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By Rosalind Russell - The Third Annual I Am Rare & Aware Skate-a-Thon has raised thousands of dollars once again for research into rare children's diseases. Alex and Kelsey McKechnie organized the annual event with the assistance of the Espanola Lions Club, Espanola Firefighters, businesses such as FreshCo and Home Hardware, and numerous volunteers.

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## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING Concerning an Application for Consent

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers will hold a public meeting to consider the proposed application for Consent under Section 53 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990 as amended. The public meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.** in Council Chambers, at 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Consent File No. C-25-002** To provide for a lot addition within the Rural Zone. The property is described as Hallam Township, Concession 4, PT Lot 2, RP 53M1157, Lot 8. The land in subject application is not subject to any other Planning Act application.

**IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED** of the decision of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers on the proposed consent application you must make a written request to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed consent application.

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** only the applicant, a public body that, before the approval authority made its decision, made oral comments at a public meeting or written submissions to the approval authority, a specified person prescribed by the Planning Act, the Minister, or the municipality in which the subject land is located, may appeal this decision.

An appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect to the proposed consent application may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers either via the Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service (first time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at <http://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service> by selecting Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers as the Approval Authority or by mail to 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey Ontario P0P 1P0. The notice of appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal.

Any person or public body may, not later than 20 days after the giving of notice is completed, appeal the decision or any condition imposed by the council or the Minister or appeal both the decision and any condition to the Tribunal by filing with the clerk of the municipality or the Minister a notice of appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal.

The filing of an appeal after 4pm., in person or electronically will be deemed to have been received the next business day. The appeal fee of \$1,100 can be paid online through e-file or by certified cheque/money order to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario. If you wish to appeal to the OLT or request a fee reduction for an appeal, forms are available from the OLT website [www.olt.gov.on.ca](http://www.olt.gov.on.ca). If the e-file portal is down, you can submit your appeal to [inquiries@sables-spanish.ca](mailto:inquiries@sables-spanish.ca).

**AND TAKE NOTICE THAT** no person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the application for consent was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL** about the proposed consent application will be available for inspection during regular office hours at the municipal office, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey.

**DATED** at the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

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Please note that pursuant to Bylaw 2013-22 the reduced load period on municipal roads is in effect from March 1<sup>st</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, while appropriate signage is erected.

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### PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Tax bills were due February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025. If you have not received a tax bill, please contact the Township Office to confirm your mailing address to avoid misdirected mail. We would also like to remind you of your several payment options:

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## Third Annual Rare Disease Skate-A-Thon Raises Thousands For Research

Kelsey says they exceeded their goal of \$25,000 and the Lions raised more through raffle and food sales in support of the initiative, with plans for a cheque presentation soon. The McKechnie family extends a huge thank you to supporters with 100% of the proceeds going to research at McMaster Children's

Hospital. Their daughter Iris Mae was diagnosed with Pompe disease following her birth nearly four years ago and undertakes weekly transfusions at Health Sciences North to maintain her health. Photos by Rosalind Russell

## Town Hall Draws Fair Crowd Focusing On Lack Of Engagement Concerning Tailings

*By Rosalind Russell* - Around 70 people attended an open house in Nairn Centre that focused on the disposal of tailings, or leftover waste materials from a mining operation, at a nearby site. The Township of Nairn & Hyman engaged two scientists to review documentation by various agencies looking into the environmental impact of tailings in the Agnew Lake Tailings site. According to local officials, the Ministry of Mines designated the Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area to receive niobium tailings from the Nova Beaucage Mine last year, but without consultation with either the municipality or its neighbour, Baldwin

Township, which gets its drinking water from Agnew Lake. The LaCloche Foothills municipalities pooled together to commission three independent studies by Hutchinson Environmental Sciences Limited. The reports were shared at the meeting detailing that the scientists found there were deficiencies in the reports from the ministry and that more research has to be done on the environmental long-term effects of disposing of the NORM. The project has been halted for the time being, but the municipality says there should be no transporting waste until more answers are forthcoming.

## Espanola Receives Federal Funds Towards Housing



*By Rosalind Russell* - The Town of Espanola is receiving \$2 million from the federal government's Housing Accelerator Fund to assist in the construction of 64 new homes over the next three years by putting an Action Plan in place to assist developers and speed up development. Nickel Belt MP Marc Serre made the announcement before a small group at the

Espanola Regional Recreation Complex Tuesday, February 26th, noting that small municipalities need financial support to assist in alleviating the housing crisis. Espanola Mayor Doug Gervais says it's much needed in the wake of the closure of the Domtar Pulp and Paper Mill nearly a year ago and in meeting the municipal Strategic Plan. Town CEO Joseph Burke says the town will be taking a five-prong Action Plan approach in utilizing the funds by diversifying housing density, introducing a Climate Adaptability Plan to support energy-efficient housing, modernizing the geographical information system and land utilization strategy to increase the land base, and working closely with housing providers and developers. He says the action plan could also help spur the construction of 400 new homes over the next ten years. Photo by Rosalind Russell

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## Real [Estate] Talk



**By Chloe Bichette**, Broker of Record/Owner, Claudine Bichette Real Estate – Aging in place (or staying in your home as you get older) has many benefits, especially if your home is fully paid for.

