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High Speed Broadband Project Well Received In Espanola



By Rosalind Russell - The Northern Ontario Gigabit Fibre Project has achieved another milestone with local communities across the North Shore Corridor and Manitoulin Island moving one step closer to the broadband service being available. Around 50 residents, community leaders, and technology partners gathered at the Red McCarthy Pavilion in Espanola last Saturday to mark the occasion of the first gigabit connection, with the Espanola home project, a small part of the network. PomeGran and Founder and President of ROCK Networks, Joe Hickey, says when the network goes live, it will improve access for workplaces, institutions and residents throughout the coverage area. He adds the initiative will deliver fibre broadband to more than 18,600 underserved homes, including 2,580 Indigenous households, across rural and remote parts of Northern Ontario. It is hoped to have the entire network up and running in the near future. Photo provided

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In addition, this position provides office support/assistance in the handling of capital and program grant applications, assists with the preparation of the annual operating and capital budget(s) and develops policies and procedures for the Department. They also oversee summer program employees, as assigned, and organize and track day-to-day activities of Parks and Recreation employees.

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Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario, P0P 1P0

Email: inquiries@sables-spanish.ca

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The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers hereby gives notice pursuant to Bylaw 2009-36, that the property(s) described below are hereby declared as surplus and are available for sale.

1.	Menard Cres., Walford Victoria Section 30, Parcel 30-4-4 ** no access** 0.14 acres / Assessed value: 7,000
2.	Agnew Lake Rd area., Webbwood Shakespeare Con 1 Lot 8 Parcel 394 ** no access** 17 acres / Assessed value: 16,900

Site location maps and Tender Form are available at www.sables-spanish.ca or the municipal office.

Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Deposit in the form of a money order, bank draft or certified cheque payable to the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, in the amount of at least 10% of the bid price submitted. Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful bidders.

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The Township makes no representation regarding the land(s) to be sold. Potential purchasers must satisfy themselves on any matters.

**Sealed bids clearly marked "Surplus Property"
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Bids will be reviewed at the regular meeting of Council on September 10, 2025. Highest or any bid not necessarily accepted.

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Step into the Wild P.LynnHalliday

The Spanish River is soooo easy—ha!
 The next bend, held no big surprises, just a few swifts with a few rocks to dodge. For the rest of the morning the river flowed at an easy pace. When we decided to do a white-water canoe trip, it was decided to put safety first, even if it took much longer to do the trip. So, we made it a practice to pull up to the shore before any rapids that were identified on the map. This gave us a chance to walk beside the river scouting the best path to take through the rapids. It also gave us an opportunity to identify obstacles of concern—like overhanging trees, that would need to be avoided. Our first set of marked rapids came about noon on this first day of paddling. “Pull up at the yellow portage sign, ahead, Lynn,” shouted Bob from the stern. He had to shout because the noise of the river was deafening. “Are you sure we can even run these

rapids, Bob?” Listening to the crash of water against rocks gave me goosebumps. “We’ll see—just head for shore.” I willingly did this since going down whatever lay ahead seemed way too scary for me. The canoe ground against the shore and we jumped out and headed down the portage trail. It was soon apparent that the cause of all the noise was a small chute between several guard rocks at the beginning of the rapids. “Oh, that doesn’t look very hard—there’s a clear path straight down that chute and no rocks at the end.” I said, pointing. “Ya and if you look farther ahead, the rest of this set is just a boulder field that we’ll have to pick our way through. We’ve done lots of those this morning.” He swept his hat off and wiped the sweat from his eyes. “I think we can run these.” Eyebrows raised as he looked at me. “I agree—piece of cake.” Grinning, we walked back to the canoe.

Camp Day 2025 Results

By Rosalind Russell - Tim Hortons says thank you for supporting Camp Day to the tune of \$13 million nationally. Collectively our five franchises in Blind River, Espanola, Elliot Lake, McKerrow and Little Current, raised just over \$24,000. 100 per cent of proceeds from every hot and iced coffee sold was donated to the foundation to help underserved youth reach their full potential. In its history, Camp Day has raised over

\$275 million, which has supported sending more than 325,000 underserved youth to Tims Camps’ multi-year development program.
BREAKDOWN:
 Little Current: \$2,611.00
 Elliot Lake: \$10,264.17
 Espanola: \$2,675.00
 McKerrow: \$5,019.00
 Blind River: \$3,543.75
TOTAL: \$24,112.92

Manitoulin Agriculture Day Featured Tours And Tests

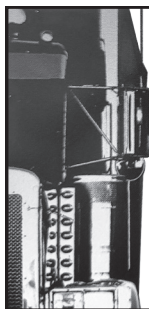
By Rosalind Russell - Manitoulin Agriculture Day was held with tours and tests in Tekhummah on Manitoulin Island. Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg says the day was hosted by Lyle Renecker and his son, Johannes, at Palace Hillside Farms where they shared their knowledge of crop management, offered field tours and showcased test plots and research trials on their property. Rosenberg adds local farmers were able

to meet with the experts and speakers to discuss the future of crop production, which will be shared with the wider agricultural community across Ontario. He was accompanied by John Kelly, the Deputy Minister for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, OFA director Bill Groenheide, Bill Orford, the president of Manitoulin North Shore Federation of Agriculture, and members of the local 4H club.

