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**Espanola Council Approves New Pumper Truck**



By Rosalind Russell - Espanola council has approved the purchase of a new pumper truck.

Espanola Fire Chief Mike Pichor told the council the 1991 pumper truck is 32 years old and needs replacing to provide fire services to Espanola and surrounding areas.

He says the costs have been rising astronomically and he wanted immediate approval rather than waiting for the 2024 budget to be completed and losing the opportunity to buy the new truck at a cost of \$595,000 plus taxes and related costs.

The funding would come from reserves, and it would take up to two years' time for the truck to be built and delivered.

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IN THE MATTER OF AN application under Section 34 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 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 Zoning By-law Amendment Application. This meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday, April 9th, 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, bylaws, and additional information and any relevant background documentation, including information about appeal rights, contact Traci Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk by email at [tdenault@espanola.ca](mailto:tdenault@espanola.ca) or by phone at 705.869.1540 x2104.

**How do I provide input?** Prior to the Public Hearing written comments may be submitted via email or by calling the Deputy Clerk or • In person at the Municipal Office reception Monday – Thursday between 7:30am and 5:00pm. To have your submission included in the published Council agenda, please ensure that you forward them by 5:00pm Thursday, April 4, 2024.

Written submissions provided in response to this consultation, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record which is included on the Town’s website. If you require more information regarding this process, please call the Deputy Clerk. Those who wish to provide verbal submissions must participate in person. Please contact the Deputy Clerk for instructions on how to participate. Please also be advised that video recordings of Public Hearings are streamed live and archived on the Town’s website at [www.espanola.ca](http://www.espanola.ca).

**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.**

Traci Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk / 705.869.1540 x2104 / [tdenault@espanola.ca](mailto:tdenault@espanola.ca)

**Applicant:** XP Developments (representative – Paul Sotola)  
**Location:** Lot 80, Second Avenue, Espanola ON P5E 1S9  
**Application:** Z01-24

The purpose of the zoning bylaw amendment application is to rezone the property from R1 to R3-X to permit the development of 6 one-bedroom residential units. Site specific relief is requested to permit the proposed size of each unit to be 46.45m<sup>2</sup>, whereas 55m<sup>2</sup> is required, reduced lot frontage of 20.14 m where 25 m is required, reduced front yard of 5.44 m where 7.0 m is required under Section 6.3 of the Zoning By-law. Site specific relief is also requested to permit 7 parking spaces where 9 are required under Section 3.23.a, permit parking in the minimum front yard under Section 3.23.d, and a 1 m projection into the east interior side yard for external stairs under Section 3.33.b of the Zoning By-law.





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## École Sainte-Anne Enjoy A Fun-Filled Winter Carnival



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At a ceremony in the gymnasium, the school also crowned the King, Queen, Princess and Prince of Carnival 2024. These students were true role models for their peers throughout the week of activities and demonstrated remarkable leadership qualities. Congratulations to them all!

## Time To Nominate A Senior

*By Rosalind Russell* - Now is the time to nominate a community champion for a provincial award. All municipalities can nominate a caring, community-oriented person over 65 for Ontario's Senior of the Year Award, but it must be submitted before the end of

April. The province decides who gets the award during Seniors' Month in June. According to provincial officials, the award was created in 1994 to recognize outstanding seniors who support the betterment of their communities.

## Elliot Lake Council Approves Court Services Agreement With Espanola

*By Rosalind Russell* - Elliot Lake is the last municipality to give its approval to entering a court services agreement with the Town of Espanola. Espanola administers the court procedures for the Provincial Offences Act in their court facilities located at the municipal office including Espanola, Elliot Lake, Blind River, Spanish and the Township of the North Shore. With approval of the motion last week, all signatories have been obtained

to move forward on the five-year agreement. The various municipalities cover the costs based on population with Elliot Lake paying nearly \$28,000 a year plus cost-of-living adjustments. The Town of Espanola oversees the main POA office plus all related court and legal services on behalf of the other municipalities as the lead within the agreement.

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## Root Toot Toot For The Home Team



**By Grant Lewis** - The Espanola Lions Club has always prided itself in supporting everything local that we can. This includes groups, individuals, families, local enterprises, and especially activities involving kids. ....and especially teams playing at the Complex. The club has always supported Pond Hockey, Minor Hockey

(10 teams), Lumbago League, Sportsmen's League, Paper Kings, school teams, Skating Club. It is only through the support for Catch the Ace and patience for T.V. Bingo, that the club can do this. So a HUGE Lions ROAR FOR Espanola...small town..big heart.

## Copperfin Credit Union And Northern Credit Union Continue Merger Talks



**By Rosalind Russell** - Northern Credit Union and Copperfin Credit Union, two financial institutions with branches throughout the North, are continuing their ongoing merger discussions. Northern board chair Tim Foster says the two are putting together a business case for regulatory approval, which in turn will lead to a member vote to finalize the merger. His counterpart with Copperfin, Robert Jancovic, says the Joint Partnership Committee is to establish a unified Board

of Directors for the newly formed organization, intended to meaningfully represent the combined entities. There is no set deadline but both parties hope to have the legal work completed by the middle of the year. Copperfin branches are located mostly in north-western Ontario while the Northern branches serve the north-east including Espanola.