It's familiar and comforting, maintains your connection to family, neighbours and memories, can be cost-effective, and ultimately delays the stressful transition of moving.

However, sometimes the obstacles of aging in place prove to be too great, and becoming a renter again emerges as the most viable option.

When that happens, it's important to know what your rights and responsibilities are as a tenant. The Residential Tenancy Act (RTA) is very specific about expectations, and updated rules apply if you are moving into a home or apartment that was first occupied after November 15, 2018 (i.e. newer construction rentals).

Among other things, those newer rental properties are not rent-controlled, meaning that a landlord has no limit on the amount he can raise the rent each year. This could lead to hundreds or

thousands of dollars in additional rent after the initial lease period. It is important to understand the risk that this may impose, especially on those with fixed incomes.

For rental units that were first occupied before November 15, 2018, a landlord may only raise the rent by the adjusted amount, which is calculated according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). In the last few years, that increased amount has been around 2.5%.

Other things to consider when becoming a tenant include: knowing your rights if the property you are renting goes up for sale, an imposition on guest limits, or if you can sublet the property.

You should also keep in mind that it is the landlord's responsibility to maintain the property, and that includes lawn care and snow removal. The landlord cannot request extra payment from you for those services.

Tenants have successfully sued landlords at the Landlord and Tenant Board for charging extra, or inducing a tenant to sign a contract for landscaping services.

Renting can be a wonderfully care- and worry-free way to live, but if you haven't rented for a while, ensure that you understand the terms of, and sign, a Standard Lease Agreement, which is accessible online on the province's website.

## Tender Approved For Phase Four Of Highway Six – Centre Street In Espanola

**By Rosalind Russell** - The tender to complete the construction of Phase Four of Highway Six – Centre Street in Espanola has been approved by council.

Special Projects Manager Joel Yusko says the town received five tenders for the work to rebuild the main byway from Sheppard Street to Tudhope Street.

He says the winning bid is from Green Infrastructure Partners Limited at just over \$6.0 million dollars.

He adds there is a debt to a maximum of \$1,100,000

to fund any portion of the project that cannot be funded from reserves, adding the total municipal commitment increased from the original estimate by that amount since the project was originally proposed.

Yusko explains the 2024 capital budget committed just over \$2.5 million dollars from reserves with a total municipal contribution of \$3.6 million dollars.

Council approved the tender with the work expected to begin soon.

## LaCloche OPP Detachment Board Established for Espanola/North Shore Corridor

**By Rosalind Russell** - The seats on the LaCloche OPP Detachment board established for the Espanola and North Shore Corridor late last year have now been filled and policies put in place as they begin their work in 2025.

The board is made up of representatives of all four LaCloche Foothill municipalities including Espanola Mayor Doug Gervais as chair, Merri-Ann Hobbs as vice-chair, and Tim Weatherley, Wayne Austin and Robert Towns.

The executive is rounded out by Joseph Burke as executive assistant with the Town of Espanola agreeing to provide 10 hours of work in that capacity, and the town also agreed to provide payroll and financial reporting.

The four councils: Espanola, Sables-Spanish Rivers, Baldwin and Nairn & Hyman, have also put a remuneration, travel and training package in place for the board members. Their next meeting will be held in late March.



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## OBITUARY



**MUNCASTER, Kim Ellen nee (Carlyle)**, age 71, passed peacefully on February 14, 2025. A beloved Mother, Sister, Nana and Friend, Kim fought fiercely for herself and all those she cared for. In her retirement, Kim enjoyed nothing better than entertaining family and friends with good food, drink and music at her cozy home on Denvic Lake. A skilled and confident driver, Kim loved meandering and mischievous road trips, discovering out of the way antique shops, artisan markets, eateries and beautiful landscapes. She was seldom without her adored fur babies Nia and George. Kim is predeceased by her dear parents Roy and Gwyneth Carlyle nee (James) and her beloved husband Murray. Survived by her brother Greg, her four cherished children Tara, Carrie (Matt Brown), Tina and Dean, 3 beautiful grandchildren Delia, Mattie and Miriam. Also survived by her chosen bonus daughter Charlotte (J.P. Fredette), sister of her heart Tami (Todd Bigelow), nieces, nephews and many special friends. Kim will be lovingly remembered for her contagious smile, effervescent personality, unstinting support and bountiful advice. Kim's children will welcome her family, friends and loved ones for a Celebration of Life and tree planting ceremony at her "little piece of paradise" on the lake during the summer months. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Kim's memory can be made to the Gord Downie Fund for Brain Cancer Research.



It is with broken hearts that we say goodbye to a person who was so full of life, **Dawn Valerie Bradley (nee Taylor)** born September 25th, 1948 in Woodstock, Ontario who left us on February 19th, 2025, peacefully at the Espanola long term care home with Mike, her adoring husband for 45 years, partner and best friend for 48 years by her side. She is survived by her sister, Susan Warboys (Jeff) and brother, Ken Taylor (Caroline).