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Protests Against Tailings Transfer Heat Up – Letter Campaign Underway

By **Rosalind Russell** - Ford.

Community leaders in Nairn & Hyman Township, the Township of Baldwin and First Nations along the North Shore Corridor have sent letters of protest to Ontario Premier Doug Ford to voice their displeasure with an Ontario Ministry of Transportation proposal regarding niobium tailings.

According to the release, the townships also copied the letter to several cabinet ministers and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission as part of a campaign to halt the transfer.

In the letter to the premier, signed off by Nairn Township CAO Belinda Ketchabaw, it states Nairn council has passed a resolution opposing the trucking plan.

The United Chiefs and Council of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM) have also sent a letter of protest.

All the parties state there has to be more study, more information and more time before the trucks start moving and the plan is put in place.

The Ontario government has not confirmed when the transfer will begin, but the community leaders are launching the campaign to increase public awareness of their opposition to the plan.

Billboards and public protests are also in the works depending on the response from Premier

The plan would see 34,000 tonnes of niobium tailings, gravel and dirt hauled from Nipissing First Nation near North Bay to the Agnew Lake Uranium Tailings site located north of the two townships.

Officials say Niobium is a low-level radioactive material, also known as naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) with the commission stating it was not worried about them, but locals are concerned about the effect on the source of their drinking water, as well as bare uranium tailings that are already exposed at the site where remedial work has not been completed.

It was revealed in the summer of 2024 that MTO had a plan to truck 34,000 tonnes of niobium tailings located at the Nipissing First Nation, just west of North Bay.

Despite that, the concern continues in Nairn over the idea of using niobium tailings to cover up radioactive uranium tailings.

The CSNC has stated it is worried about the Agnew Lake tailings because part of the ground cover there has become eroded over the years, but have not provided any further details on what work is to be carried out.

With the bare uranium tailings exposed to the environment, radiation has been detected.

COMMUNITY NOTES

The Massey-Walford Horticultural Society's Flower Show/ luncheon - Saturday, August 9 from Noon - 2:00 p.m. at Walford Community Centre (402 hwy 17W across Lucky's Homestyle Restaurant), Walford, On.

Lee Valley Hall Music Jam – Saturday, August 9 at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome

Seventh-day-Adventist Church special outdoor church service – we will be gathering Saturday, August 16th, 10:00 a.m. at the “Mouth in Massey” Enjoy worship surrounded by Gods beautiful creation

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves - Monthly General meetings we'll be canceled for the summer.

Massey Area Museum Monthly Bingo - At Massey Arena August 11, September 8, 2025

The Remnant Call Church – Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., Espanola Elks Hall; All 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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Cambrian College Espanola Offering Free Welding Program

By **Rosalind Russell** - Cambrian College Espanola is offering a free one-week Intro to Welding Course next month.

The hands-on course is designed for beginners covering welding safety, techniques and tools.

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The program will be held August 11th to 15th.

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Dorothy Dot J. (Miller) Raby



August 16th, 2025

Calvary Baptist Church

10:00 a.m.

Graveside service to follow at the Espanola Cemetery

Light lunch to follow at 2257 Lee Valley Rd.

OBITUARY



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved matriarch, **Mae Evelyn Smith nee Buswa** affectionately known as "Granny Smith" who passed on 23 July 2025, at the age of 87. She is survived by her sister Elizabeth Dinsmore nee Buswa and her son Kevin Smith. She was loved deeply by her 12 Grandchildren: Azure (Jon), Billy-Jo (Sabrina), Natasha (Joel), Sheena (Kyle), Kyle, Naomi, Nina, Courtney (Thomas), Tyler, Helleena (Dylan), Ian (Kayla), and Jolene. Also missed by her 16 great grandchildren as well as one great-great grandchild on the way. Pre-deceased