Photo: Northern Credit Union Logo supplied

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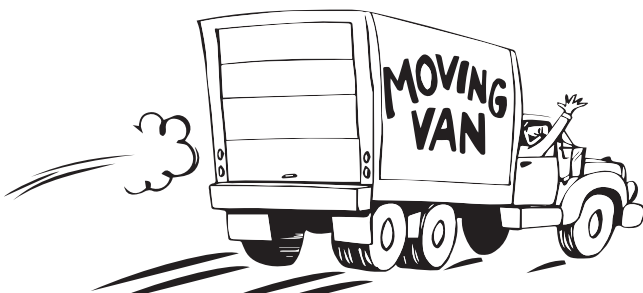
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Local Services Board  
Of Rainbow Country

2-1052 Whitefish Falls Road  
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rainbowctry@hotmail.com

### Request for Tender: Dock Operations Whitefish Falls Dock

The Local Services Board of Rainbow Country will accept sealed, written tenders for a “contract to operate the town dock on the Whitefish River”.

The contract term will be for **three (3) years: May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2027**. The tenders shall include the dollar value for each operating year. Yearly tender amounts are due by June 1 of each contract year.

The successful bidder will be required to show proof of insurance (Certificate of insurance)

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Bidders must enclose a cheque dated **June 1, 2024** for the current year of operation with the tender. Tenders may be mailed with a post mark **no later than March 22, 2024 or be hand delivered to a Board Member no later than March 28, 2024**.

Awarding of the contract will take place at the Local Service Board public meeting scheduled for **7 p.m., April 2, 2024** at the Whitefish Falls Community Center, Whitefish Falls, ON.

Complete terms and conditions of the Operating Agreement are posted on the Board's website:

<https://rainbowcountrylsb.wordpress.com>

Questions can be directed to [rainbowctry@hotmail.com](mailto:rainbowctry@hotmail.com)

## OBITUARY



**Toulouse, Paul** - Sunrise December 31, 1923- Sunset March 8, 2024. Passed away peacefully at the Espanola Nursing Home, Friday, March 8, 2024 at the age of 100. Predeceased by his parents William and Emma (nee Waasheekung) Toulouse. Beloved father of Lou, predeceased, George, predeceased, Delma, Melvin (Linda), Donald (Florence Paibomsai), Jackie, Angie (Louis), Noel and Daniel (Pamela). Loving grandpa to 26 grandchildren, cherished great-grandpa to 35 great grandchildren and proud great-great grandpa to 15 great-great grandchildren. Dear brother of Bob (Lillian, predeceased), Nelson, Stuart (Barb) and predeceased by Victoria and Darcy. He will be greatly missed by his furbabies Kongo, Meow, Bull, Rosie and Snoopy. Paul will be fondly remembered and missed by his many friends and extended family. Family and friends will be received on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 11 AM the New Community Hall, Sagamok. A Funeral Mass will be Celebrated Wednesday, March 13, 2023 at 1:00 pm at St Rapheals church. Interment to follow at the New Sagamok Cemetery. If desired, donations may be made in Paul's name to the Espanola Nursing Home and would be appreciated by his family. Arrangements entrusted to the BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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**St. Jude Parish Catholic Church Lumber Luncheon** – Wednesday, March 20, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Jude Hall. Homemade beans, ham, coleslaw, coffee/tea and dessert.

**Holy Week** - Palm Sunday, March 24, St. George's and the United Church will gather at 10:00 a.m. at the United Church. Maundy Thursday, March 28, United Church and St. George's will join together at 5:00 p.m. in the lower hall of the United Church. Good Friday, March 29, United Church and St. George's invite you to their joint service, 10:00 a.m. at the United Church. Easter Sunday morning March 31, service at 9:30 a.m. at the United Church and 11:00 a.m. at St. George's. Please note there is a ramp at the United Church building which leads to their worship space.

**Massey Area Museum AGM** – Thursday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. at the Museum in Massey. Seeking new volunteers to run for Office or hold a seat on the Board.

**Massey Legion Roast Beef Dinner** – Friday, March 22, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., eat in or take out. Call 705-865-2522.

**Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild** - Next meeting, Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

**St. George's Church** - Soup and Sandwich April 2, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Al-Anon** - Do you worry about how much someone drinks? Al-Anon can help. Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M., St. George's Anglican Church, Espanola. (basement).

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**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.

**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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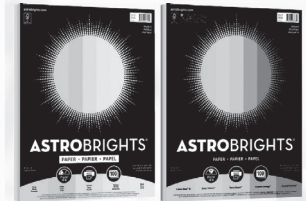
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