Cherished sister-in-law of Anne Bradley (Jim), Vicky Walther (John), Patrick (Joyce, predeceased 2024), Paul, Louise DiGirolamo (Joe), Rob (Paula) and Matt (Jan). Also survived by many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents, brother-in-law Mark Bradley (1993), her special nephew Jeff Wavell (2024) and her mother-in-law Patricia Bradley (nee Templer, 2023). Dawn grew up on a farm just outside the town of Norwich, Ont. and went to a one room schoolhouse through most of her young life before attending Norwich District High School, where she loved being head cheerleader and was perfect for that position, being loud and proud. In 1977, Dawn met Mike Bradley and they immediately fell for each other and married in 1980. Dawn worked for Loblaw's in London as a cashier and was soon promoted to head cashier with a transfer to Windsor, supervising over 100 employees. While in Windsor, in 1988, she and Mike purchased a camp (called a cottage by some) on Lake Panache in Northern Ontario not far from Espanola, after vacationing there for many years at his grandparents camp. But in 1989 they decided to pack up everything and move to their camp. In 1991, Dawn started work, along with her husband, at Beaver Lumber in Espanola, then owned by Bruce and Bev Mckechnie. In 1993 the store was purchased by Ann and Andy Mckechnie and in a few years was changed to Home Hardware where Dawn retired in 2016 after almost 25 years. She loved her job as receiver and made many friends there, always being a good listener. Dawn loved to dance, was so fond of animals, especially dogs who she was so very good at training. She had an infectious laugh and her smile could light up a room. She also loved attention and had a knack for storytelling, letter writing and was a wonderful poet. Dawn had a great compassion for an underdog, even as a child, and would go out of her way to help someone who was slipping through the cracks but she didn't ask for recognition. Dawn was loved by all who knew her. Mike always knew he was a lucky man for having a wife who didn't complain about moving to a place on a lake with no road access, no running water, no hydro and just an outhouse. As the years past, these things were improved gradually but she was patient. When Dawn and Mike retired at the beginning of 2016, they spent those precious years always together puttering around their home. Dawn was not someone to be tied down because of a disease like dementia. She needed her spirit to be free of those constraints and she wanted to come home. A very special thank you to the caregivers at the Espanola LTCH. You all mentioned how you loved Dawn's radiant smile. Your empathy made an extremely difficult time much easier. Also, thank you to our many friends around Espanola and Lake Panache who were there for Dawn, and me. Above all I would like to thank Alex Mckechnie, my friend, whose help and understanding goes above and beyond. And not to be forgotten, Terri Hogarth, Ann and Andy Mckechnie, Doreen Dodge and my wonderful siblings who have always been there and who let me know I'm never alone. Cremation has taken place and entrusted to Bourcier Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held at a later date out on Lake Panache. Any donations in Dawn's name could go to the Espanola Food Bank or the Sudbury District Alzheimers Society.

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**Joint Ash Wednesday Service** - March 5, 9:30 a.m. at The United Church. Everyone is invited

**Word Day of Prayer Service** - Friday, March 7, 1:30 p.m. at the seniors centre in Espanola. Everyone is invited. Refreshments after the service. Contact Marg Bell for information 705-869-1342

**Lee Valley Autumn Leaves** - Hosting music jam at the Walford community center Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m.

**Women of Faith brunch** - Saturday, March 8, 11:00 a.m. at the Seniors Drop in centre. For tickets contact Evelyn 705-869-3561 or Marilyn 705-849-5095.

**The Promise and Promise of Easter** - Women's Study, Monday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. including lunch at the United Church. Donations will be accepted. To save a spot or for more information call Rev. Bev 705-919-6541

**Soup & Sandwich** - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. 1st Tuesday at St. Georges, 3rd Tuesday at Espanola United - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All welcome.

**North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next meeting** - Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

**Massey Area Museum AGM** - The annual AGM will be held at the museum March 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Elections for Board Members and Directors to take place. The public is always invited.

**Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner** - Saturday, April 5. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

**Massey Seniors Fitness** - Wednesday afternoons upstairs at Massey Arena. Low impact strength, balance & stretching 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Gentle Movement focusing on balance, functional movement & stretching from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Massey Seniors Social** - Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. upstairs at Massey Arena. Come for a fun afternoon of socializing, games and snacks.

**Voices of Spring** - Rehearsals have begun for the 2025 season. If you like to sing, come to St. Andrew's United Church, Massey on Saturdays from 10:30-12:00.

**Free Espanola Community Luncheon** - every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at The Lighthouse, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**The Remnant Call Church** - Services at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome. (Elks Hall, Espanola)

**North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church** - Saturday (Sabbath) Song Service 9:45 a.m.. Sabbath School 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m.

**The Baytones** - North Bay's women's acapella chorus are recruiting! If you love to sing, come join us! For details call Janet 705-662-2770

**NAR-ANON** - Are you affected by someone else's addiction? NAR-ANON offers hope. Every Thursday, 1:00 p.m. at the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, 407 Centre St, Espanola.

**Narcotics Anonymous Meetings** - Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. United church, downstairs. 137 Shepard St. Espanola

**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).

**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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