Black Creek Sno-Shoe Trails

organization to host a variety of onsite training, one of which was carried out on the evening of Tuesday, July 11th.

NSSR search coordinator Adam Page says members of their unit from Sudbury and Manitoulin Island came to Espanola to take part, which included track crawling and grid searches.

He says track crawling is where members fan out off trail, about three feet apart and carry out a search, while grid searches are squared off over a wide area and mark them off once completed.

Page says all the members are equipped with GPS monitors and the searches are all recorded on a portable computer system as they are carried out in real time.

He adds they appreciate the access to the trails to be able to help with the ongoing training and looks forward to similar scenarios in the future.



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Massey Bridge Undergoes Repairs

Motorists travelling into Sagamok-Anishinabek First Nation or to Lee Valley Road can expect some minor delays with rehabilitation work underway on the bridge connecting the two to the Town of Massey. According to the Ministry of Transportation work on the bridge was

to be begin last year, but finalizing the contract was delayed. A traffic light has been installed on the bridge to allow for an ease in travelling for motorists. The work on the bridge itself is expected to be done by late fall.

Bike Exchange A Success

Several dozen children are enjoying their new bikes, compliments of a district-wide program that took place last weekend. The LaCloche Foothills Region's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan brought together donated bicycles from all four member communities, the townships of Nairn & Hyman, Sables-Spanish Rivers, and Baldwin, and the Town of Espanola on July 16th to

distribute for free. The gathering was overseen by two bike companies, the Sessions Ride Company, and the Rolling Circus. With the success of the initial distribution there is now some discussion about hosting another in other member municipalities, as well as bike rodeos for children to learn about bike safety and laws.

Espanola Artist Completes Child And Family Services 'Grandfather Teachings' Panels

Indigenous artist Mike 'Cy' Cywink of Espanola has completed another original set of large panels. Cywink says he was asked by the Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services to complete a set of seven panels at their Sudbury office, which incorporates the Seven Grandfather Teachers.

He says the teachings centre around wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility, and truth with each panel incorporating one specific virtue each. Cywink adds the collection entitled "The Teachings" was completed by participating youth and staff, and his apprentice Gerry Ranger.

New Walking Path Opens In Gore Bay

The Town of Gore Bay has opened a new walking trail, thanks to its partners in the project, The Gore Bay Rotary Club and the Douglas A Smith family, property owners in town. Gore Bay Mayor Ron Lane acknowledged the new Lodge Trail adding it runs adjacent to the Renie Noble Nature Trail, off East Street, on property owned by the Douglas A. Smith family. He says planning for the path started back in 2021 following some discussions he had with the family.

Lane says there was some funding left over from a grant it received for another trail project, so the Rotary Club stepped forward to help clear the trail. He adds the club also received a grant last year to purchase a bench and picnic table, both of which are now located along the trail, which is about one kilometre in length and ends with a wonderful view of the Gore Bay Harbour and break wall. Lane says the next step is to create a parking lot adjacent to the East Street trail entrance.

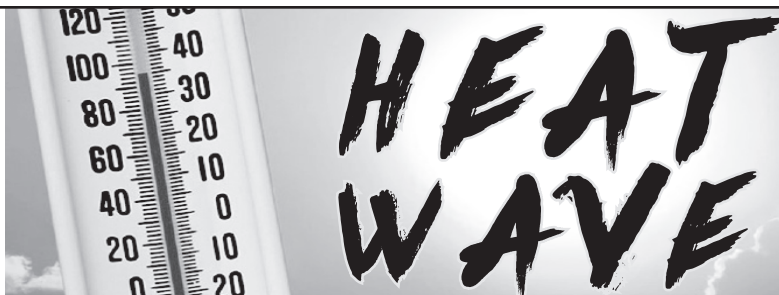
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