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Manitoulin Trip



By Grant Lewis - There is something to be said for large museums...the R.O.M., the Louvre, the Met, etc. but really, none of them possess the charm and honesty of small local museums scattered around our area. A group from the Espanola Gardeners recently spent a day visiting two such museums.... Centennial Museum in Sheguindah and the Assiginack Museum in Manitowaning. Both reflect the pride and unique qualities of their respective communities. It's all so personal. Local families have donated family heirlooms so visitors catch a true glimpse of growing up and living in their respective towns.

We also visited a unique garden at Pepper Point. Jean Narozanski has developed various "rooms" in her large country garden. This makes for a wonderful and interesting walk through.

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Notice of a Proposal

by: Massey Solar Inc. to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project



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Notice of Public Meeting

To be held by Massey Solar Inc. to Engage in a Renewable Energy Project

Project Name: Massey Solar Project

IESO Reference Number: LT2E-1001

Project Location: On private lands approximately eight kilometres (km) northeast of Massey, north of the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 17) and Goltz Road, within the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

Dated at: Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, this the 7th of August 2026.

Massey Solar Inc. is planning to engage in a renewable energy project in respect of which the issuance of a renewable energy approval is required. The distribution of this notice of a proposal to engage in this renewable energy project and the project itself are subject to the provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act* (Act) Part V.0.1 and Ontario Regulation 359/09 (Regulation). This notice must be distributed in accordance with section 15 of the Regulation prior to an application being submitted and assessed for completeness by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks.

Meeting Location:

Date: Thursday September 10, 2026

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Place: Sadowski Room, Massey and District Community Centre, 455 Government Road, Massey, Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, ON, P0P 1P0

Format: Drop-in style open house

Project Description: Pursuant to the Act and Regulation, the facility, in respect of which the project is to be engaged in, is a Class 3 solar facility. If approved, this facility would have a total maximum name plate capacity of 141.25 megawatts (MW). The project location is shown in the map above. The project is being proposed in accordance with the requirements of the Act and Regulation.

Documents for Public Inspection: The Draft Project Description Report titled "*Project Description Report – Massey Solar Project*" describes the project as a Class 3 solar facility, which will include the use of solar photovoltaic modules to capture sunlight and generate electricity. The project will also include ancillary components such as a transformer substation, an electrical collection system, and access roads as described in the Draft Project Description Report. A written copy of the Draft Project Description Report is being made available for public inspection during regular business hours starting Friday, August 7th, 2026 on the project website (see below) and at the following locations:

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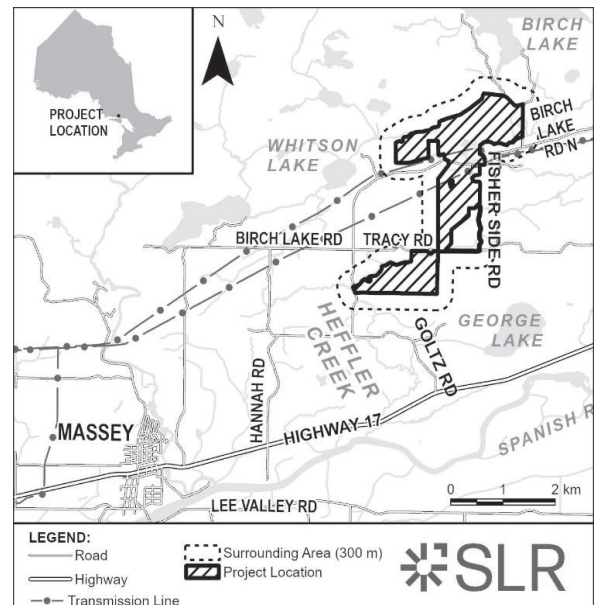
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Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, ON P0P 1P0

Tel: (705) 865-2646

Project Contacts and Information: To learn more about the project proposal, public meeting, or to communicate concerns please contact:

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Massey Solar Inc.

200 Wellington Street W., Suite 1102, PO Box 169

Toronto, ON, M5V 3C7

Phone: 613-716-5443

Email: prussell@potentiarenewables.com

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Manitoulin Trip

She admits slowing down, but none of us believed her one bit.

Finally we were treated to a delicious luncheon at the Assiginack Horticultural Society's annual flower show. The

floral displays were beautiful and the sandwiches and desserts were great. I always say, sandwiches taste better when someone else has made them!

Step into the Wild P. Lynn Halliday

Disaster!