by her husband, Valerian Smith, her children Sherri-Lynn Smith, Kimberly Anne Smith, Bradford Smith, Patrick Smith and Elliot Smith. Born with the spirit of a warrior and hailing from the maang clan, she had the heart of a nurturer. Mae dedicated her life to her family, her students, and her community—some even say after she retired she chased school buses because she missed being in the classroom. A fluent speaker of Anishinaabemowin, she carried and shared her language with pride, weaving it into every lesson, every story, and every conversation as a living embodiment of Ojibwe culture, resilience, and pride. A residential school survivor, a lifelong teacher and tireless worker, Mae travelled across northern Ontario throughout her career, bringing wisdom, strength, and guidance to the many remote classrooms and communities she touched. She spent many years in Sagamok Anishnawbek, where her presence left an indelible mark. There, she was more than an educator, she was a mentor, an inspiration, and a fierce role model as a teacher for all children who saw in her the power of being both strong and firm, yet also determined and kind. Her home, like her spirit, was always warm and welcoming, her door was always open for family and friends. Family was her heartbeat, and she loved with a fire that lit up every room. Known far and wide for her legendary blueberry pies— the best this side of the north shore! "Grammy Pie" was the centre of every family gathering, her laughter and stories, her love for Elvis and her line dancing to boot scootin' boogie in the kitchen and on stage at the Massey Fair created memories that will last generations. Though she has journeyed on, the legacy she leaves behind is woven into every student she taught, every child she loved, and every word of Anishinaabemowin she passed on. She is deeply missed and forever cherished. Services will be held at the new Sagamok Community Hall, visitation July 27 and 28th with a mass and celebration of her life to follow on the 29th. In honour of her memory, the family invites all to share stories, songs, and laughter just as she would have wanted. Baamaapii miinwaa g'waabamin, Nokomis Granny Smith. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



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OBITUARY



In Loving Memory of **Cynthia Gwendolyn Sarah Charlebois (nee Ranelli)**. Feb 2, 1958 - July 25, 2025. It is with sadness that the family announces the passing of Charlebois, Cynthia, (Cindy) of Espanola, peacefully at the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre at the age of 67. Beloved wife of the late Carl Charlebois and current Partner to Jerry Harper, mother to Michael Charlebois (Michelle), Robert Charlebois (Meagan), Jessica Charlebois (Jim) and late son Christopher Charlebois. Dear sister of Dennis Ranelli (Linda), Jenny Lajeunesse (Mike) and

Gisele Strong (Tim). Gramma will be missed by all her family including grandkids Zachary, Kassandra, Rebecca, Nash, Tucker, Aela, Mae and Elise. Cindy's generosity, unending support, love for woodworking, gardening and regular interactions with family filled her days. The family thanks the Espanola Regional Hospital and the Sudbury Northeast Cancer Centre and all staff that provided support. A private celebration of life and burial will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society at <http://cancer.ca/> Should you wish to share a personalized digital card of your dedication to the family you can direct it to michaellcharlebois@gmail.com



Adam Tarnowski - 1949 – 2025. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Adam Tarnowski on July 28, 2025, at the age of 75. Adam was born in 1949 in Mirage, Belgium, and came to Canada with his family in the early 1950s. He went on to build a full and beautiful life rooted in love, hard work, and deep connection with others. Adam is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Jacquie Tarnowski (née Clark), with whom he built a loving home and raised their family. Together they created a life rich in

memories, laughter, and devotion. He was the proud father of Nadia Way-White (Neil) and Matthew Tarnowski (Melissa), and the cherished Papa (grandfather) of Grace, Nolan, Ezra, and Elin. Adam is survived by his brother Steve Tarnowski (Margret) of Port Coquitlam, BC, and was predeceased by his brother Peter Tarnowski (Rosemary) of Victoria, BC. He was the dear son of the late Anna Tarnowski and Adam Tarnowski Sr., stepmother Charlotte Brinkmen, known to the family as "Oma." Adam was a man of great warmth, generosity, and skill. He had a gift for fixing small engines, tinkering and boating. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to friends and family. His happiest days were spent at the home he and Jacquie built, enjoying family and the peaceful beauty of the lake. Adam will be deeply missed by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends who knew and loved him for his kind heart, steady presence, and sense of humor. A visitation will be held, on Sunday August 3, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Bourcier Funeral Home in Espanola and a celebration of life to follow at 249 Clear Lake Drive, Adam's Happy Place. Donations can be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation and or Silent Voice Canada.

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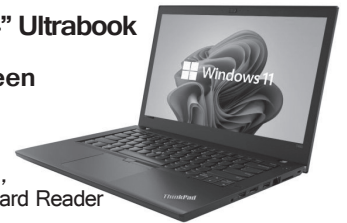
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