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## Espanola Snowarama 2024 Has Not One, But Two Ambassadors



**Photo** - Easter Seals Ontario is busy preparing for Snowarama 2024 in the Espanola - North Shore area. Regional administrator, Carmen Bazinet says this year's run will be to Nairn Centre. Photo by Rosalind Russell

**By Rosalind Russell** - Espanola's 2024 Snowarama will have two ambassadors for Easter Seals this year. Program Manager Carmen Bazinet says this year's event will feature local young ambassadors, Ryan Vladd and Ricky Dixon. She says the ride will be held on Sunday.

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**4:30-8pm Spaghetti Supper & Elimination Draw**

@ The Elks followed by

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**7-9pm Bouncy Castle and Games**

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## Saturday, February 11th

**9am-12pm Breakfast** @ the Rec. Complex

Pancakes, sausage, coffee, and juice

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**9am-1pm** @ the Espanola Public Library

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**4-8pm FREE Popcorn** Sponsored by Cambrian

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**6-8pm Moonlight Skate** @ the Rec. Complex Oval

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**4-6pm BBQ, oval snow maze, outdoor games,**

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## Sunday, February 12th

**9am-12pm Breakfast** @ the Elks

French toast, bacon, sausage, yogurt, coffee, and tea  
\$14 a plate/adult, \$7/child (prices include HST).

\*Fresh cinnamon buns available while quantities last\*

**10am-1pm @ Black Creek Sno-Shoe Trail**

Hiking on the trail, making bird feeders, fire, roasting  
hotdogs, and the North Shore Search and Rescue will be  
onside to do demonstrations, compass training, and more!

**12-1pm Lion's Club FREE Swim** @ Rec Complex

**1-2pm Lion's Club FREE Lunch - Mac N' Cheese & BINGO for kids**

@ the Rec. Complex upstairs auditorium

\*Bring your own bingo dauber or marker - they will also  
be provided\*

**2-3pm Lion's Club FREE Skate** @ Rec Complex

Skate inside the arena or outside at the oval

**2-3pm Story Time** @ the Library Meeting Room

*Hosted by Espanola Friends of the Library*

## Saturday, February 10th @ The Boogie Mountain Ski Hill

**12-1pm Big Air Rail Jam Ski & Snowboard Contest**



**12-3pm Human Bubble Balls**

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**7-8pm Moonlight Snowshoe (bring a headlamp)**

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**Free Snowshoe rental @ Boogie Mountain & Rec. Complex**



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February 11th, with registration at Tim Horton's on Centre Street in Espanola from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

She adds the ride to Jeremy's in Nairn Centre at 10:00 a.m.

Bazinet says the awards spaghetti dinner will take place at the Webbwood Eagles Club at 5:00 p.m.

Snowarama Spaghetti Dinner is \$15 per person – Everyone Welcome! Eagles Club, 2 Centre St, Webbwood – Social at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 5:30 pm.

You can buy tickets at the door or in advance by contacting Gaetanue Sokoloski at 705-869-3509 or Sue Belanger 705-869-0179.

## Espanola Public Works Retrofit Goes To Tender

Espanola council approved the retrofits to the Espanola Public Works administrative building to meet an accessibility legislation deadline of Jan. 1, 2025.

Dave Parker, Superintendent of Public Works, told council costs have gone up for some of the construction, which is estimated at around one-million dollars but will be less with taking \$200,000 out of the reserve fund that was set up specifically for the project.

He adds frontline staff will be temporarily housed in the adjacent fire hall to allow access to the public.

Parker says the timeline is to award the tender by February 27th, begin construction in March with a final completion date by the beginning of October.

He adds the town was unable to source any grants or funding for the project.



**Photo** - Public Works in Espanola will be retrofitted this year to accommodate accessibility legislation. Photo Public Works

## New Volleyball League Moving Forward In Espanola

The call out for interest in a new volleyball league in Espanola for girls has been so successful, organizer Torrie Trotter says they will be looking at forming four teams.

Trotter says there will be two teams each within the two age groups, the U13 and U16 based on the interest expressed so far.

She adds the Ontario Volleyball Association has several stipulations including registering as a not-for-profit organization or incorporation, have a

one-to-five-year plan including a mission statement, code of conduct, and financial policies.

To that end, she is looking to form an executive committee to implement the structure and is asking for any adults to contact her if they are interested in lending their expertise.

If all goes well, the league could be in place by early Spring.

For more information, Contact Torrie at 226-724-2071 by text or phone.

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## Ontario Northland Sets Up New Stop In Espanola



Photo: Ontario Northland has added Espanola to its stops along Highway 17. It will be in front of the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex where people can stay warm in the lobby and have a safe space for arrivals and departures. Photo provided by Ontario Northland.

Ontario Northland has set up a new bus stop in Espanola, which they say will provide better access, and a public area when waiting for transportation.

Company Communication Specialist, Kate Bondett, says Ontario Northland is pleased that as of January 7, the new bus stop location is now located at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

Previously, riders had to find a way to the Esso at the intersection of Highway 6 and 17 where there was no protection from the

weather or benches for riders to wait for the bus.