Northern Ontario Adventure Series Story One

Excerpts from Disaster! Around the Bend

In this book, Jan McLean, a perky little twelve-year-old tells the story of how she transitioned from Fear to Faith. She proves her heroine status both with animals and the events that she encounters, but the story of her journey begins with an odd friend—a Donkey, named Gaston. Enjoy.

Chapter 2 – Donkeys have minds of their own

We all dashed around Dad for a gander. Placidly chewing a mouthful of hay was the oddest critter I had ever seen. He was the height of a small pony, had a short, shaggy body, and a skinny whip of a tail with a tuft of fur at the end. His head was huge—dominated by liquid brown eyes that calmly regarded us. But the absolute best feature was his ears—the biggest ears I had ever seen, standing at least two feet high. He swiveled them, like mini radars, to listen.

I twirled in glee. It was love at first sight. "Hi Gaston. I'm tickled to finally meet you." Turning, I looked at my family. "Isn't he beautiful?"

"Huh," snorted Brad.

"Beautiful?" Susie cocked an eyebrow.

"He's an odd-looking critter—not fierce enough to scare an ant," said Dad.

"Looks can be deceiving—didn't you hear Farmer Dan say he was determined?" Mom glared at Dad.

Dad returned the glare. "He said stubborn, not determined."

"Same thing." Mom strutted into the trailer, clipped on the new lead line, and gently nudged Gaston. He didn't budge. "Back, Gaston." She pushed. He didn't budge. Mom put her shoulder into him.

He didn't budge. She braced her feet against the back wall—shoving with all her might. Beads of sweat dotted her brow. He didn't budge. Instead, he turned his head to peer into her face. Mom's shoulders drooped—she peeked at Dad.

"Oh, get out of the way, Amelia, I'll do it. You should know by now a firm hand is required when dealing with large animals," he growled, brushing past her. Farmer Dan hooted.

**Book 1-Disaster! Around the Bend and
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Manitoulin Transport Founder And Order Of Canada Recipient Passes Away



By Rosalind Russell - Gore Bay's Douglas Smith has passed away.

Smith bought a small trucking company back in 1960, which he renamed Manitoulin Transport and grew it into one of the largest and most respected freight companies in Canada.

He shared his success with the wider public helping to fund all kinds of projects and institutions over the years including a major supporter of the Manitoulin Health Centre and most recently, the St. Joseph Lodge now under construction in Gore Bay. He also established the Douglas



A. Smith Family Foundation to ensure continued support to the wider community.

Most recently in 2024, Cambrian College honoured the company's dedication to education with the establishment of the Douglas A. Smith Family School of Business.

Smith was also presented with the Order Of Canada in 2007 for his contributions to the economic and social development of Northern Ontario.

A Celebration of Life will be held in September. He was 93.

With files and photos from VISTA Radio

Kenjgewin Teg Offering Another New Program Focused On Trades

By Rosalind Russell - Kenjgewin Teg is offering another new program, this time focusing on trades.

According to the release, the Manitoulin Island-based campus is offering TradeStart – Trades Foundations Pathways, which is a tuition-free, 28-week program. The program is designed to introduce learners to high-demand trades while building the academic, technical, and personal skills needed for future training, apprenticeship

pathways, and entry-level employment.

Through a blend of classroom learning and hands-on shop experience, students will develop skills in carpentry, plumbing electrical and welding foundations, appropriate tools, equipment and safe work practices and more.

The program starts September 8 and the deadline to register is September 3.

Visit: <https://www.kenjgewinteg.ca/>

Providence Bay Fair Featuring Top Notch Entertainment And Family Activities

By Rosalind Russell - Providence Bay will be abuzz with activity late in August for its 142nd running of THE Providence Bay Agricultural Fair.

In 1884, the people of the community gathered to show off their prize fancy work, home baking, workmanship and special livestock they had made or raised throughout the year.

These early fairs were a one-day event in October with exhibits brought in the morning, judging conducted and the afternoon available for viewing.

The fair changed to a two-day event in the early 1900's and in

1968 was moved to a weekend in the later part of August, this year August 21 to 23.

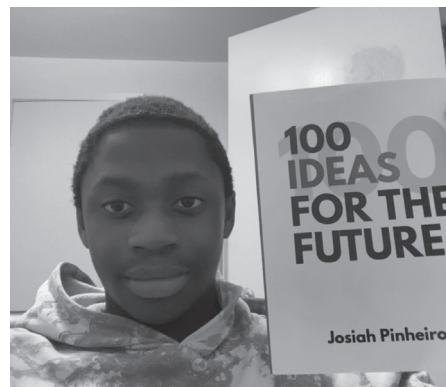
Now, there are three-days of events featuring everything from husbandry, crafting, animals, including the popular heavy horse pull, parade, modern entertainment, midway, ambassador competition and more.

This year's fair will feature Kim Mitchell and the Road Hammers as part of the musical festival.

A family event, tickets are available by visiting the official website at providencebayfair.ca

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Sudbury Teen Publishes Global Book Featuring 100 Youth Ideas From More Than 25 Countries



process, participants submit one idea in exactly 100 words, and the strongest entries are selected for publication giving students credible recognition they can use in university applications, resumes, and more.

The ideas cover a wide range from Artificial Intelligence

By Rosalind Russell - A 17-year-old teen from Greater Sudbury has written a book sharing new ideas from young people around the world.

Josiah Pinheiro, the founder of Global100Ideas, has released his first edition of 100 Ideas for the Future, featuring 100 selected submissions from a global initiative from more than 25 countries.

He says his initiative gives young people a simple way to turn an idea into published work.

He explains as part of the

to robotics, agriculture to climate solutions, healthcare, space exploration, education and global collaboration.

Pinheiro stresses young people are always told that they're the future, but many are still waiting for someone to take their ideas seriously, so the book is a start in giving their ideas veracity and an audience with possible implementation by interested parties.

For the link to order the book, go to: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0H8S5GMG>

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WITH THE TOWN OF ESPANOLA Manager of Community and Recreation

Situated in the picturesque landscapes of Northern Ontario, the Town of Espanola is seeking an enthusiastic professional to fill an upcoming vacancy in the permanent full-time position of **"Manager of Community and Recreation"**

Reporting to the CAO, the Manager of Community and Recreation is an essential member of the management team and will be responsible for the efficient and effective assessment, planning, programing, budgeting and management of all community recreation/leisure services. Their primary duty will be overseeing the delivery of community recreation programs and services and the maintenance and upkeep of recreational facilities and equipment.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the overall management, supervision and administration of the Community Recreation department. They will provide vision and leadership for the development and management of high quality community recreational services.

CORE FUNCTIONS INCLUDE:

1. Development, implementation and monitoring all Community Recreation and Cultural plans.
2. Development and implementation of strategies and processes to ensure high quality service delivery for the department.
3. Preparation and administration of annual department budget and expenditure control
4. Providing overall direction to the Community and Recreation team

PRIMARY DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. As part of the Senior Management Team, participate in strategic planning and direction for the Town.
2. Responsible for leading the departmental planning including the updating of the Active Community Charter and the Recreation Master Plan.
3. Lead asset management planning for community and recreation facilities, equipment, and amenities, including condition assessments, capital forecasting, and long-term replacement strategies.
4. Preparation of recommendations to the CAO and Council using a wide variety of statistical and trend data to ensure current and future programming meets the changing needs of the community.
5. Oversee and/or research projects as directed by the CAO.
6. Explore and maximize revenue generating opportunities (grants, sponsorships, etc.) to help manage costs related to community recreation services.
7. Develop partnerships and build strong relationships with the non-profit clubs and organizations such as sports groups, seniors' organizations, private business and services clubs.
8. Create and deliver an inclusive customer service focused culture within the department focused on strategies that engage citizens and community partners while advocating for healthy communities.
9. Prepare and recommend to CAO/Council the annual departmental budget. The budget will contribute to the development of fiscally sustainable and responsible recreation programs, events and services by using current and relevant principles and practices of business, finance and social entrepreneurship.
10. Monitor ongoing expenditures during the year for compliance with the approved budget and report any significant variances to the CAO.
11. Provide effective leadership to the departmental team by providing positive daily leadership to staff in a safe, inclusive and respectful manner.
12. Develop and build capacity of staff through appropriate delegation of responsibilities and accountabilities through regular feedback and by providing development opportunities.
13. Make recommendations to the CAO with regard to new programs, hiring, discipline, promotion and evaluation of employees under their direction.
14. Attend meetings including the Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee, Council meetings and other meetings as required.
15. Participate in professional development related to the department services.
16. Prepare, issue and evaluate Requests for Proposals and tenders for facility-related equipment and services and monitor and supervise work undertaken by contractors.
17. Ensure all activities are managed in a safe and efficient environment and that all activities are in compliance with current legislation and regulations.
18. Occasional lifting and carrying of equipment and supplies up to 20 kg (44lbs) may be required during events, programs, and facility operations.
19. Perform other related duties as assigned by the CAO

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QUALIFICATIONS:

- Degree or Diploma in Recreation Administration, Facilities Management, Physical Plant (eg. HVAC, Power engineering or similar) or other related disciplines from a recognized educational institution or combination of education and experience.
- Five to eight years of experience working in a recreation field with a minimum of three years of management experience.
- Extensive knowledge of the philosophies, principles and practices of community recreation, culture and community service delivery.
- Excellent project management experience, with the ability to manage and schedule work projects with strong attention to detail.
- High level organizational, time management, delegation, planning and leadership skills
- Knowledge of the methods, techniques and requirements for the maintenance and upkeep of recreation buildings, facilities, and equipment.
- Superior written and verbal communication skills, experience preparing and presenting concise written reports and oral submissions.
- Experience preparing and overseeing budgets.
- Knowledge of all relevant legislation including the Employment Standards Act, Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations and Public Pools Act.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite software (Word, Excel, Outlook).
- Valid Class "G" drivers licence in good standing and have access to a reliable vehicle for use on Town business.
- Bilingualism would be considered as an asset.
- Valid standard first aid certificate.

HOURS OF WORK: This position typically works 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Occasional evening and weekend hours may be required to support special events, programs, meetings, or operational needs. The Manager is also expected to participate in an on-call rotation and be available to respond to urgent facility, operational, or community service matters outside of regular business hours, as required.

WORK LOCATION: This position is primarily based at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex, located at 175 Avery Drive, Espanola, Ontario, and serves as the central hub for the Town's recreation programs, facilities, and community services. In addition to responsibilities at the Recreation Complex, the Manager oversees the operation, maintenance, and strategic planning of the Town's parks and outdoor recreation assets, including Pinegrove Playground & Outdoor Rink, W.P. Foster Park and Splash Pad, Algoma Playground & Community Garden, Clear Lake Playground, Outdoor Fitness Park & Beach, Yocom Playground, Red McCarthy Memorial Playground and Ball Parks, Heritage Park, and the Horticultural Garden Sitting Area.

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We wish to thank all who apply, however, only those persons selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Please submit your cover letter and resume by August 28, 2026, at 5:00pm EST.

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OBITUARY



MILLSUM, Keith Albert - Of Massey passed away at his home on Thursday, July 30th, 2026, at the age of 75. Born in Birmingham, England, to the late Albert & Dorothy (nee Palet) Millsam. Beloved husband of Ann Millsam (nee Wannamaker). Cherished father of Colleen James (Steve), and David Millsam, all of Sault Ste. Marie. Loving grandfather to Meghan (Dylan), Emily and Owen. Dear brother of Anne Christians, Bob Millsam, Christine Hass, and the late Terry Millsam.

Will also be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with a celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



McKIE, Garnet (John) - Formerly of Massey, passed away at the Espanola Nursing Home on July 30th, 2026, at the age of 87. Dear son of the late Edward & Donna (nee Bailey) McKie. Cherished brother of Barbara Germain (late Alfred) of Massey, Rhoda Crawford (Garry) of Parry Sound, Lee Peters (Don) of Massey, and Craig McKie (Kathy) of Massey. Also, sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, friends and relatives. Memorial service will take place at the United Church, Massey, on Thursday,

August 6th, at 11:00 a.m. Interment to follow in the Walford Cemetery. Afterwards, everyone is welcomed to the Massey Legion for a luncheon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Espanola Nursing Home in memory of Garnet McKie. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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Jackie, Nick, Katelyn and family.



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COMMUNITY NOTES

Lee Valley Hall Music Jam – Saturday, August 15, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. New musicians always welcome.

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves General Meeting – Wednesday, August 19, 3:30 p.m. at the Lee Valley Hall. New members welcome

St. George's Church - Hot Pulled Pork Dinner - August 28, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Eat-in or take out. Contact Christina at 705-691-0971 or Jill at 705-862-1487 for tickets.

St. George's Church Soup and Sandwich lunches – first Tuesday of every month, beginning on September 1. Come and enjoy homemade soup at 213 Tudhope from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Learn to Knit - at St. George's Church starting on Monday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. Call Jill at 705-862-1487 with questions, or to register.

Massey Legion Meat Roll Off - Every Friday. Door opens at 5:00 pm. Roll Off starts at 7:00 pm. Pool table open! 50/50 draw! Everyone Welcome!

St. George's Anglican Church - New to Espanola or looking for a new faith community? Please join us at 213 Tudhope Street for worship service every Sunday at 10:00 am.

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

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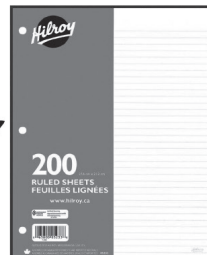
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