Bondett adds they are proud to have partnered with the Town of Espanola on the new location and look forward to continuing to serve the community in the years to come.

Riders will be able to stay warm inside the lobby of the centre while waiting for the bus, a boon for travellers utilizing the service. Tickets can be purchased online at [ontarionorthland.ca](http://ontarionorthland.ca) or by calling passenger services at 1-800-461-8558.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild** - Next meeting, Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

**Free St. George's Soup & Sandwich Takeout** - January 30 & February 6, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., St. George's Church, 213 Tudhope St. Espanola.

**Espanola Elks** - Spaghetti and meatball elimination draw and dance February 9, serving at 4:30. Take out available on request. February 11 breakfast from 9:00 -12:00 p.m. French toast, sausage, bacon, yogurt coffee and tea plus fresh homemade cinnamon buns.

**The Walford Catholic Womens League Annual Pancake Breakfast** - Sunday, February 11 8:30 a.m. - noon at the Walford Community Centre 402 Hwy 17 Walford.

**Lee Valley Hall** - Music jam will be held on Saturday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m. all welcome !! food will be available.

**Toasts & Roasts Speaking Club** - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Espanola Library. For more info, email [toastandroastsspeakingclub@gmail.com](mailto:toastandroastsspeakingclub@gmail.com)

**North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church** - Saturday (Sabbath). Sabbath School 9:45 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m. Bible Lessons available call 705-865-3013.

**Paroisse St-Sébastien Parish Reminder** - The Sunday (bilingual) Mass at St-Sebastien (Spanish) is held at 4:00 p.m.

**Community Choir** - The Voices of Spring is starting up again. Rehearsals are at 10:30 am, Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's United Church, Massey. New members are welcome!

**St. Andrew's Church Massey** - Services at 10:30 every Sunday. All are welcome.

*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.  
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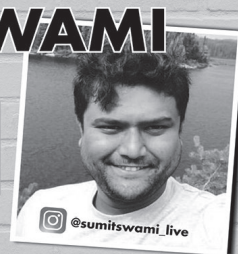


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## OBITUARY



After a long and courageous battle with cancer, it is with heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of **Suzanne Schofield**, of Massey, Ontario. at the ERH, Espanola, Ont. on January 16, with loved ones at her side. Born July 4, 1947 to Roy and Joan Mantell. Survived by her loving husband Tom Schofield. Sister Barbara, Brother Bill. Mother to Shellie, Donald, Gary, Christine and Patrick. Grandmother to Derek, Jeremy, Danielle, Holly, Tessa, Kaitlyn, Payton, Declan, Noah, Hartley, Amy and Sarah. Great Grandmother to Ava, Charlie, Kyla.

Kolton, Arther, Elliza and Heavenly. Stepmother to Kathy, Heather and Kevin. Predeceased by her daughter Amanda, 1972, Father Roy, 1978, Mother Joan, 1980, Sister Karen 2004, Sister Dee, 2006. Sue enjoyed a long career spanning 25 years at Crystal Beach Amusement Park, 10 years at the Fort Erie Racetrack and 15 years till her retirement at Casino Niagara. Sue was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Massey Branch 432. Past president of the L.A. I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and the support they have offered in the past month. I would like to thank the Staff at ERH, the hand holders, and visitors of the past month for their support. Without you, I wouldn't have been able to hold out so long. There will be a Celebration of Life for friends and family at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 432 at a later date. Cremation has taken place and interment will be at the Pleasant View Memorial Gardens, Fonthill, Ont.



**ASHTON – Wayne** – His family announces with deep sorrow the death of Wayne Walter Ashton, in Health Sciences North, with his wife Wendy at his bedside. Born in Port Sydney in 1946, Wayne was the youngest child of Walter and Irma Ruth Ashton, and grew up with his brother, Jerry, and his sister, Donna, in the resort hotel their parents owned. His first job was as a recovery diver. In the 1960s he was a part of the early rock 'n' roll scene, as drummer for Gubby Gringo and his Gutless Gauchos and later The Take Five, the house band at Hidden Valley

Resort. On weekends they would drive down to Toronto to play at the clubs in Yorkville. None of us can remember which famous drummer ended up playing on Wayne's kit at Hidden Valley; what we remember was that Wayne was thrilled to bits about it. He married the love of his life, Wendy Ashton (née Edmunds), in 1969, at All Saints Anglican Church in Burk's Falls. The couple moved to Espanola, where Wayne started out as the produce manager at A&P, eventually working his way up to manager. He also joined the Espanola Fire Department, where he formed relationships that he would treasure for the rest of his life. He would be with the fire department for fifty years, eventually becoming Assistant Chief. He saved a lot of lives, kept a lot of spirits up, and fed a lot of firefighters a lot of garlic. Wayne loved helping people. When he and A&P parted ways, he went looking for a need in the community, and learned that the nearest process server lived in Sudbury, so he became a process server. He also worked as a private investigator, a bylaw enforcement officer for the Township of Baldwin, a member of the Ontario Geographic Naming Board, and a guard for the OPP—anything he could do to serve the community he loved. He also enjoyed the great outdoors—hunting, boating, fishing, snowmobiling, and camping. For years, the family spent part of every summer at Pine Haven on Manitoulin Island, and he also enjoyed hunting expeditions with his friends. In later years, he and Wendy made sure to get out every year for at least a few days of camping, and when the kids were home we all loved to spend clear summer nights around the fire pit in the backyard, regaling each other with stories. He took great joy in having his family around him, and was a loving father and indulgent grandfather. In his retirement, he also discovered a passion for cooking. He insisted on buying tomatoes with the vines attached, and liked cheeses so aromatic that they turned the air a delicate plum colour. His fondness for garlic was legendary. Moreover, he adored kitchen gadgets. The phrase "As Seen on TV!" was like catnip to him, and as our friendly neighbourhood Captain Gadget, he ensured that his family had the sharpest of knives, the most feature-laden of grills, the airiest of fryers, and the instantest of pots. He turned 75 during the COVID lockdown. Instead of a party, the community gave him a parade of firefighters, police officers, municipal workers and officials, and friends. He was touched and extremely honoured, and talked about it as one of his most precious memories. He leaves behind his wife Wendy, his daughter Cassandra (Will), his son Mike (Nicole), and two beautiful grandchildren, Alyssa and Ben. The Celebration of his Life was on January 25 at 11 AM at the Royal Canadian Legion in Espanola. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Espanola Hospital Foundation would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



## Town of Espanola NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Public participation in this Public Hearing will be in person. Please notify us of your intention to attend by calling 705.869.1540 x 2113 for details and instructions. If you do not wish to provide input but would like to view the proceedings, watch online: [www.espanola.ca/agendas](http://www.espanola.ca/agendas)**

IN THE MATTER OF applications under Section 53 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, notice is hereby given that the Town of Espanola will be holding a Public Hearing to receive representations from all persons who deem it in their interest to address Council regarding the following proposed Consent Applications. This meeting will be held on:

**Date:** February 27, 2024.

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 100 Tudhope St Espanola, ON P5E 1S6

Immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing, Council will convene a Regular Meeting during which it will give consideration to the items on the Public Hearing agenda.

**How do I find out more information?** For copies of applications, staff reports and the bylaws, please visit public notice section of [www.espanola.ca](http://www.espanola.ca). For additional information and any relevant background documentation, including information about appeal rights, contact Joseph Burke, Clerk/Manager of Planning Services by email at [jburke@espanola.ca](mailto:jburke@espanola.ca) or by phone at 705.869.1540 x2113.

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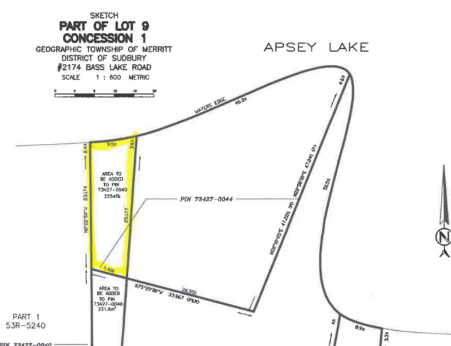
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**Please note that Council may not receive further submissions from the public or interested parties concerning any of the applications described above after the conclusion of the Public Hearing.**

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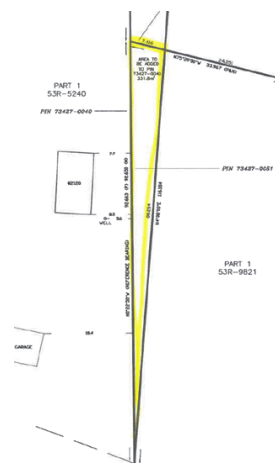
**Applicant:** Adrian Bortolussi (Agent for Daniel Pichoski & Derek Pichoski)  
**Location:** MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 25774A RP SR1941 PART 1  
**Application:** B01/24

The purpose of the proposed consent is to sever approximately 225 m<sup>2</sup> from MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 25774A RP SR1941 PART 1, to be added to MERRITT CON 1 LOT 10 PCL 23911 RP SR5240 PART 1 to resolve an encroachment issue.



**Applicant:** Adrian Bortolussi (Agent for Daniel Pichoski & Derek Pichoski)  
**Location:** MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 28141 RP53R 9821 PART 1 + 2 (2120 Bass Lake Road)  
**Application:** B02/24

The purpose of the proposed consent is to sever approximately 331.8 m<sup>2</sup> from MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 28141 RP53R 9821 PART 1 + 2 (2120 Bass Lake Road), to be added to MERRITT CON 1 LOT 10 PCL 23911 RP SR5240 PART 1 to resolve an encroachment issue.



**Applicant:** Adrian Bortolussi (Agent for Daniel Pichoski)  
**Location:** MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 7997 (2174 Bass Lake Road)  
**Application:** B03/24

The purpose of the proposed consent is to sever approximately 1257.5 m<sup>2</sup> from MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 7997, to be added to MERRITT CON 1 LOT 9 PCL 28141 RP53R 9821 PART 1 + 2 (2120 Bass Lake Road).

